Plymouth Congregational Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 25TH, 2026

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October 25th, 2026 **10:30 AM**

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary Prelude on *"Hyfrydol"* arr. Carol Muehlig
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment Holly and Joe Yager

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

Opening Hymn *Labor On* Page 8

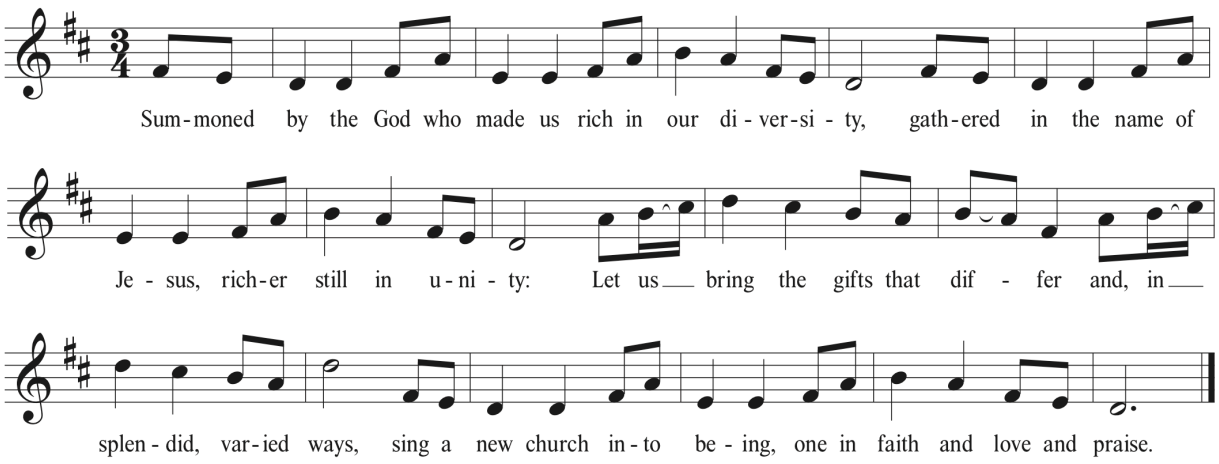
***Responsive Reading** Jim Giles

One: When all is ended, and the harvest is collected, how shall we answer the question, "And what have we done?"
Many: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

One: Generous stewards! Audacious witnesses! Brilliant and fallible humans! Let us praise God in how we serve!
Many: We respond for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

One: May God accept these gifts of today and our lives.
Many: Holy One, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen

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



***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Wise and Patient God, too often, you have called us to action and we hesitate to respond. You bless us and call on us to in-break the Kingdom, to mobilize and help others, to confront empire and proclaim the gospel, and we hold back. You have called each of us, equipped each of us, moved in each of us, and you are among all of us. Help us see that each gift and each talent is precious in your sight. We pray this using the words Jesus taught his disciples, 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.

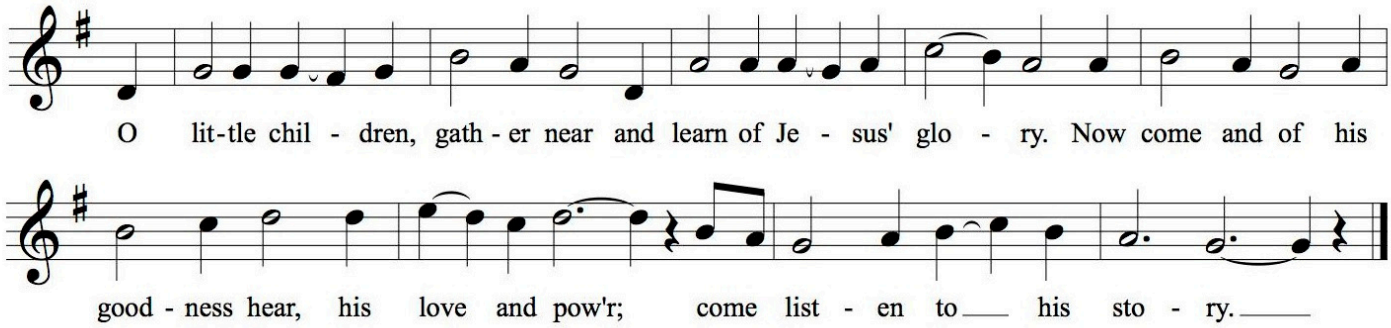
Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time, the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So, I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'
His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So, you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned, I would have received it back with interest. So, take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Welcoming Song *O Little Children* BEAUTIFUL FLOWER



A Moment with our Children Lindsay Miller

Solo *One Sweetly Solemn Thought* R.S. Ambrose
David Allen, bass; Marisa Callan, piano

One sweetly solemn thought comes to me over and over,
I am nearer home today, than I've ever been before.
Nearer my Father's house, where the many mansions be,
Nearer the great white throne, nearer the crystal sea.
Nearer the bounds of life where we lay our burdens down;
Nearer to leaving the cross, nearer gaining the crown.
But lying darkly between, winding a down through the night,
Is the silent, unknown stream that leads at last to the light.
Father, be near when my feet are slipping over the brink,
For it may be I am nearer home, nearer now than I think.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem *All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord* Rene Clausen

Chancel Choir

Diane Fast, soprano; Christopher Shaw, director

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, should to the Lord, Alleluia!
Praise the Lord with joyful song, sing to the Lord with thanksgiving,
Alleluia, Praise Him!
Unto Thee, O Lord, I have made supplication, and cried unto the
rock of my salvation;
But Thou has heard my voice, and renewed my weary spirit.
Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation.
O my soul praise Him for He is my health and salvation.
All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, should to the Lord, Alleluia

Sermon *"The Dainty Handkerchief of a Scandal-Free Gospel"* Rev. Arthur Stewart

***Hymn of Departure** *God, Whose Giving* Page 6, 7

***Benediction**
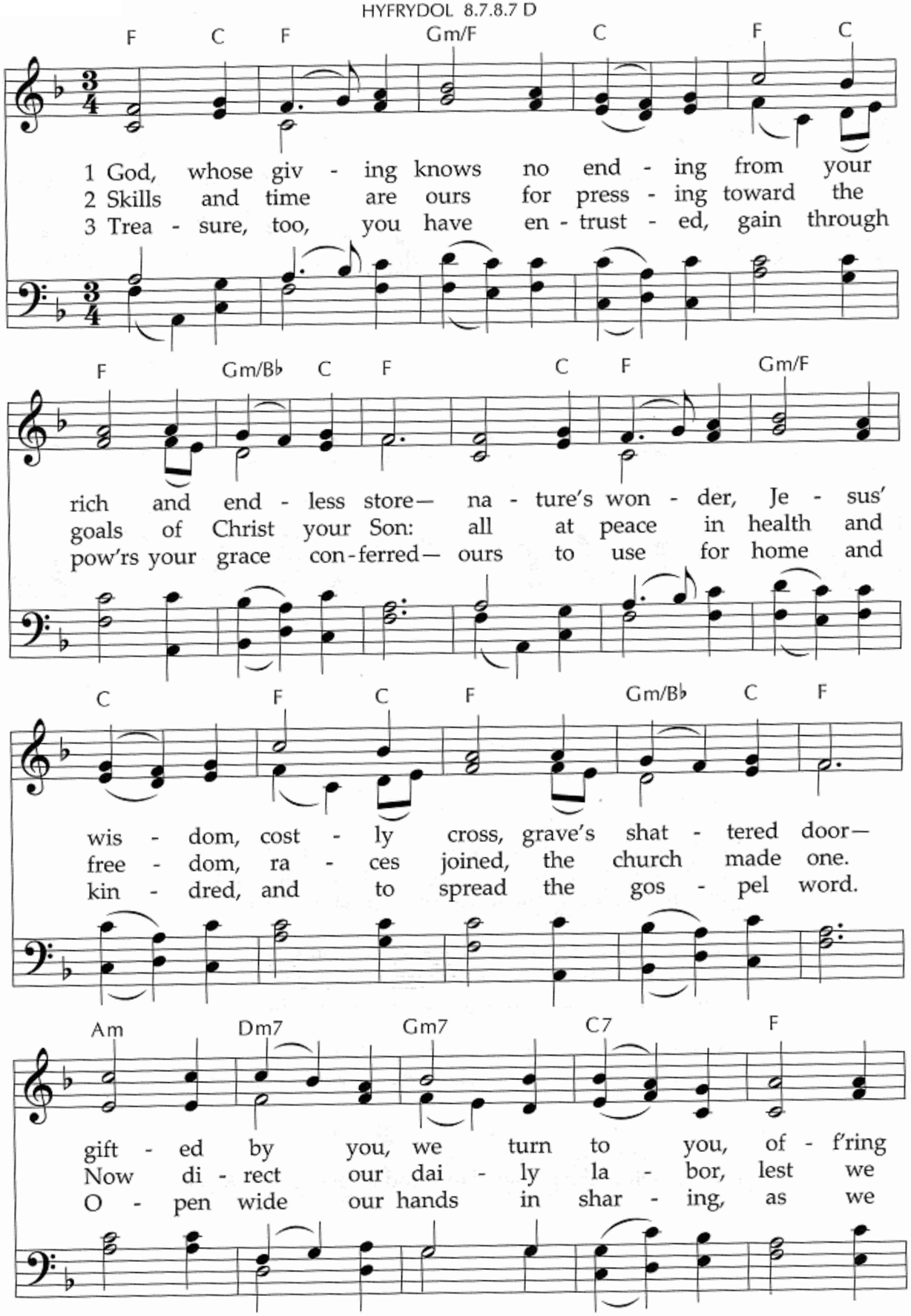
Closing Voluntary *Hyfrydol* R. Vaughan Williams
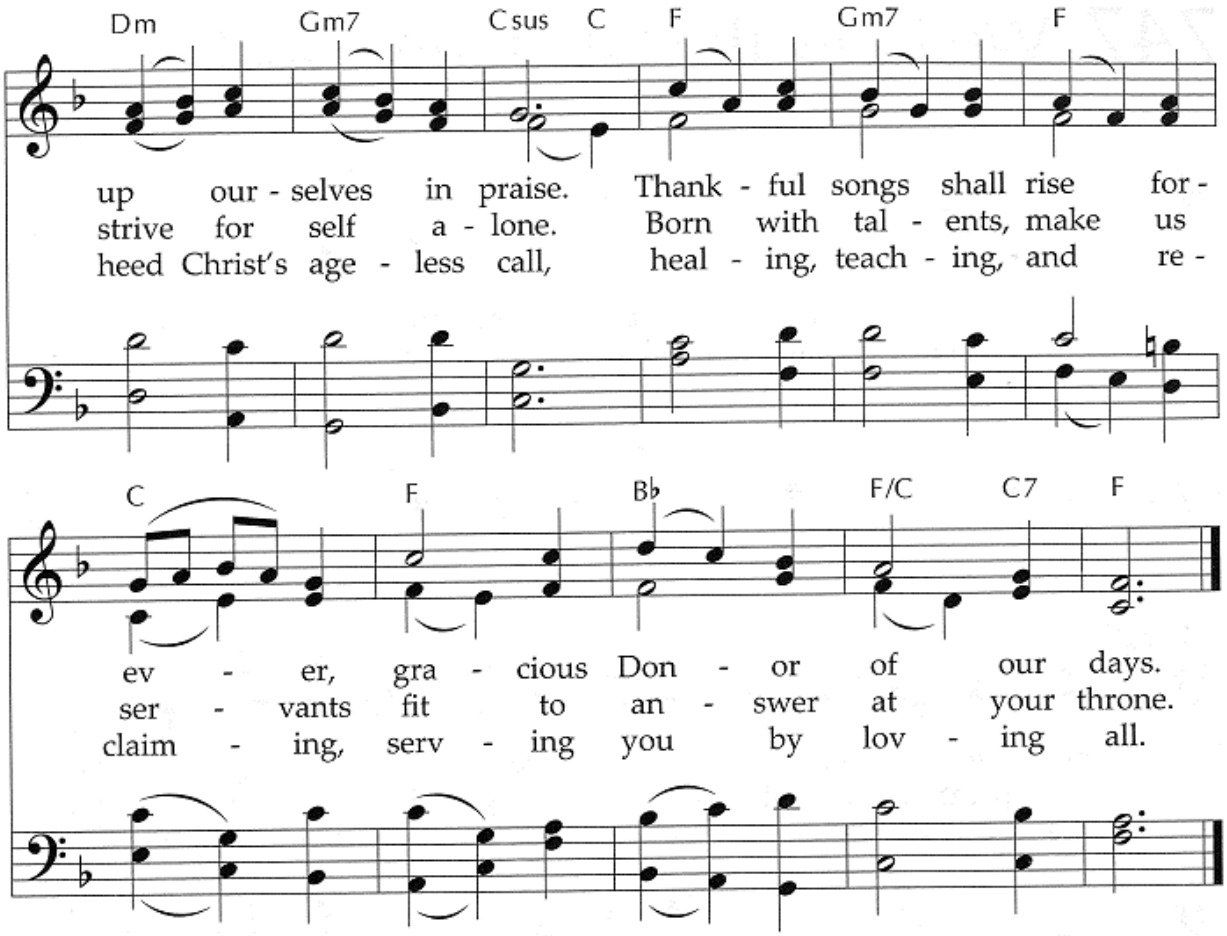
Christopher Shaw, organ

* Let all who are able please stand

God, Whose Giving

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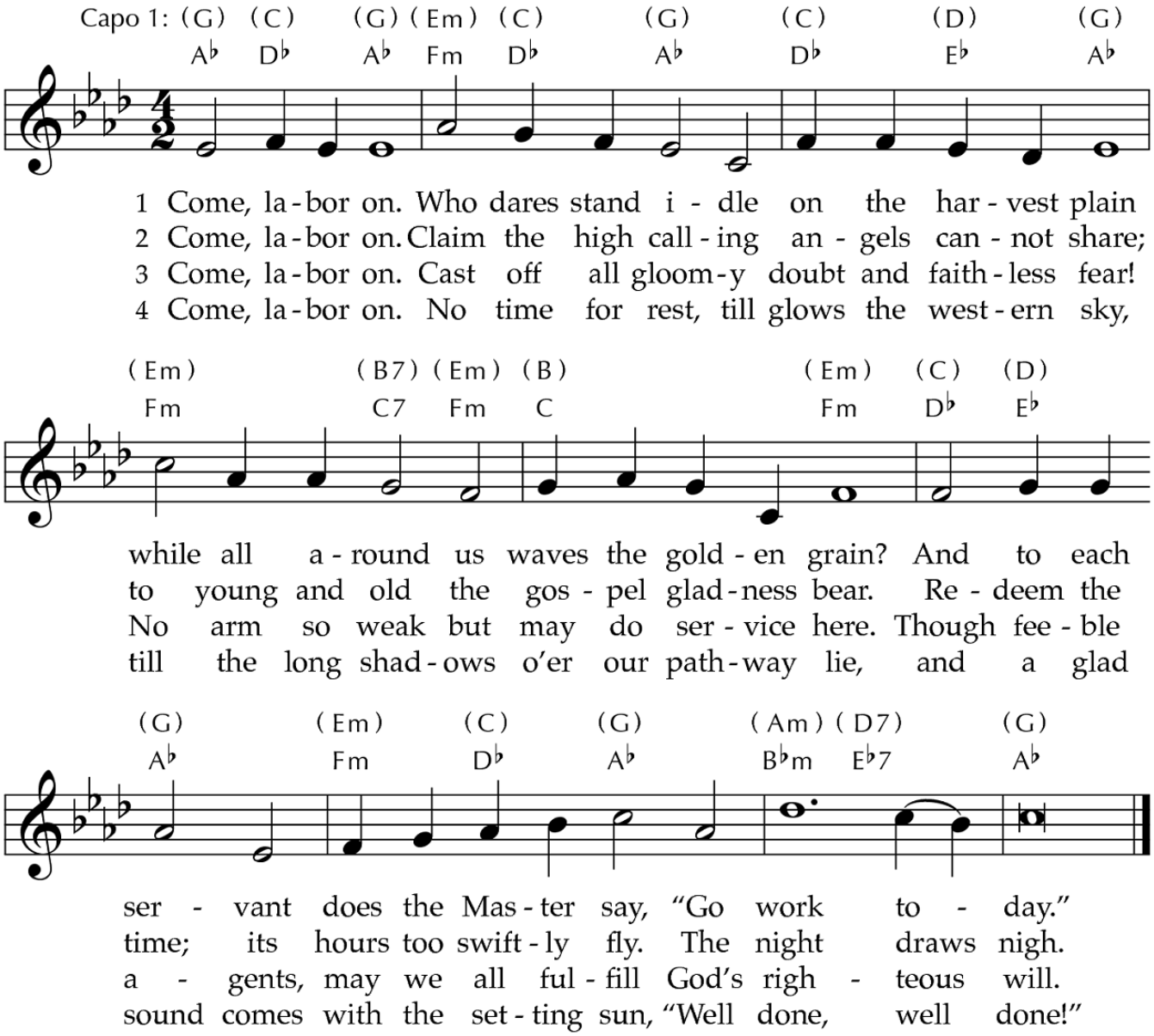




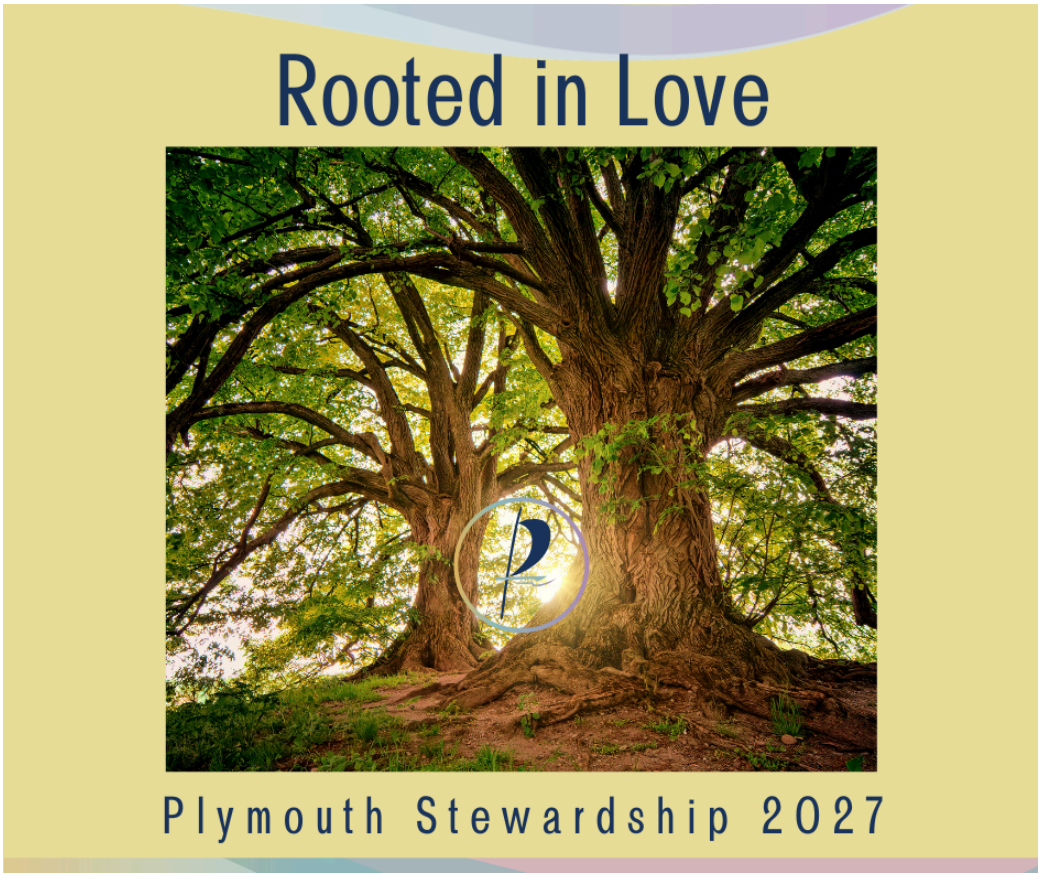
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Come, Labor On



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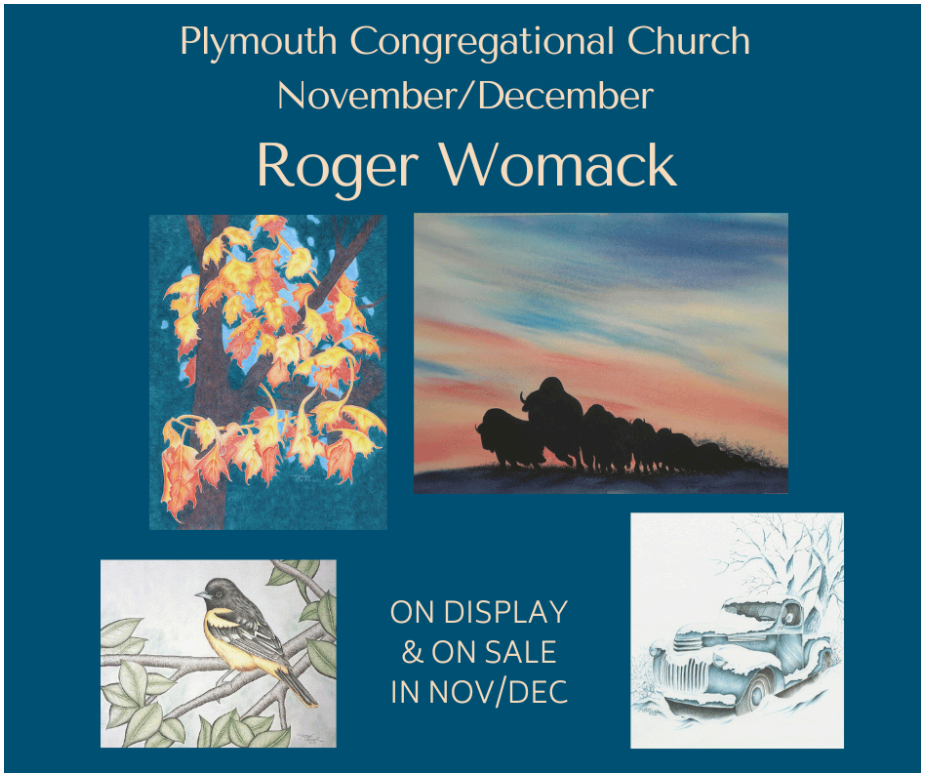
NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

TO ALL MEMBERS OF
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OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

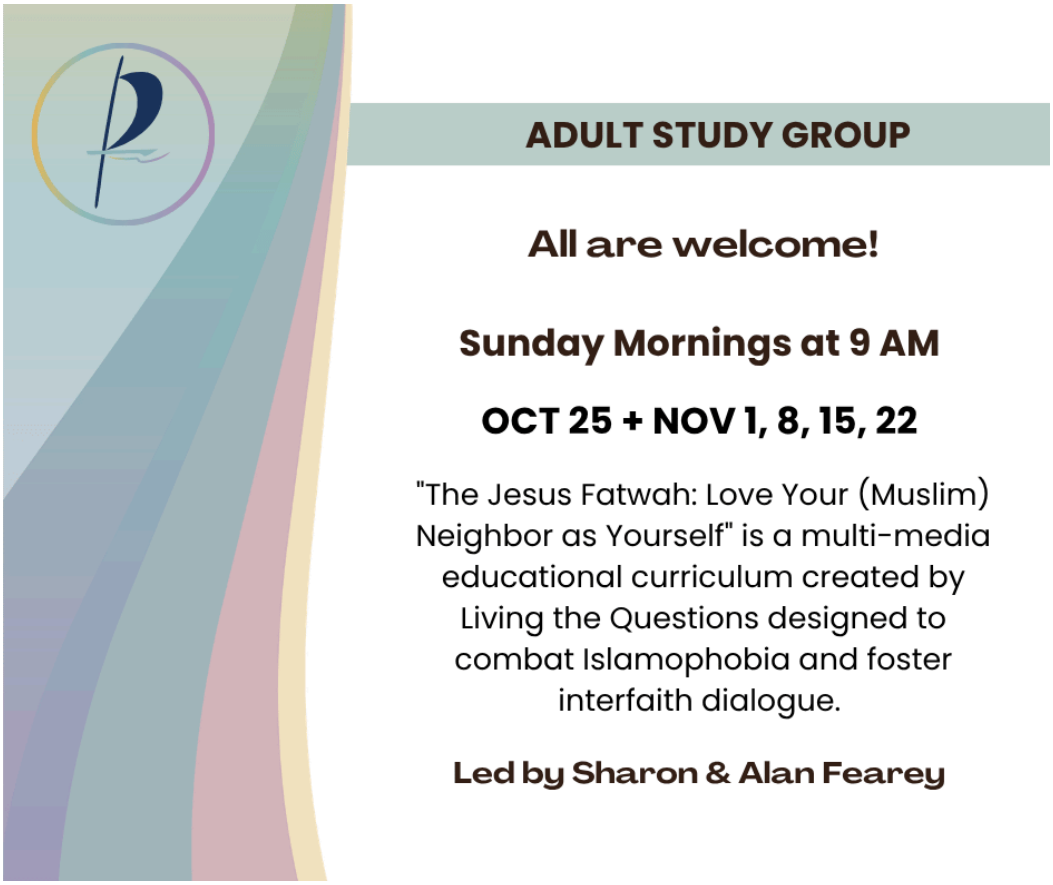
Please take notice of the upcoming Annual Budget Meeting of all Plymouth Congregational Church members. The purposes of this meeting are for the church members to: (1) discuss and vote upon the 2027 Recommended Annual Church Budget and (2) receive a full report of the Nominating Committee's slate of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



Roger Womack is a Kansas-based artist specializing in traditional realism through the meticulous application of colored pencil and acrylics. His work is defined by a sophisticated layering process and the use of washes to build depth and bring out the vibrancy of his palette. From the golden glow of a sunset to the hushed atmosphere of a winter morning, Womack's paintings seek to capture the distinct "feeling" of the seasons and the quiet beauty of the natural world.



WED DINNER @ 5:30
OCTOBER

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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.

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.

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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**

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 Youth Group Pumpkin Carving 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: Dull Creatives 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**