

Celebration of Worship
January 18, 2026

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10:30 am

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Opening

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Wayne Wold

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Joyful Is the Dark

Wren and Clemens

Joyful is the dark depth of love divine,
roaring, looming thundercloud of glory,
holy, haunting beauty, living, loving God.
Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

This Is the Day

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*Responsive Reading

Rich Euson

One: God Who Remembers Their People,

All: We suffer under broken systems!

One: Holy Advocate, we cry:

All: Weapons into plowshares!

One: Violence into tenderness!

All: Structures of harm into networks of compassion!

One: Trouble the Waters of Change.

All: Wash us in your wisdom for the work of Transformation.

One: Quench the thirst of your people and land.

All: Come, Radical Way-Maker, come!

*Response of Praise

Arise, Your Light is Come!

FESTAL SONG

A - rise, your light is come! The spir - it's call o - bey; show
forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Where Christianity holds hands with violence—we say, 'no more!' We look squarely at the suffering Christianity has caused when co-opted by domination and repent. God, guide us in our acts of accountability and our efforts of repair. Holy Spirit, help us choose the legacy of tenderness woven through the fabric of our tradition. We look to our teacher, Jesus, for help. May we, too, listen to children, be influenced by the wisdom of women, practice the art of healing, move against the way of empire, weep for the sorrow of the world, and pray the prayer he taught...

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, they 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.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9

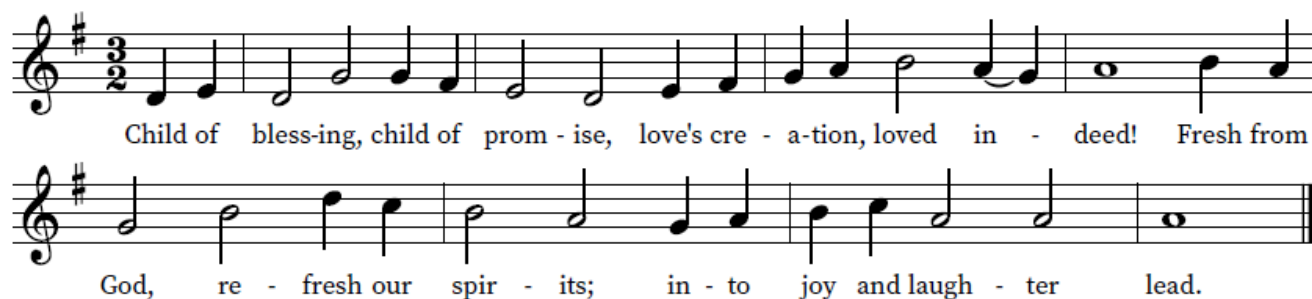
Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

(Let the children come forward.)



Child of blessing, child of promise, love's creation, loved indeed! Fresh from
God, refresh our spirits; in to joy and laughter lead.

A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Lord, Make Me an Instrument
Brett Callan, soloist

arr. Howard Helvey

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, let there be pardon;
where there is doubt, let there be faith;
where there is anguish, let there be hope;
where there is darkness, let there be light;
where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born into eternal life. Amen.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

This Little Light of Mine
Paul Knapp, soloist

arr. Ronald Turner

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine

Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

My light reflects the love of Jesus,
His love, his life so freely given;
A gift of love and light for my salvation,
Light of the world, now shine through me.

Wherever I may go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Wherever I may go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Sermon

“Dark and Light”

Dr. Robu

***Closing Hymn**

Joyful Is the Dark

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Shine, Jesus Shine

arr. David Blackwell

* Please stand in body, or in spirit.

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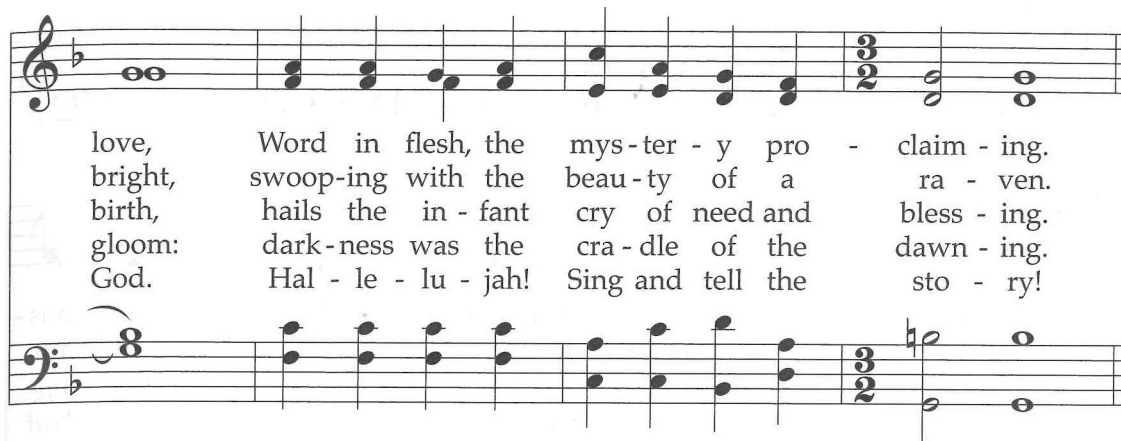
JOYFUL DARK 5.5.10.6.5.10

1 Joy - ful is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God,
 2 Joy - ful is the dark Spir - it of the deep,
 3 Joy - ful is the dark, shad-owed sta - ble floor;
 4 Joy - ful is the dark cool - ness of the tomb,
 5 Joy - ful is the dark depth of love di - vine,

roll - ing cloud of night be - yond all nam - ing,
 wing - ing wild - ly o'er the world's cre - a - tion,
 an - gels flick - er, God on earth con - fess - ing,
 wait - ing for the won - der of the morn - ing,
 roar - ing, loom - ing thun - der - cloud of glo - ry,

maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er - gy of
 silk - en sheen of mid - night plum-age black and
 as with ex - ul - ta - tion, Mar - y, giv - ing
 Nev - er was that mid - night touched by dread and
 ho - ly, haunt-ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing

maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er - gy of love,
 silk - en sheen of mid - night plum-age black and bright,
 as with ex - ul - ta - tion, Mar - y, giv - ing birth,
 Nev - er was that mid - night touched by dread and gloom:
 ho - ly, haunt-ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing God.



love, Word in flesh, the mys - ter - y pro - claim - ing.
 bright, swoop-ing with the beau - ty of a ra - ven.
 birth, hails the in - fant cry of need and bless - ing.
 gloom: dark-ness was the cra - dle of the dawn - ing.
 God. Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing and tell the sto - ry!

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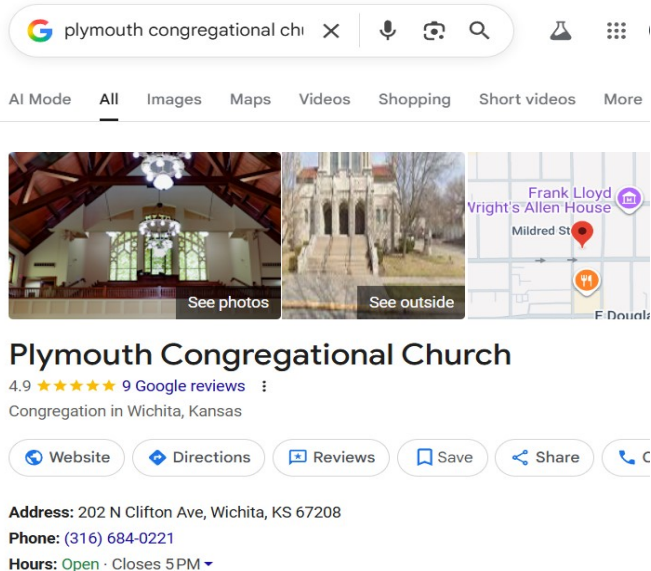
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This Is the Day

Musical staff with notes and chords F, Gm7, F, Gm7.

This is the day; this is the day;
¡Es - te es el dí - a, es - te es el dí - a,

Musical staff with notes and chords F, Gm7, C, F, ending with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

this is the day that God has made!
es - te es el dí - a que hi - zo Dios!

Musical staff with notes and chords F, C7, F.

1 O - pen, now, o - pen the door - ways of jus - tice!
 2 I will sing prais - es be - cause you have heard me,
 3 It is the Lord who has done all these won - ders.
 4 Praise the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, and the Spir - it,

Musical staff with notes and chords F, C7, F.

Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.
 of - fering sal - va - tion with grace up - on grace,
 I have seen mar - vel - ous, mar - vel - ous things.
 from the be - gin - ning through worlds with - out end:

Musical staff with notes and chords F, C7, F.

This is the place where the righ - teous may en - ter,
 turn - ing the stone that the build - ers re - ject - ed
 This is the day that the Lord has cre - at - ed.
 God who is now and who ev - er - more shall be,

Musical staff with notes and chords F, C7, F, ending with a double bar line and the text "to return al Estribillo".

sing - ing to God with thanks - giv - ing and praise.
 in - to the cor - ner - stone, rock of our faith.
 Join the re - joic - ing as ev - ery heart sings:
 glo - ry for - ev - er, a - men and a - men!

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6



7 - 8 PM The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7



10 - NOON The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney

Noon - 2 PM Opus 76 Quartet
& Lunch

7 PM Opus 76 Quartet

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8



10:30 AM Worship Service
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THE REV. DR. WIL GAFNEY



Wading in the Waters of Biblical Translation

Dr. Wilda (Wil) Gafney is a scholar, pastor, preacher, author, and activist. She is the Right Rev. Sam B. Hulseay Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Ft. Worth, TX.

New Hallway Art on display now through February!



Becca Jahelka is a watercolor batik painter and printmaker. Becca draws inspiration for her landscapes from the prairies of her home state of Kansas, the mountains of her summer home, and occasionally from travel destinations. She also delves into abstract compositions in her use of various printmaking techniques.

SpunkyHouse has been Brightening Spaces and Lifting Spirits since 2012 through the use of colorful, fun, and vintage fabrics used to make goods and sustainable living items for the kitchen, home, and beyond. Every item is sewn and handmade locally in Wichita by Owner-Maker, Heather, whose late mother (a lover of baking and cooking) was the inspiration behind this small business. Heather learned to sew at age 11-12 and has been surrounded by family sewists her whole life. Her nana, Mary Loveland,

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2026

TO ALL MEMBERS OF PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

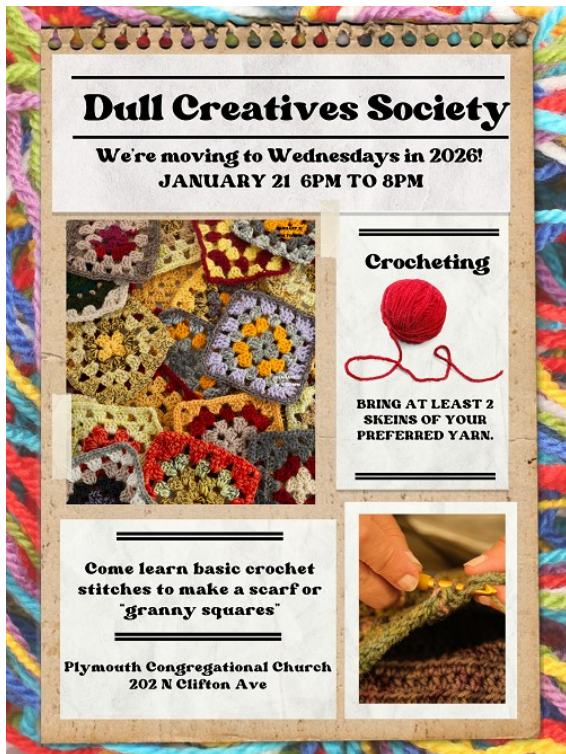
Please take notice that the Cabinet of Plymouth Congregational Church of Wichita, Kansas has called for the Annual Corporate Meeting of all church members. The purposes of this meeting are for the members to: (1) receive reports from staff, officers, boards, committees and organizations, and (2) receive a report on the expansion of the Plymouth Preschool Learning Center, and (3) vote on a proposed constitutional amendment that would reduce the voting membership of the church Cabinet, and (4) transact such other business as may properly be considered at the meeting.

This meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton, Wichita, Kansas. DATED this 7th day of January, 2026.

**Fine Arts Series—Final Event
Saturday, January 24th at 7 PM
FREE Admission!**

From Director, Nick Johnson

“An evening performance with the Alitheia Mime Theatre is an exploration of ensemble Choreography, works that capture the imagination by telling stories without a spoken word. Both comic and dramatic, each story is designed to change the audience, allowing them a glimpse into a silent world that speaks loudly about the human condition with hopes they leave the theatre changed. Influenced by their work with Marcel Marceau and Stefan Niedzialkowski, Alitheia blends French and Polish styles of Mime Theatre with vocabulary developed over years by American Mimes. Beyond whiteface, beyond a display of simple illusions, striped shirts and makeup designed to exaggerate facial gestures, The Alitheia Mime Theatre comes to life once again in Wichita. The performance - the Rendezvous - hopes to captivate the audience with this novel form of theatre and achieve a description that Niedzialkowski so aptly coined - Beyond the Word



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Dull Creatives Society will gather after Dinner

January 21st — 5:30 pm

Pork Loin Roast
 Mashed Potatoes
 Roasted Veggies
 Salad + Dessert

Robert Anderson
 Peggy Corman
 Sharon Fearey
 Stephanie Anderson
 Suzannah Young
 Larry Carey

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 Jan 8
 Jan 10
 Jan 11
 Jan 14

Jeanne Thompson
 Linda Wilson
 Roxie Mengelkoch
 Alberta Nichols
 Linda Morgan

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH 11:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:30 AM WORSHIP	29 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	30	31 AEROBICS	1 NEW YEARS DAY CLOSED	2 AEROBICS	3
4 9 AM ADULT STUDY 10:30 AM WORSHIP	5 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	6 5:30 PM CABINET	7 AEROBICS WED DINNER: NO PROGRAM CHOIR REHEARSAL	8 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	9 AEROBICS	10 2 ND LIGHT SHELTER DINNER PREP & SERVE
11 9 AM ADULT STUDY 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 GROWTH STEERING	12 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	13	14 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER: GAME NIGHT! CHOIR REHEARSAL	15 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	16 AEROBICS	17
18 9 AM MISSIONS BOARD 9 AM ADULT STUDY 10:30 WORSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST	19 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	20 INVESTMENT CLUB	21 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER: DULL CREATIVES - CROCHET CHOIR REHEARSAL	22 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	23 AEROBICS	24 FINE ARTS SERIES: ALITHEA MIME COMPANY 7 PM
25 9 AM ADULT STUDY 10:30 WORSHIP New Member Sunday 9 AM CE BOARD 11:30 DEACONS	26 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	27 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	28 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER: BOOK CLUB	29 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	30 AEROBICS	31