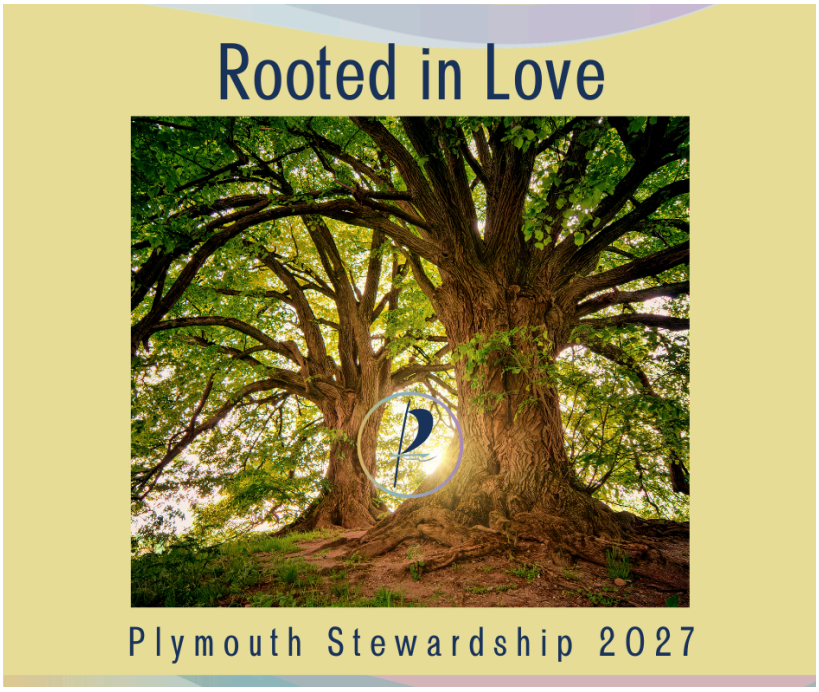
Plymouth Congregational Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 18TH, 2026

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October 18th, 2026 **10:30 AM**

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary *Take My Life and Let It Be* arr. Wilbur Held
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements Judy Frick

Stewardship Moment Sharon and Alan Fearey

Introit *Word and Sign* Tice and Bergey

Word and sign; pulse and breath; bread and wine; life and death;
hear the call: calm your fear. Through it all, Christ is here.

Call to Worship Rev. Lance Carrithers

Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Page 6

***Responsive Reading** Judy Frick

One: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
All: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

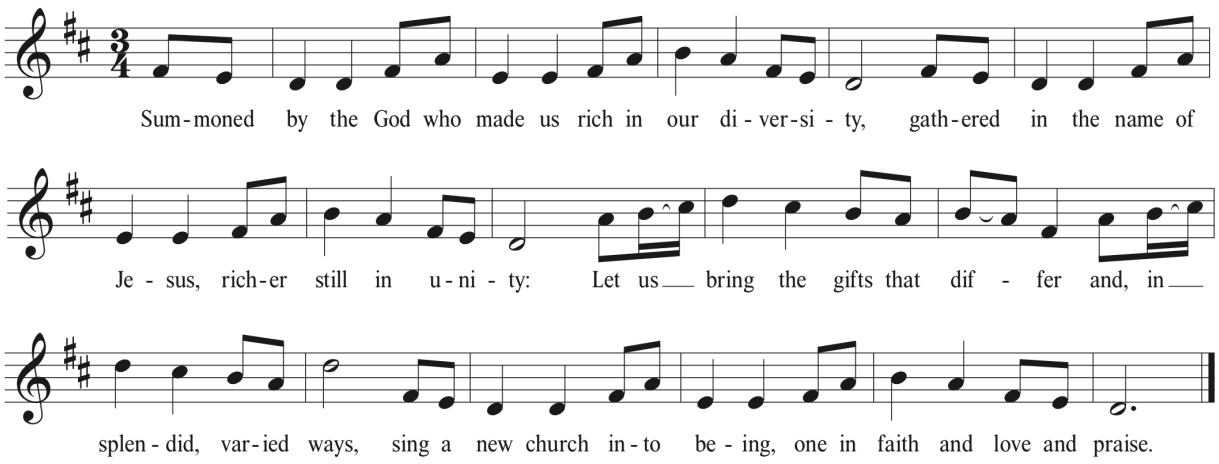
One: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
All: We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

One: The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.
All: We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

One: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
All: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

***Response of Praise** *Summoned by the God* NETTLETON



***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

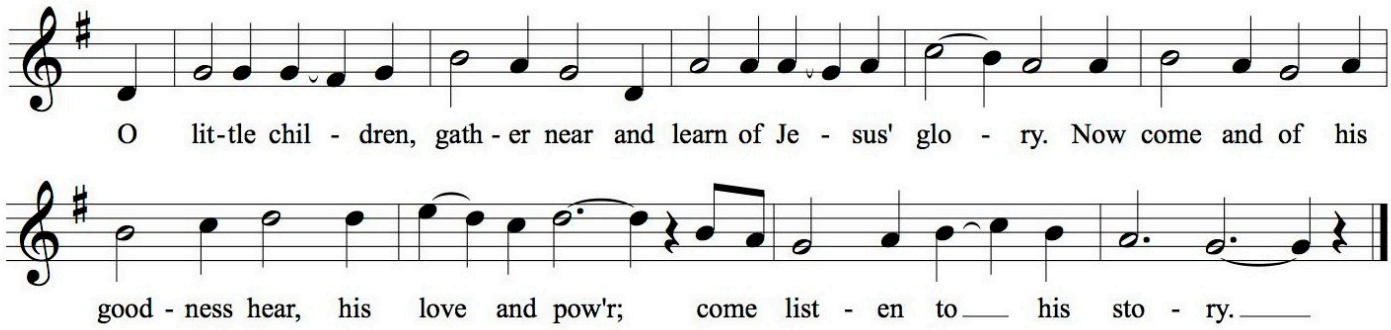
Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught his disciples to pray saying,

...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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Welcoming Song *O Little Children* BEAUTIFUL FLOWER



A Moment with our Children Lindsay Miller

Solo *Shout to the Lord* Darlene Zschech

Ellen Sudarshan, soprano; Marisa Callan, piano

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.
Shout to the Lord, all the Earth, let us sing;
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem *Saints Bound to Heaven* arr. Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir

Marisa Callan, piano; Christopher Shaw, director

Our bondage it shall end, by and by, by and by.
Our bondage it shall end, by and by;
From Egypt's yoke set free; Hail the glorious jubilee,
And to Canaan we'll return, by and by, by and by,
And to Canaan we'll return, by and by.

Our deliverer he shall come, by and by, by and by,
Our deliverer he shall come, by and by;
And our sorrows have an end, with our threescore years and ten,
And vast glory crown the day, by and by, by and by,
And vast glory crown the day, by and by.

Though our enemies are strong, we'll go on, we'll go on,
Though our enemies are strong, we'll go on;
Though our hearts dissolve with fear, Lo, Sinai's God is near,
While the fiery pillar moves, we'll go on, we'll go on,
While the fiery pillar moves, we'll go on.

And when to Jordan's floods, we are come, we are come,
And when to Jordan's floods, we are come;
Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters he'll divide,
And the ransomed host shall shout, we are come, we are come,
And the ransomed host shall shout, we are come.

Sermon "Rendering" Rev. Lance Carrithers

***Hymn of Departure** *Take My Life and Let it Be* Page 7
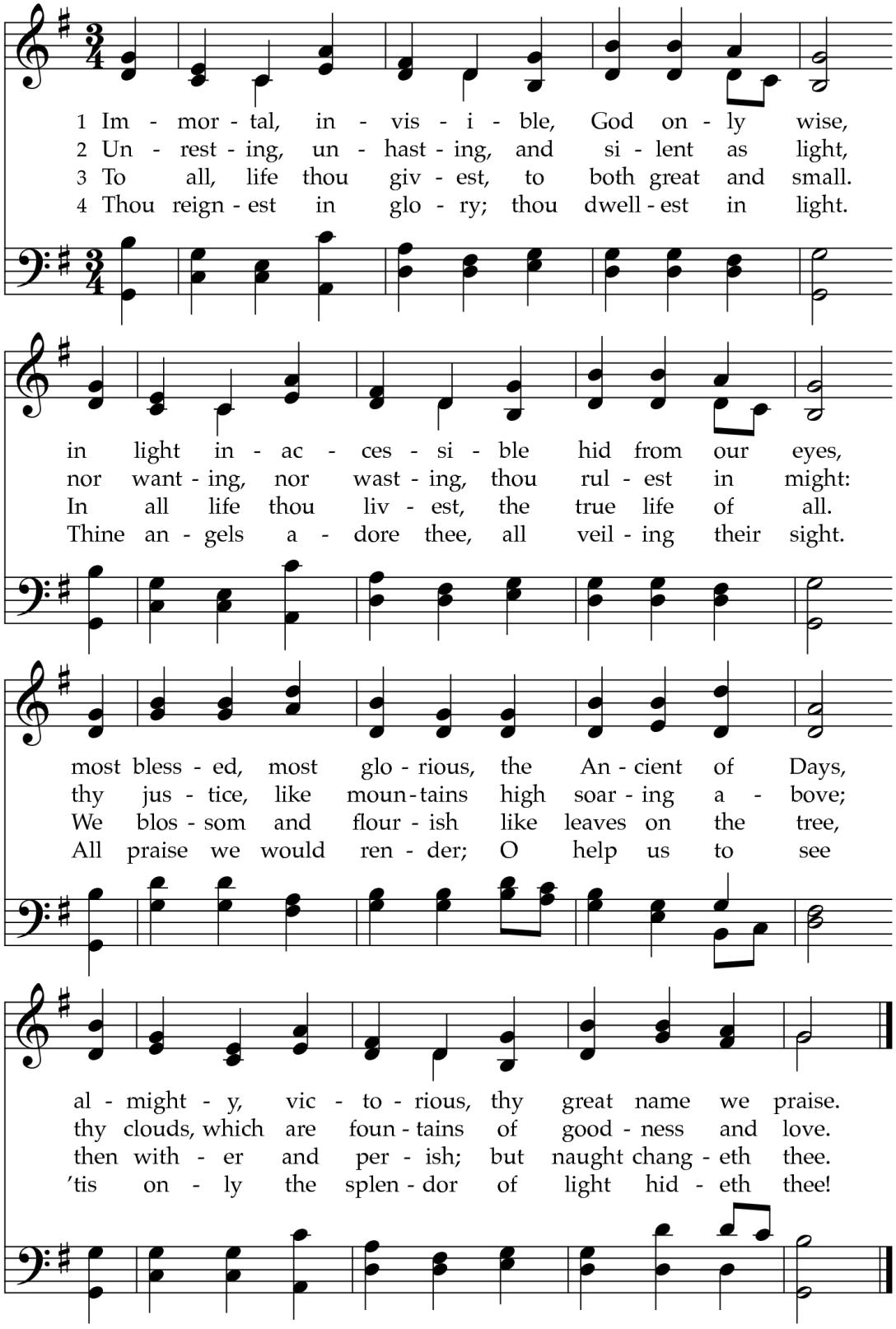
***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary *Immortal, Invisible* arr. Helvey/Govenor

Marisa Callan, piano; Christopher Shaw, organ
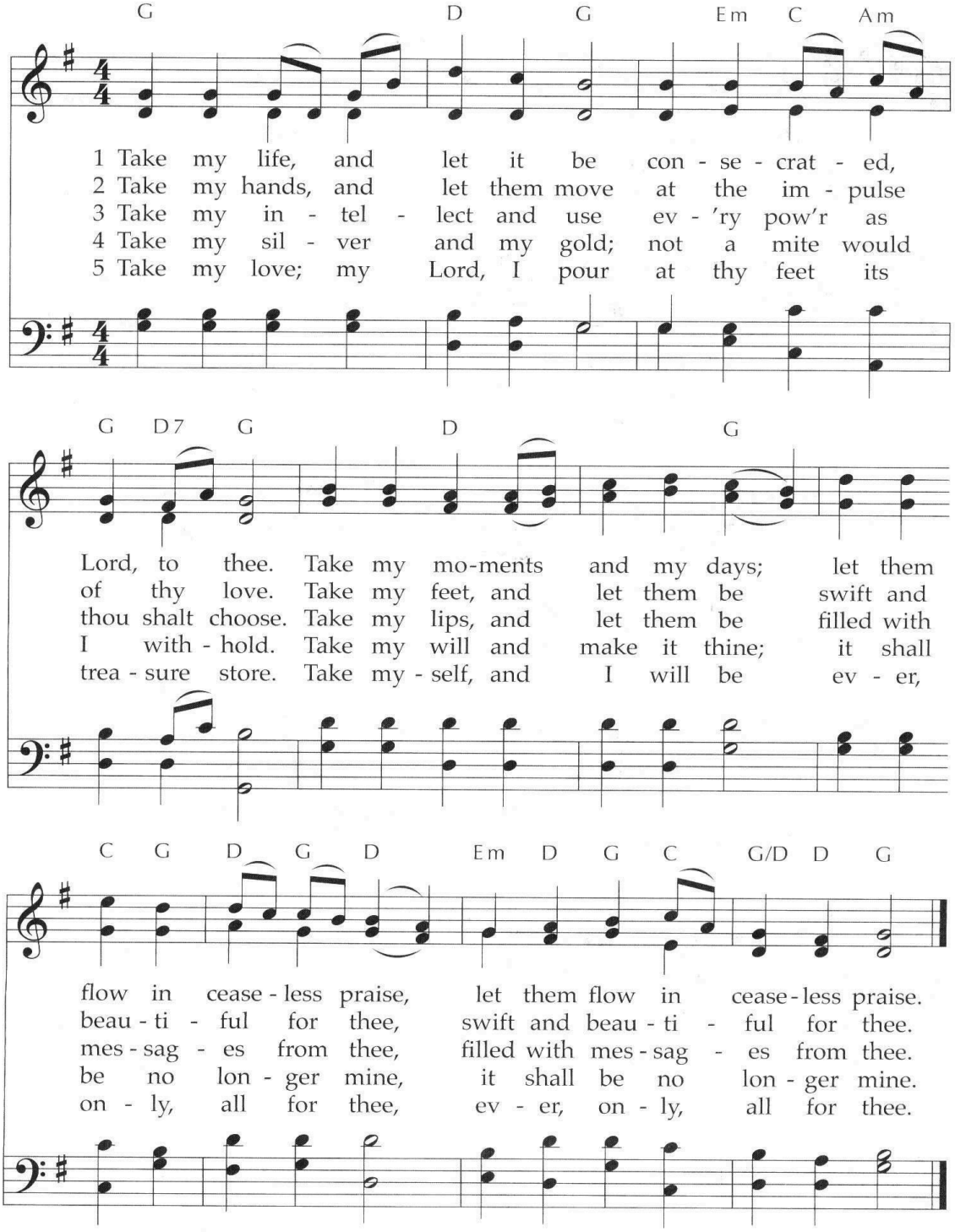
* Let all who are able please stand

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Take My Life, and Let It Be

HENDON 7.7.7.7 extended



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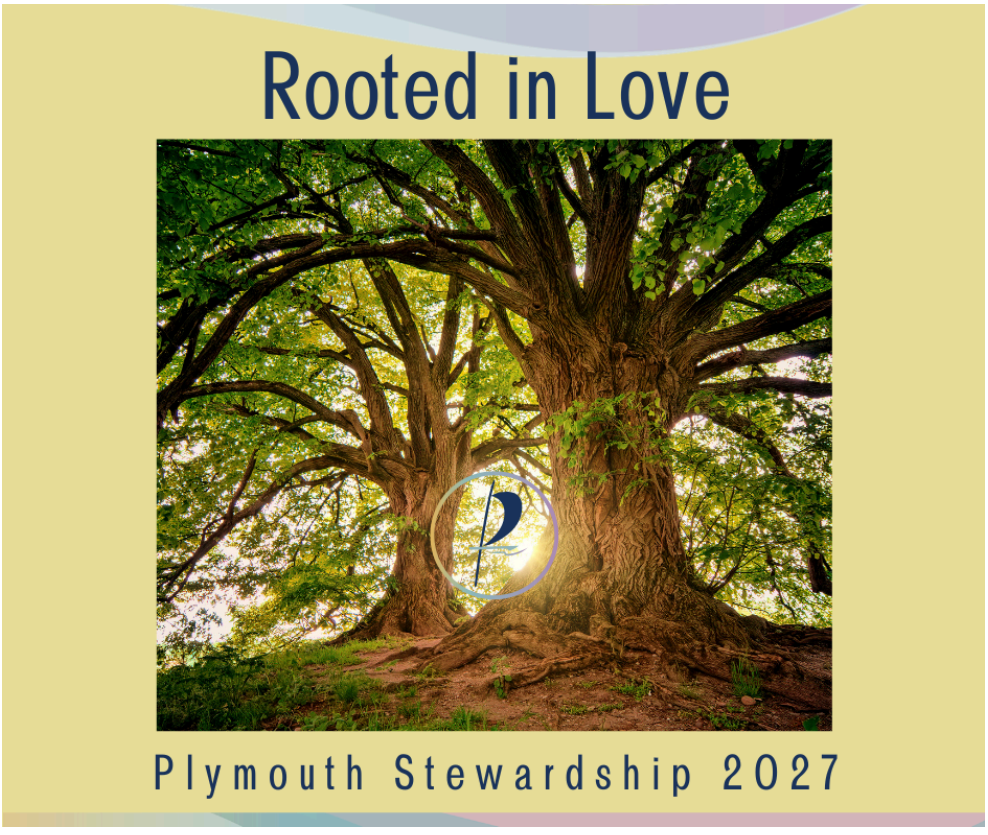
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Bell Choir Rehearsals:

SUN - OCT 18 - 9 AM

SUN - NOV 1 - 9 AM
SUN - NOV 15 - 9 AM & 10:30 service

SUN - DEC 6 - 9 AM
SUN - DEC 20 - 9 AM & 10:30 service

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

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

Please take notice of the upcoming Annual Budget Meeting of all Plymouth Congregational Church members. The purposes of this meeting are for the church members to: (1) discuss and vote upon the 2027 Recommended Annual Church Budget and (2) receive a full report of the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates of all 2027 officer positions, boards and committees and to elect them as recommended.

This meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 1, 2026** at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton, Wichita, Kansas. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

DATED this 12th day of October, 2026.

Plymouth Fine Arts Series

The Plymouth Fine Arts Series seeks to elevate the appreciation of the arts in our community and offer experiences for performer and audience that inspire creativity and lift the spirit.

Plymouth Congregational Church

2026 - 2027 SERIES



SAT/NOV 14, 2026 7 PM FREE

25th ANNIVERSARY SCHANTZ PIPE ORGAN

with Jan Kraybill

grammy nominated, concert organist, pianist, harpsichordist, educator

Plymouth Congregational Church **202 N Clifton in College Hill**



WED DINNER @ 5:30
OCTOBER

Plymouth Congregational Church

OCT 7 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



OCT 14 YOUTH GROUP PUMPKIN CARVING PAINTING PROJECT



OCT 21 DULL CREATIVES POTATO STAMP MAKING



OCT 28 YOUTH GROUP CHILI FUNDRAISER



Save the Date: Sunday, November 1st is BINGO!
Can you contribute to our prize pool?



We are in need of prizes for the Bingo winners and it would be great if we could combine items to make larger prizes. Ideas for prizes are gift cards, baked goods, quilts, etc. All prizes will be donated by the congregation. All prize donations need to be dropped off in the church office by the morning of Saturday, October 31st. Please put all baked goods in disposable containers. And... Thank you for bringing desserts for the Bingo lunch crowd!
If you would like to donate an item for the Bingo prizes, please contact Susan Arnold - susan3835@icloud.com.

October Birthdays

Ian Miller	Oct. 2
Tristin Sprole	Oct. 4
Pat Parks	Oct. 11
Ray Mengelkoch	Oct. 13
Edie Gill	Oct. 19
Jim Giles	Oct. 22
Carney Baker	Oct 23
Joe Henderson	Oct 24
Tom Safley	Oct 24
Ben Miller	Oct 30

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 GUEST MINISTER: ARTHUR STEWART **CHOIR BRUNCH**	28 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	29	30 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER GUEST: USD 259 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	1 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE **OCTOBER.....**	2 AEROBICS	3 **WOOFSTOCK!**
4 10:30 WORSHIP World Communion Sunday	5 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	6 **5:30 PM Joint Mtg** **CABINET + TRUSTEES**	7 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	8 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	★ 9 AEROBICS **BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA**	★ 10 2ND LIGHT LUNCH **BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA**
11 **9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP** 10:30 WORSHIP	12 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	13 INVESTMENT CLUB	14 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER DULL CREATIVES 7 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	15 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	16 AEROBICS	17
18 **9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP** 10:30 WORSHIP Guest Minister: Lance Carrithers **FOOD PKG EVENT!**	19 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	20	21 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER: BOOK CLUB 7 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	22 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	23 AEROBICS	24
25 **9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP** 10:30 AM WORSHIP Guest Minister: Arthur Stewart **11:30 FINE ARTS BOARD**	26 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	27 **5:30 PM TRUSTEES**	28 WED NIGHT DINNER YOUTH GROUP CHILI FEED BOOK CLUB 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	29 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	30 AEROBICS	31 **HALLOWEEN**