



Celebration of Worship
February 1, 2026

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10:30 am

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Opening

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Marisa Callan, piano

arr. Heather Sorenson

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

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*Responsive Reading

Phil Rhea

One: Come! Take refuge in the arms of Peace.

All: We rest in the promises of God.

One: No longer must we fret.

All: The way is made clear.

One: Even when enemies of Love arise, we remember:

All: God is our salvation.

One: Truth is our firm foundation.

All: Justice is our calling. With joy, we seek the face of God together.

*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

Sacred Parent, Faithful Mother, Gracious Father, even when we are deserted by those closest to us, still you do not abandon us. May we too learn to be so faithful to our neighbors, especially those who are persecuted unjustly. Encourage us in practicing companionship with the maligned and solidarity with the defamed until hatred and injustice is no longer. Through Christ we pray...

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

Psalm 27

The Fire of Sinai my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Ark of Safety is the strength of my life; of whom shall I dread?
When evildoers advance against me to devour my flesh— my
adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.
If a battalion besieges me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up
against me, in this will I trust.
One thing I asked of the Fount of Life; that (one thing) will I seek:
to live in the house of the Womb of Life all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Wellspring of Life, and to inquire in her temple.
She will shield me in her shelter when the day is evil; She will cover me
under the cover of her tent; She will raise me high on a high rock.
Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will sacrifice in her tent, joyful sacrifices;
I will sing and make melody to the Fount of Justice.
Hear my cry Faithful One, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
To you my heart says, “seek my face!” Your face, Just One,
do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.
Do not send your slave away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not abandon me; do not forsake me, God of my salvation! If my father
and mother forsake me, the Compassionate God will gather me in.
If I but believe, I shall see the goodness of She Who Is Faithful
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Living God; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for God Whose Name is Holy!

Translation from A Woman's Lectionary for the Whole Church Year A
Pages 283-284

Welcome of New Members

Phil and Jonnie Rhea
Carol and Randy Mullikin

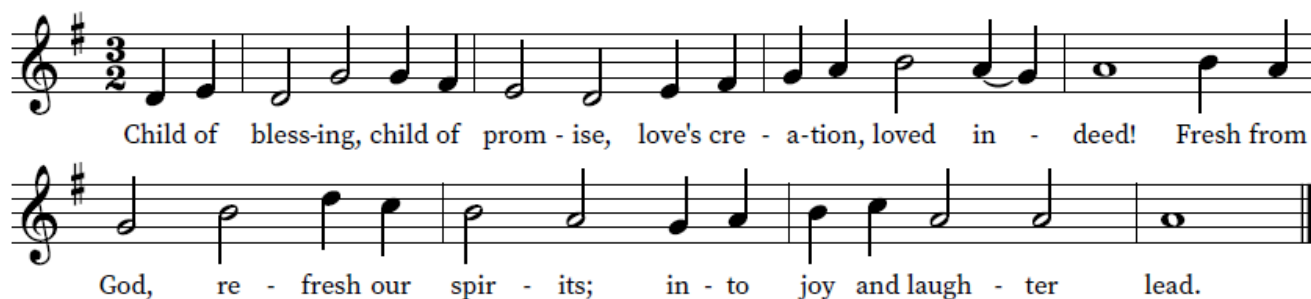
Reading of the Covenant

Believing in Jesus Christ, the Interpreter of God to humankind, we accept his teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We, therefore, join in covenant, one with another, to worship, work, and serve together that we may express through our church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ

Response of the Congregation

We, the members of Plymouth Congregational Church, welcome you into our communion and fellowship with joy. We pledge to you our help, our prayers, and our support, that we may evermore increase in the knowledge and love of God. God grant that loving and being loved, blessing and being blessed, serving, and being served, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth, for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

Welcoming Song *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM
(Let the children come forward.)



Child of bless-ing, child of prom - ise, love's cre - a-tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from
God, re - fresh our spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.

A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Anthem

Let There Be Light

Gilbert Martin

Thou, whose almighty Word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel's day
Sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring, on thy redeeming wing, healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind:
O now, to all mankind, let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth thy flight;
Move over the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace;
And in earth's darkest place, let there be light!

Holy and blessed three, glorious trinity, grace, love, and might!
Boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide, let there be light!

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Arise, Shine!

Joel Martinson

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
But the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant; you heart shall thrill and rejoice,
shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
The wealth of the nations shall come to you.

Sermon

“Resistance Part One: The Arts”

Dr. Robu

***Closing Hymn**

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***Benediction**

All Church Meeting

***Please stand in body, or in spirit**

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en
4 That Word be - yond all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to

nev - er fail - ing. Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of
would be los - ing, but there is one who takes our side, the
to un - do us, we trem - ble not, for God has willed that
them, is sound - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, by

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who that may be:
truth will tri - umph through us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage
God's good grace a - bound - ing. Lay down all earth - ly fame,

does seek to work us woe with craft and cun - ning great, and
Christ Je - sus, it is he! The Lord of hosts by name, from
and fierc - est war en - gage, such wrath we can en - dure, for
wealth, fam' - ly, life, and name. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate; on earth there is no e - qual.
age to age the same. None else can win the bat - tle.
e - vil's doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall end it.
truth will tri - umph still. God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.

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1 God is the po - et, Word of cre - a - tion,
2 New fa - shioned crea - tures, called in - to be - ing,
3 From our cre - a - tion, mu - sic en - chants us,
4 God, grant us wis - dom, formed in your im - age,



con - jur - ing won - ders and wak - ing the dawn,
rise up ex - ult - ing in joy and sur - prise.
mov - ing our spir - its to seek and to learn,
po - ets, com - pos - ers, in all that we do:



not - ing and nam - ing breath - tak - ing beau - ty:
Sum - moned from mys - tery, we join their sing - ing,
till grace - filled jour - neys end in be - gin - ning:
help us to fa - thom worlds past our know - ing.



God is the sing - er and life is the song.
o - pening our lips— as we o - pen our eyes.
dy - ing we rise,— and to mys - tery, re - turn.
May our cre - a - ting be wor - thy of you.

THE REV. DR. WIL GAFNEY



Dr. Wilda (Wil) Gafney is a scholar, pastor, preacher, author, and activist. Her work focuses on translation of the scriptures for congregations and lay readers, womanist and feminist biblical interpretation.

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New Hallway Art on display now through February!



Becka Jahelka is a watercolor batik painter and printmaker. Becka 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,

AMENDED NOTICE OF ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 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, February 1, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton, Wichita, Kansas.

DATED this 25th day of January, 2026.

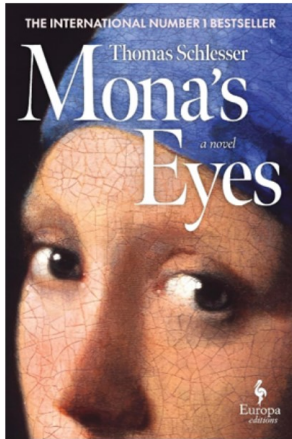
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FOLLOWING WED NIGHT DINNER

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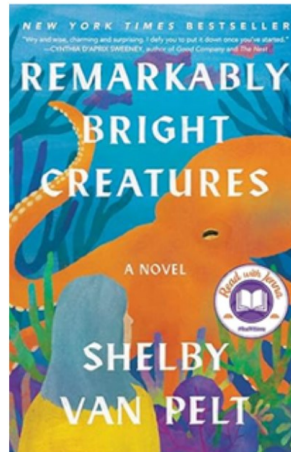
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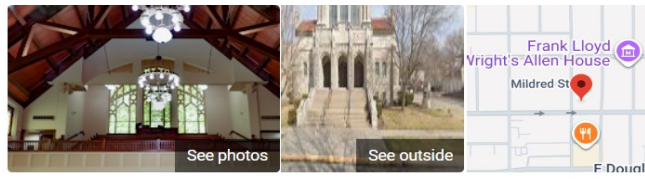


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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1 10:30 WORSHIP New Member Sunday ANNUAL MEETING | 2 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING | 3 5:30 PM CABINET | 4 AEROBICS WED DINNER 2 ND LIGHT SHELTER SPEAKER CHOIR REHEARSAL | 5 AEROBICS | 6 AEROBICS WORD & NOTE 7PM | 7 WORD & NOTE 10 am - NOON - 7 PM |
| 8 NO ADULT STUDY 10:30 AM WORSHIP DR. GAFNEY + OPUS 76 QUARTET | 9 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING | 10 AEROBICS | 11 AEROBICS WED DINNER YOUTH PROGRAM CHOIR REHEARSAL | 12 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE | 13 AEROBICS | 14 2 ND LIGHT SHELTER LUNCH PREP & SERVE |
| 15 9 AM ADULT STUDY 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 GROWTH STEERING 9 AM MISSIONS BOARD | 16 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING | 17 INVESTMENT CLUB | 18 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER DULL CREATIVES CHOIR REHEARSAL | 19 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE | 20 AEROBICS | 21 WINTER WINE TASTING |
| 22 9 AM ADULT STUDY 9 AM CE BOARD 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 DEACONS | 23 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING | 24 5:30 PM TRUSTEES | 25 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER BOOK CLUB CHOIR REHEARSAL | 26 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE | 27 AEROBICS | 28 AEROBICS |