



*Dreaming of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**December 14, 2025**

# Celebration of Worship

December 14, 2025

10:30 am

## Third Sunday of Advent

*Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve*

### Opening Voluntary

*Joy to the Word*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Schelat

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

*He Came Down*

arr. John Bell

He came down that we may have hope; hallelujah for evermore.  
He came down that we may have peace; hallelujah for evermore.  
He came down that we may have joy; hallelujah for evermore

### Call to Worship

### \*Opening Hymn

*We Dream of a Turning*

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### \*Responsive Reading

Cindy Perkins

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

**And our spirits rejoice in you.**

We will praise you as long as we live.

**We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.**

We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

**But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,**  
the One who gives food to the hungry,

**the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.**

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

**As we worship you in this place,**

**As we light these candles in hope, peace, and joy.**

### \*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**The Candle of Joy**  
Katie and Francie Robu

## \*Light the Candle

*Hope is a Candle*

GALLOWAY TAM

Joy is a can-dle of mys-tery and laugh - ter, mys - tery of light that is born in the dark;  
laugh - ter at hear-ing the voice of an an - gel, ev - er so near, cast-ing out fear.

The musical notation consists of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, with a change in time signature from 4/4 to 3/4 in the middle section.

## \*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Holy God of Joy, we rejoice in the reality of who you are. We live within the joy of your love for us. Our contentment comes and goes. Our happiness ebbs and flows. Our feelings depend upon our circumstances, our physical health, our brain chemistry. But our joy is deeply rooted in our identity as your beloved children and we give you thanks as we pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Welcoming Song

*Holy Child Within the Manger*

JOYOUS LIGHT

(Let the children come forward)

Ho-ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us ev - er in your way, so we see in ev-'ry  
stran - ger how you come to us to - day. In our lives and in our liv - ing give us  
strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for - giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music corresponding to the three lines of lyrics.

## A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

**Solo**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
Chris Lovell, violin

arr. Aaron David Miller

**Reading Anthem**

Hope  
*Hope Lingers On*

Emily Son, reader  
Andrea Ramsey

My mother, when love is gone, in our darkest hour, hope lingers on,  
My father when peace is gone, in our darkest hour, hope lingers on  
Chorus: I will not hate, and I will not fear; In our darkest hour, hope lingers here.  
My sister, when equality is gone, in our darkest hour, hope lingers on  
My brother, with tolerance gone, in our darkest hour hope lingers on. *Chorus*  
My love, when honor is gone, in our darkest hour hope lingers on.  
My country, when justice is gone, in our darkest hour hope lingers on. *Chorus*

**Reading Anthem**

A Time for Peace  
*Caritas*  
Chris Lovell, violin

Greg Nickel, reader  
Elaine Hagenberg

*Caritas abundat in omnia,  
de imis excellentissima  
super sidera,  
atque amantissima in omnia,  
Quia summo regi  
osculum pacis dedit.*

Love abounds in all,  
from the depths most excellent  
to beyond the stars,  
and loving toward all,  
she has given the highest king  
the kiss of peace.

Hildegard von Bingen

**Reading Anthem**

God Is Praise In Joy  
*Joy*

Sonja Bontrager, reader  
Hans Bridger Heruth

I am wild, I will sing to the trees,  
I will sing to the stars in the sky,  
I love, I am loved, he is mine,  
Now at last I can die!  
I am sandaled with wind and with flame,  
I have heart-fire and singing to give,  
I can tread on the grass or the stars,  
Now at last I can live!

Sara Teasdale. Love Songs. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1917.

**Reading Anthem**

Love  
*Love's Pure Light*  
Ellen Sudarshan, descant

Marisa Callan, reader  
Michael John Trotta

Love's pure light. All is calm, all is bright Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy with the dawn of redeeming grace, love's pure light.  
Silent night, holy night, all is calm all is bright round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Love's pure light, loves pure light!

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayer Resonse

## Invitation To Offering

## Offertory Anthem

*Hope for Resolution* arr. Caldwell and Ivory  
Harper and Leila Callan, duet  
Aubrie Culver, Diane Fast, Ellen Sudarshan, trio  
Chris Lovell, violin; Joe Richey, saxophone

Of the Father's love begotten,  
Ever the worlds began to be.  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending he.  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

*Thula sizwe, ungabokhala,  
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.  
Inkululeko, sizoyithola,  
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.*

O ye heights of heaven adore him,  
Angel hosts his praises sing,  
Powers, dominions bow before him,  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring.  
Evermore and evermore.

Nation, do not cry.  
Jehovah will protect us.  
We will attain freedom.  
Jehovah will protect us.

## Closing Hymn

*Joy to the World*

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## \*Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

*Joy to the World*

Widor/arr. David Angerman

\* Let all who are able please stand.

\*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers

## **Plymouth Staff**

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# We Dream of a Turning

LOCH LOMOND 11.10.13.10 with refrain

C7 F Gm/F C7

1 We dream of a turn - ing from ag - es of wrong, earth to  
 2 We dream of a feast where there's no one out - side, turned a -  
 3 We dream of a moun - tain where no harm is done, where the

F F/E Dm Dm/C Bb C F5 Dm

E - den re - stored, and our par - don. Like Eve and Ad - am, join in a  
 way due to dif - f'rence or la - bel, when all the weap - ons forged to de -  
 wolf and the lamb lie to - geth - er. A lit - tle child shall dance, lead - ing

Bb C7 F Dm Eb F

sto - ry and a song as we wan - der with God through the gar - den.  
 stroy or to di - vide turn to rust far from God's ho - ly ta - ble.  
 all the crea - tures on, as we join hand to hoof, claw, and feath - er!

Refrain C7 F Dm Gm/Bb C7

Where true peace is shin - ing as hate rolls a - way, see, God's

F Dm Bb F Bb C7 Dm F

bright new cre - a - tion is gleam - ing. The morn - ing rays that dawn on our

wea - ry, wak - ing day bring a hope far be - yond all our dream - ing.

Bb C7 F Dm C7 F

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# Joy to the World

*All in Unison:* 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is  
*All in Harmony:* 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior  
*Choir:* 3. No more let sins and sor - rows  
*All in Unison:* 4. He rules the world with truth and

come! Let earth re - ceive her king; let  
 reigns! Let all their songs em - ploy, while  
 grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground; he  
 grace, and makes the na - tions prove the

ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,  
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

*All in Harmony:* and heav'n and na - ture sing,  
*All in Harmony:* re - peat the sound - ing joy,  
*Choir:* far as the curse is found,  
*All in Unison:* and won - ders of his love,  
 and heav'n and na -

and heav'n and na -

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
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 and won - ders of his love, and  
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ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture

heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy!  
 won - ders, won - ders of his love!

sing,

# Plymouth's Annual Christmas Pageant

"When Mary Met Joseph"

Wednesday  
December 17th  
after 5:30 pm dinner



**Poinsettias that adorn our sanctuary are given in honor and in memory of our loved ones.**



Alan and Nancy	Roskam	In memory of loved ones
Corinne and Spencer	Depew	In memory of loved ones
Abby Arthur	Tom and Robert Safley	In memory of Bob Arthur & Sharon Safley
Cathie and Steve	Yager	
Ingrid	Gill	In memory of Hugh Gill
Greg	Nickel	Love Ingrid, Grace & Edie
Jared	Sprole	I Love You
Heidi	McCormick	In memory of Frank & Sally Sprole
Don and Diane	Fast	In memory of: Bert McCormick, Edgar Turner, Mr. Young
Garry and Elaine	Neel	in memory of their son, Jeff Fast
Jane Gilchrist	Charly Brown	in memory of Amy Neel
Cindy	Couch	In memory our parents, Richard & Emma Brown and Family, and Ralph & LaVonta Gilchrist and Family
Steve and Kitchel	Woods	In memory of my Sister, Mom and Dad
Jeanne & Jesse	Thompson	In memory of Kitchel's brother, Bart Lindsley
Roxie & Ray	Mengelkoch	In memory of Tom & James Thompson
Rich	Euson	In memory of our parents
Bernie and Alberta	Nichols	In memory of Colleen Euson
		In memory of our parents



# Word & Note

The Divine Arts of Knowledge and Exultation

FRI/FEB 6 - SUN/FEB 8

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7 - 8 PM Wil Gafney

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10 AM - Noon Wil Gafney

12 - 2 PM Lunch at Plymouth  
Opus 76 Quartet

7 PM Opus 76 Quartet

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:30 AM Wil Gafney &  
Opus 76 Quartet

# Word & Note

The Divine Arts of Knowledge and Exultation

Spread the word!

We are proud to announce the 2026 Word & Note Season featuring Dr. Wilda (Wil) Gafney and the Opus 76 Quartet.

Dr. Wilda (Wil) Gafney is a scholar, pastor, preacher, author, and activist.

Opus 76 is hailed as "Kansas City's Gem of a Quartet" by the Kansas City Star. The ensemble consists of prize winning musicians from around the world. Stay tuned for more details.



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PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**ANNUAL**

*Christmas Organ Concert*

**CHRISTOPHER SHAW, ORGAN**

18 DECEMBER, 2025, 7:30 PM  
PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
202 N. CLIFTON AVE, WICHITA

**December Birthdays:**

Steve Kimball Dec 5  
 Steve Gough Dec 7  
 Sally Kimball Dec 7  
 Phil Frick Dec 8  
 Margaret McKinney Dec 8

Katie Robu  
 Dan Corman  
 Zolph Powell

Dec 12  
 Dec 18  
 Dec 24



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:30 AM WORSHIP NEW MEMBER SUNDAY	1 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	2 SPINNING BOOTS 5:30 PM CABINET	3 AEROBICS WED DINNER PAGEANT REHEARSAL CHOIR REHEARSAL	4 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	5 AEROBICS	6
7 9 AM CE BOARD 10:30 AM WORSHIP	8 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	9 SPINNING BOOTS 6:00 PM DULL CREATIVES	10 AEROBICS WED DINNER PAGEANT REHEARSAL CHOIR REHEARSAL	11 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	12 AEROBICS	13
14 10:30 WORSHIP - HOLIDAY MUSIC CELEBRATION 11:30 AM GROWTH STEERING 5:30 HOLIDAY CAROLING	15 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	16 SPINNING BOOTS	17 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CHOIR REHEARSAL	18 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE 7:30 PM ORGAN RECITAL CHRISTOPHER SHAW	19 AEROBICS	20
21 9 AM MISSIONS BOARD 10:30 WORSHIP 5:30 PM LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE	22 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	23 SPINNING BOOTS INVESTMENT CLUB 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	24 6 PM CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE 11 PM CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSED	26 AEROBICS CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL CLOSED	27
28 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 AM DEACONS	29 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	30 SPINNING BOOTS	31 AEROBICS NEW YEAR'S EVE	1 NEW YEARS DAY CLOSED	2 AEROBICS CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL CLOSED	3