

Gospel of John

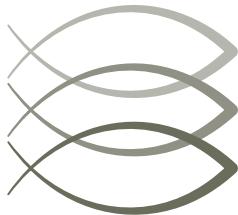
The Way. The Truth. The Life.

John 4:1-42

9:30 Combined Worship Service

Sunday • February 1 • 2026

How can we reclaim the promise John offers for our own time and context? What kind of savior are we longing to receive? What in us and in our world cries out for redemption? How can we find our way? Where do we turn to find the truth about ourselves and the world around us? What brings us life?



Gospel of John

The Way. The Truth. The Life.

* please stand in body or spirit when you see an

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

High School Handbell Choir

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

G.F. Jason Krug

*Call to Worship

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| Leader | In the beginning was love, a breath moving over still waters. |
| People | Love lives and grows here. |
| Leader | A light shined in the darkness and it shines for all ages. |
| People | Light and hope shine through us now. |
| Leader | God calls us “Beloved” and provides a way in the night. |
| People | Beloved, let us find that way together. |
| Leader | God promises never to leave us, not now and not ever. |
| People | Love and light will guide us home. |
| All | Come, let us worship God! |

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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*Prayer of Invocation *(Please, join in reading.)*

God of Love, we long to know the comfort of your companionship.
We would love you with our whole hearts, if we could.
We ask you to reveal more of yourself to us.
Move with us beyond the confines of familiar habits.
Set us free us from the limitations of our language,
and expand our understanding of you.
Teach our hearts to speak your love.
Shine your light through us that we might reflect
your full image among all whose lives touch ours.
In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Gloria

Glory to the Creator,
and the Christ and the Spirit so near,
as it was from the start,
so it shall be forever, one God, always here.

Children attending Sunday School go to their designated line up spot after the **Gloria**. Teachers and guides will be holding signs to help you locate where your child should line up!

Wake Up Time

Tom Petty

Gathering of Grace Band

Scripture Reading

John 4:1-42

Pew Bible NT pg. 94

Reader The Word of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God!**

I've Just Come from the Fountain

Anthony Giamanco

Chancel Choir

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AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

John Newton, 1779; alt.

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
Desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

Descant

3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring-ing from e -
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and

fire ap - pear For a glo - ry

of our God; God, whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply thy sons and a
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a

cov - ering, Show - ing that the Lord is near.

bro - ken, Formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 daugh - ters And all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, Show - ing that the Lord is near.

Thus de - riv - ing light by night and

On the rock of a - ges found-ed, What can shake thy
 Who can faint while such a riv - er Ev - er flows their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner Light by night and

shade by day, Safe they feed on

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst to as - suage? Grace, which like the Lord the
 shade by day, Safe they feed up - on the

man - na Which God gives them when they pray.

round - ed, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er, Nev - er fails from all age to they foes.
 man - na Which God gives them when they pray.

Sermon **Living Water**

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Call to Offering

Offertory **Doctor My Eyes**

Jackson Browne

Gathering of Grace Band

*Doxology *(Please, join in singing.)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host;
praise God, and Christ and Holy Ghost.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Plymouth Covenant *(Please, join in reading.)*

**In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus,
we unite for the worship of God,
and the service of all.
We seek to know the will of God
and to walk in God's ways,
made known or to be made known to us;
to love one another;
to proclaim the Gospel to all the world;
to work and pray for the progress of knowledge,
the promotion of justice, the reign of peace,
and the realization of our shared humanity.
And we look with faith for the triumph of
righteousness and the gift of life eternal. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Leader God is with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to God.

Leader Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader Let us pray...

Sanctus (Please, join in singing.)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father/Creator, 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements



Communion Music

O Rest in the Lord • F. Mendelssohn
Mary Marathe

Pie Jesu • Gabriel Fauré
Emily Bennett

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader Let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving together.
People **Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have
refreshed us at your table. Now strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another, and send us forth
into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the
power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Sheet music for the first stanza. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is common time (4/4). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music consists of a series of eighth-note chords.

1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be-hold, I free-ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

Sheet music for the second stanza. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is common time (4/4). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music consists of a series of eighth-note chords.

lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
the liv-ing wa-ter, thirst-y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un-to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

Sheet music for the third stanza. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is common time (4/4). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music consists of a series of eighth-note chords.

I came to Je-sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream; my
I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

Sheet music for the fourth stanza. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is common time (4/4). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music consists of a series of eighth-note chords.

found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done.

Sheet music for the fifth stanza. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is common time (4/4). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music consists of a series of eighth-note chords.

*Benediction

Congregational Response *(People seated and singing.)*

**God be with you till we meet again.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.
Amen.**

Plymouth Chimes

Postlude

High School Handbell Choir

O Sing to the Lord

Jason Krug

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman
Liturgist: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean
Lay Readers: Phillip Kroh, Jeanne Fridell, Steve Bradt
Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz
Gathering of Grace Band: Pam Gibbs, Arthur Dodge, Tom Holland, Patrick McCarty
Acolytes: Eleanor and Harrison Wood
Welcome Team Leaders: Ron and Su Johnson
Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Gleeson
Cameras and Video: Aaron Polson



Welcome
New to Plymouth?
Please, let us know!



MARCH 3 • 10AM-3PM



The Light Still Shines

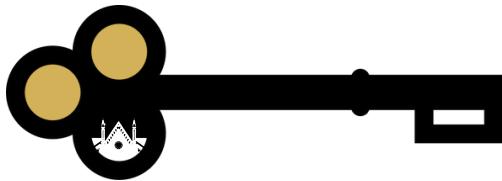
Plymouth's 2026 Annual Meeting

The 2026 Annual Meeting is **TODAY**, immediately following the 9:30 Combined Worship Service.



2025 Annual
Report online
[PDF]





Enter In

Note these important dates and plan to attend one or all of them. Families are encouraged to attend.

Soup, Learn, Share

Wednesday, February 11 • 5:30-7:30pm
The Mayflower Room

The Project Management Committee will host a soup supper beginning at 6:30pm with several information roundtables available to share current news from the Project Management Committee and to answer your questions and hear your concerns. Some of the roundtables will include: **Designing a Worship Experience with an Enlarged Chancel**, **Touring the Sanctuary to See/Hear About Proposed Changes**, **Financing “Enter In,” How it Works with Risks/Rewards**, **Worshiping in a Renovated Sanctuary – What and How**, and **Sharing Facts About Enter In**.

The History of Change at Plymouth Church

Sunday, February 15 • 10:45 - 11:30am
The Mayflower Room

The History of Change at Plymouth Church presented by Plymouth Historian Susan McCarthy. Susan will review the significant changes made with the Plymouth Church structure, giving special attention to sanctuary changes. Time will be allotted for questions and comments.



If you missed the January 22 **Interactive Learning Session with Eric Keebler**, you can watch the video here!



In this meeting, Eric discussed his preparations to design the renovated west end of the sanctuary through a study of changes made with the Plymouth pipe organ, the choir loft, and organ casework. Eric has completed the new casework design for Enter In with acoustic improvements for Plymouth's new organ.

Save the Date:
Called Congregational Meeting February 22, immediately following a Combined Worship Service at 9:30am.

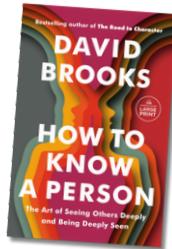
Lenten Wednesdays at Plymouth Church



Spiritual Book Club

Facilitated by **Judith Galas**

This Lent the Spiritual Book Club will read David Brooks' *How to Know a Person: the Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*.



The book, which is \$20 in paperback, is widely available. The Raven Bookstore can have it within five days of your order.

Judith Galas will facilitate the book discussion. Judith asks that you sign up only if you know that you can make the first meeting and most of the others. Contact her at judithcgalas@gmail.com. It's possible this new beginning will help establish an ongoing spiritual book club at Plymouth.



Centering Prayer

Facilitated by

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman



Prayer seems like a simple practice, but that doesn't mean it's always easy. Practicing together with a good teacher helps. Wednesday evenings during Lent we'll gather to practice and study Centering Prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating, a Trappist monk who brought monastic prayer to the local congregation.

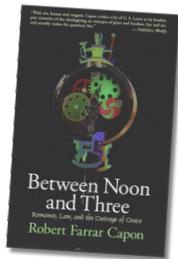
Expect contemplative silence, some video and in-person teaching, and companionship as we learn to pray together. No previous experience or study necessary.



The Radical Grace of God

Facilitated by **Rev. Michael Brecke**

A Lenten discussion about the radical grace of God, based on Robert Farrar Capon's book "From Noon to Three: Romance, Law, and the Outrage of Grace." Robert Farrar Capon is an Episcopal priest and author. In this book he explores God's radical grace, how we relate to that grace and its relationship to and between "the law and the Gospel." This will be a no holds barred, freewheeling discussion of God's grace and our comfort zones.



Baptism Class

Facilitated by **Rev. Caroline Dean**

This will be a small group for parents, adults, and older youth seeking baptism. We will have interactive teaching sessions, share resources and explore baptism together. Most of all it will be a great way to connect with other families and members at Plymouth. Childcare is available.

Wednesday Nights*

February 25-April 1 6-7pm

Childcare available.

*We will not meet on March 18, Spring Break week!



**Sign Up
Online Here**

Kids at Plymouth Wednesdays



Kidz Camp!



Kidz Camp! is a place for kids about to go into kindergarten through elementary school to gather for learning and play, singing songs and playing games from **Tall Oaks Church Camp**.



K-1st Grade and 4th-5th Grade "Our Whole Lives" Courses

Our Whole Lives equips children & adults with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture.

Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, Our Whole Lives not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

For K-1st Grade OWL, a parent or caregiver is encouraged to attend with their K-1 student.



**More
Details &
Sign Up
Online Here**

Sunday Evenings



The 8th grade Stepping Stone small group will gather at Plymouth on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6pm on the following dates:
Sunday, February 22 (Students and Parents),
Sunday, March 1 (Parents Only) and
Sunday, March 8 (Students and Parents)

Save the date for our 8 Grade Stepping Stone Blessing on **Sunday, March 29** in worship.



8th Grade Stepping Stone Small Group

Plymouth's Stepping Stone program is a cradle-to-graduation family ministry that transforms faith formation for children, youth and parents. Stepping Stone gatherings encourage and equip parents to be confident and effective faith mentors for their youth. In these groups you will find spiritual practices and transformative conversations with other parents about things that really matter to parents and students at key junctures in your child's development.

These groups are for parents and youth in 8th grade. There is one meeting with parents only.

You will also receive extra resources & take-home rituals. Susie Roman will be facilitating the 8th grade Stepping Stone group.

Email Rev. Caroline Dean with any questions:
associatepastor@plymouthlawrence.com



Sign Up Online Here



FIRST ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

NAVIGATING NEW DIRECTIONS

TALL OAKS CONFERENCE CENTER
LINWOOD, KANSAS

MARCH 6-8 2026

The **First Annual Men's Retreat** will be led by **Pastor Keith Herron** as we explore **Navigating New Directions**, learning to travel in our stories, even as they change.

Life can be seen as a cycle of from dependence to independence to interdependence and circling back again.

We'll explore stories we hold in the library of our own lives, and we'll explore how we change the trajectory of our lives by navigating new directions as we consider the threshold moments of formation, integration, and intimacy as part of a meaningful whole.



**MORE DETAILS
& REGISTRATION**

TATTOOS ON THE HEART

RETURNING TO OURSELVES

PLYMOUTH WOMEN'S RETREAT

FEBRUARY 27 & 28, 2026

SOPHIA SPIRITUALITY CENTER

ATCHISON, KANSAS

FULL DETAILS AND
REGISTRATION
ONLINE HERE



TOGETHER WE WILL EXPLORE PARABLES OF KINSHIP ILLUMINATING GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND EACH PERSON'S INHERENT GOODNESS THROUGH SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES, INDIVIDUAL JOURNALING, PRAYER PRACTICES AND THE ARTS.

FATHER GREGORY BOYLE WRITES BEAUTIFULLY ON THESE THEMES IN HIS BOOKS "TATTOOS ON THE HEART" AND "CHERISHED BELONGING."

THERE IS NO REQUIRED READING FOR THE RETREAT; HOWEVER, READING EITHER/OR (OR EVEN A PART OF ONE!) WOULD BE AN INSPIRING WAY TO DEEPEN YOUR RETREAT EXPERIENCE.

Sunday School and Children's Choir

Rooms for Sunday School

- Preschool Room 106 S
- K-1st Grade Room 205 S
- 2nd-3rd Grade Room 210 S
- 4th-5th Grade Room 206 S

Nursery is in Room 105 S • A nursing/quiet room is in 104 S

Rooms for Choir

- Cherub Choir (Pre K-1st Grade) Room 205 S
- Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade) Room 204 S
- Chapel Choir (6th-12th Grade) Chapel

Chapel Choir meets at 10:30am

Worship Bags and Coloring Pages can be found in the Narthex. Children are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Celebration (approximately at 9:45am) and go to Children's Choir afterwards from 10:30-11am.

Additional Sunday School and Children's Choir information can be found on the bulletin board at the South Entrance.

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