Plymouth Congregational Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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November 1, 2026 **10:30 AM**

All Saints Day
New Member Sunday
Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Opening Voluntary *"Elegy"* James Biery
Christopher Lovell, violin; Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful* Jaques Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift your voices, the Lord is near.

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *Let's Walk Together* Page 6, 7

***Responsive Reading** Catherine Menefee

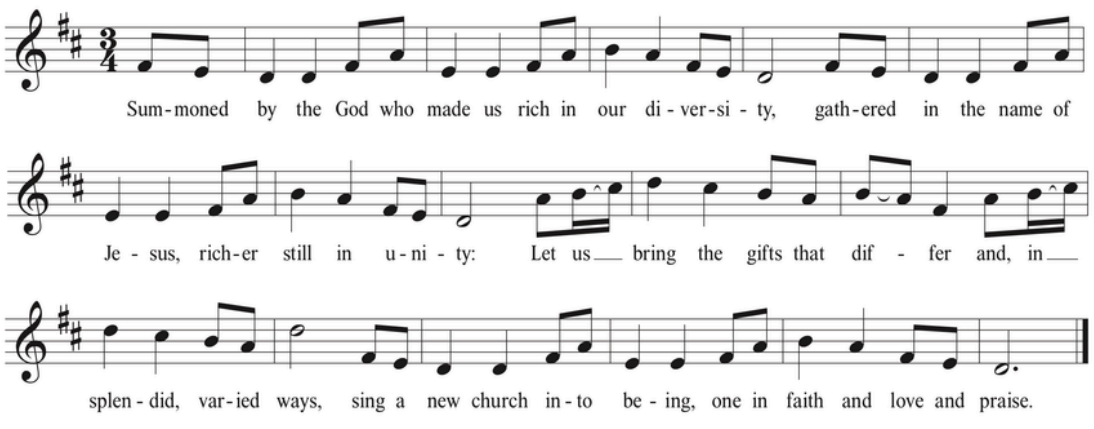
One: New every morning are God's mercies.
All: Each dawn brings possibilities for renewal.

One: Though yesterday's troubles may weigh heavy,
All: the faithfulness of God upholds us.

One: We need not know what tomorrow brings.
All: For today, Love is with us.

One: Let all who are weary in spirit be revived.
All: For the steadfast love of God will never cease!

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



***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Gracious One, there are days when we are overwhelmed by the challenges before us. Life can feel so heavy when the future is unclear. When it is so, gather us together for remembering. You, the God who makes a way out of no way, are working to birth new worlds among us. You, the God who loves us unconditionally are teaching us again how to 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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Welcoming of New Members

Reading of the Church 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 and 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

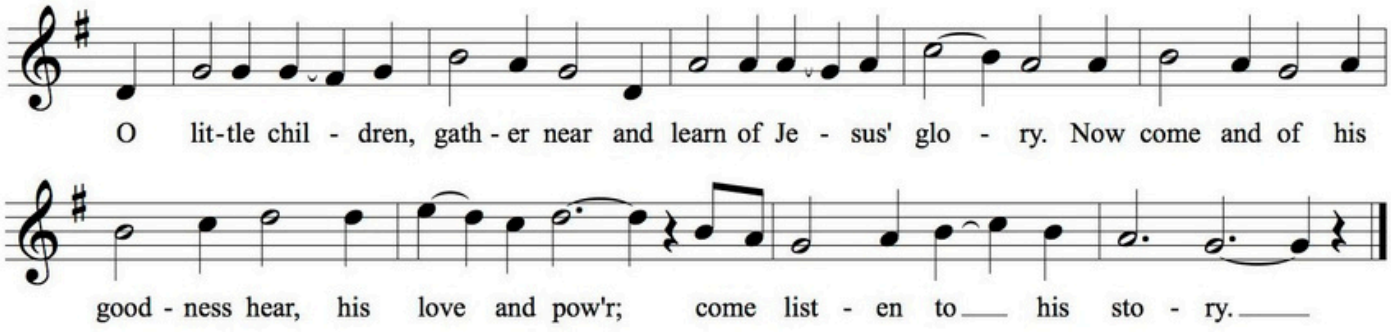
We, the members of Plymouth Congregational Church, welcome you into our communion and fellowship with joy. We pledge to you our help, our prayers, and our support, that we may evermore increase in the knowledge and love of God. God grant that loving and being loved, blessing and being blessed, serving,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

Welcome: Ken Gale, Karen Gale, John Dick, Andrew Trechak, Greg Trechak, Jeremy McWilliams, Lindsay McWilliams, Mark Tomlin, Nick Sullivan

Prayer

Right Hand of Fellowship

Welcoming Song *O Little Children* BEAUTIFUL FLOWER



Sermon on the Steps Dr. Robu

Solo *He's Got the Whole World In His Hand* arr. M. Bonds
Albanie McGregor, soprano; Marisa Callan, piano

He's got the whole world in His hand.
He's got the woods and the water in His hand.
He's got the birds and the bees right in His hand.
He's got the beast of the field right in His hand.
He's got you and me right in His hand
He's got everybody in His hand.
He's got the whole world in His hand.

Prayer Concerns

A Time to Remember

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem *We Shall Gather at the River* arr. J. Robison

Chancel Choir
Chris Lovell, violin; Amanda Wen, cello;
Christopher Shaw, organ and director

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. [Refrain]

Sermon *"Caution - Contents may be hot: The Jucy Lucy of Scripture"* Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure** *For All the Saints* Page 8

***Benediction**

All Church Meeting

* Let all who are able please stand

Let's Walk Together

WELCOME 8.6.8.6.7.7 with refrain




Refrain
B/D♯ E A B
sing-ing wel - come, wel-come to this place. You're in -
B E A/C♯ B
vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are
B m9 E 7 A maj7 A B F♯/A♯ F♯
wel - come, the love of God to share, 'cause
F♯m7 A B C♯m C♯m7
all of us are wel - come here;
F♯m A E
(𝄐) Last time
all are wel - come in this place.
(𝄐) Last time

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias



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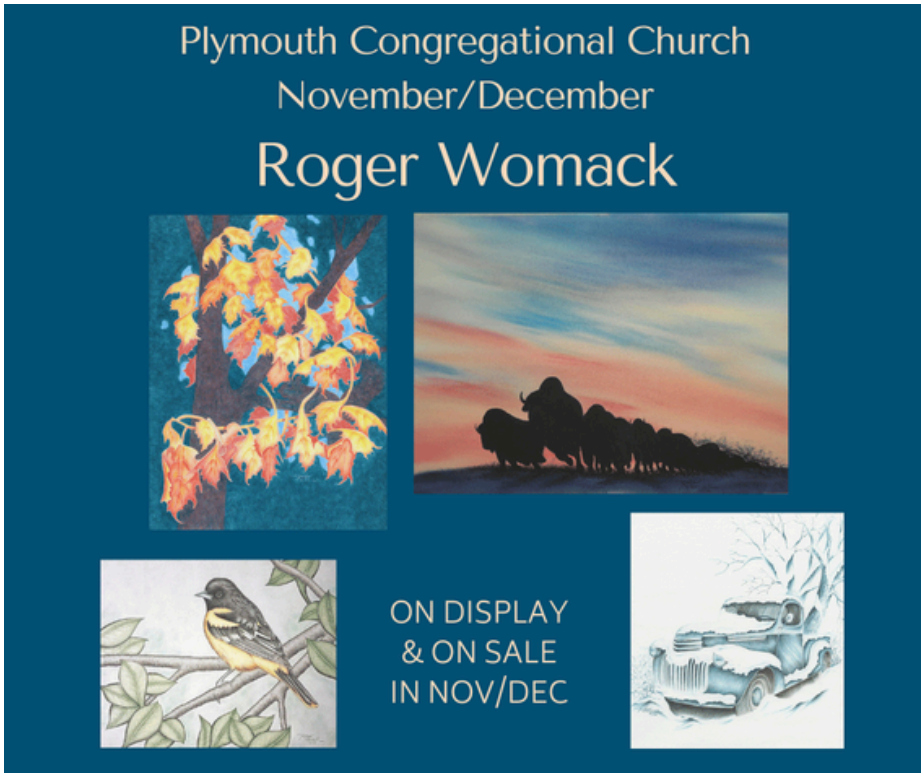
NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

TO ALL MEMBERS OF
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OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

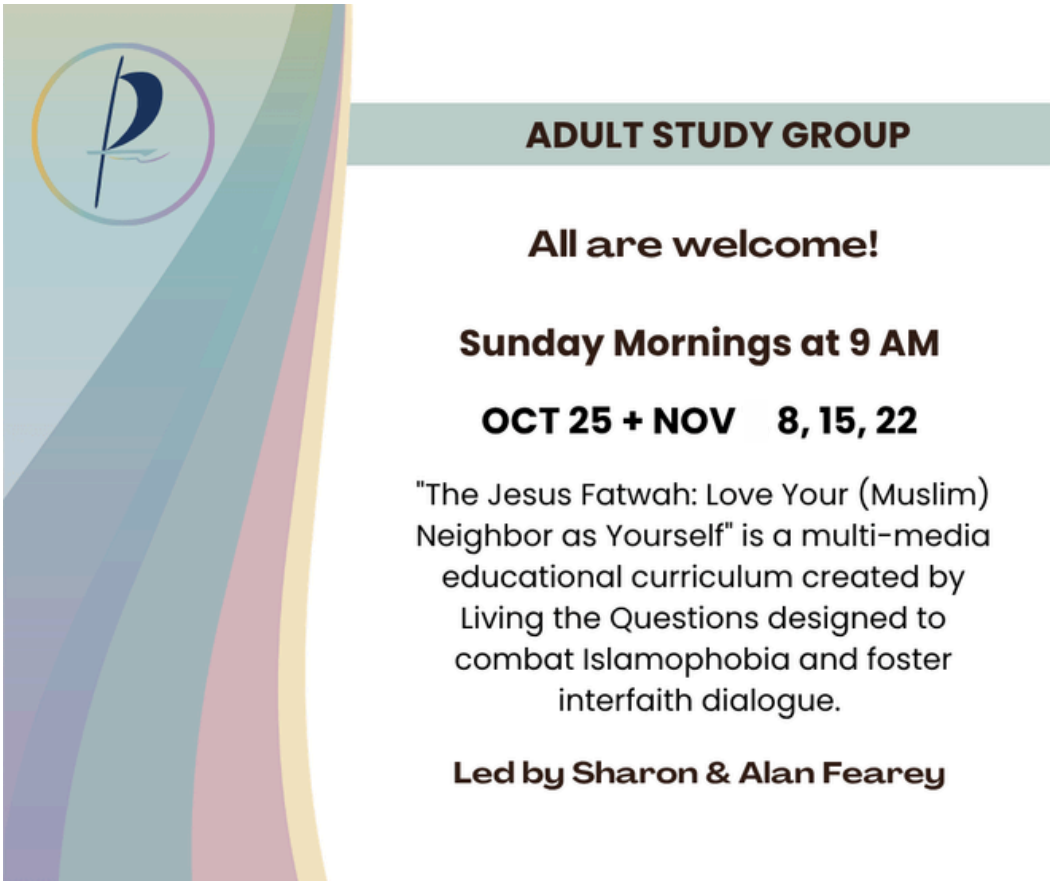
Please take notice of the upcoming Annual Budget Meeting of all Plymouth Congregational Church members. The purposes of this meeting are for the church members to: (1) discuss and vote upon the 2027 Recommended Annual Church Budget and (2) receive a full report of the Nominating Committee's slate of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



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

Parking Lot Renovations

Resurfacing of the entire North parking lot area is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 4th. Completion is estimated for Friday or Saturday. During this time there will be NO access to the parking lot or the North Entrance, including Wednesday Night Dinner on the 4th.

Parking is available in our lot on the SW corner of 1st and Clifton.

Enter through the center Courtyard doors, only, during the north parking lot closure.

November Birthdays

Holly Yager	NOV 3
John Youle	Nov 5
Abby Arthur	Nov 17
Aiden Sprole	Nov 24
Travis Counts	Nov 27

