

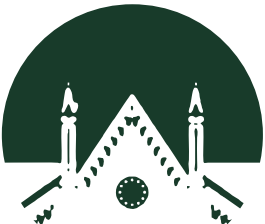


Called to Grow

In Service of All

Gathering of Grace

Sunday • November 9 • 2025



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Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Annual Appeal 2026: **Called to Grow**

*Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus

Oh soul are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness to see
There's a light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

His words shall not fail you, He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell

Chorus

*Passing of the Peace

*Invocation

*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.**

Scripture Reading

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Pew Bible HB pg. 849

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

Word Through Music

Sermon

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Call to Offering

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Ben Harper

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.**

Walk On

U2

People's Prayer

Respond after each petition with **"Lord, Hear Our Prayers."**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our 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.**



*In Christ There is no East or West

**In Christ there is no East or West, No North or South;
Only one great love, Inside and out.**

**True hearts everywhere Some deaf and some blind
Singin' one melody Lost souls cannot find.**

**Join hands and have faith, Whatever your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both East and West, There is no
black or white, Only one great love Hatred cannot divide.**

**Join hands and have faith, Forgive your enemy
Surely we're all part of one big family.**

**Join hands, have faith, Whatever your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.**

**Join hands and have faith, Forgive your enemy
Surely we're all a part of one big family.**

*Blessing

*Closing Song

**God be with you 'til we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you 'til we meet again.**

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Liturgist: Rev. Michael Brecke

Lay Reader: Cindy Novelo

Gathering of Grace Band: Pam Gibbs,
Arthur Dodge, Tom Holland, Patrick McCarty

Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Gleeson

Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer

JUST FOOD SUPPORT



With the current uncertainty and delays in funding for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Plymouth's Service and Justice Board has taken immediate action to support food assistance in Douglas County.

Volunteer your time

Later this month, Just Food will be distributing food items for Thanksgiving dinners. Customers of Just Food are signing up in advance for the grocery items needed to make a Thanksgiving meal. On November 20, from 3 to 5 p.m., 8-10 volunteers are needed to help distribute these meal packages. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at the Mission Table on November 9 and November 16 between services.

Food Donations

To donate food items, we have collection containers at both the north and south entrances to the church. A list of Most Needed Food Items will be available at the Featured Ministries Table.

We need a few volunteers to take the collected items over to Just Food. There will be a sign-up sheet for delivery volunteers at the Mission Table.

Monetary contributions

You can contribute to this emergency fund being organized through DCCF as a collective effort by making a donation here.

Pastors' Emergency Fund

Poinsettias 2025

Each year during the Christmas season, we decorate our sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias.

Order
Online



Plymouth members and friends purchase the poinsettias, often in memory or in honor of loved ones. Others give directly to the **Pastors' Emergency Fund**. Likewise, our pastors use the Pastors' Emergency Fund to assist Plymouth members, friends, and community members in need.



**Please plan ahead for
your 2025 gifts to
Plymouth at year end!**

The postal service is not as quick as it once was. Please keep in mind potential delays with mail delivery. Gifts received to the Church office by December 31, 2025 will be included on your 2025 Giving Statements.



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Plymouth's 2026 Annual Appeal



Don't forget to turn in your pledge card for our Annual Appeal or you can make your pledge online here!

Don't hesitate to reach out to the church office if you have any questions.

Trans Day of Remembrance



Trans Day of Remembrance is the day on which the LGBTQIA+ Community honors and mourns members of the Trans community who have lost their lives to violence and prejudice during the course of the previous year.

If you have lost a loved one and would like a safe space in which to mourn and honor their memory, the Open and Affirming Committee will be offering a vigil in the small chapel between services on **Sunday, November 16th.**

“Mystery Donor!”

We need your help! One of the many ways people may choose to support Plymouth Church is through the gift of appreciated stock.

We have received a donation into the Church’s Charles Schwab account, but we cannot access the detailed donor information as Schwab has strict confidentiality limitations in place. We would like to give credit to the donor for this gift!

Please help us locate the mystery donor so we may record the gift on their behalf.

Please reach out to Melissa Praderio, the Accountant in the Church office, with any information you may have, or also as a heads up if you donate appreciated stock in the future.

Melissa Praderio
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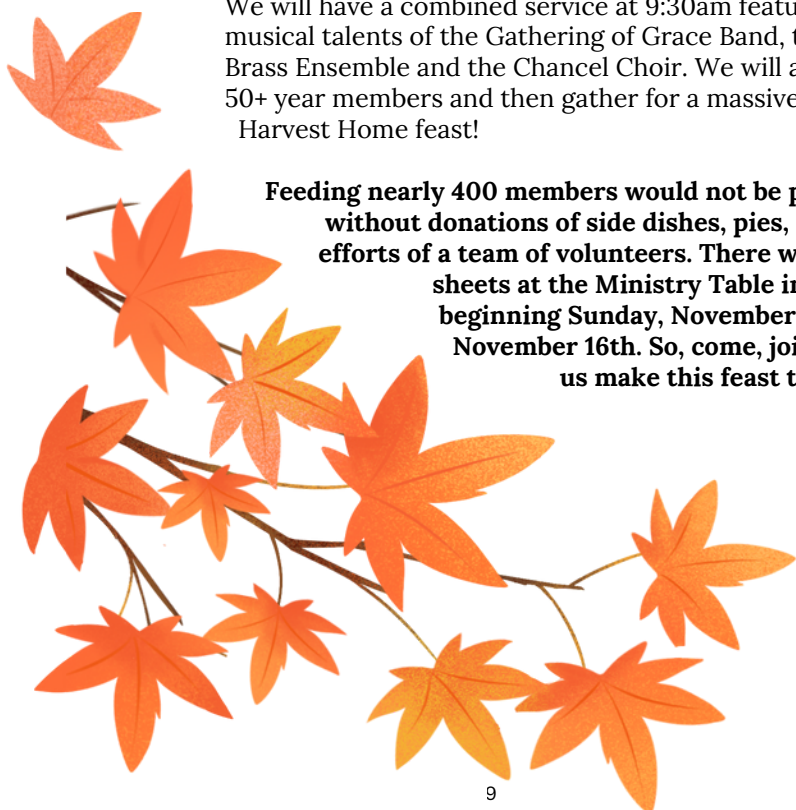
Plymouth's Annual Harvest Home Meal

Sunday • November 23

Come and join us on **Sunday, November 23**, as we express our thanks and gratitude together as a community.

We will have a combined service at 9:30am featuring the musical talents of the Gathering of Grace Band, the Plymouth Brass Ensemble and the Chancel Choir. We will also honor our 50+ year members and then gather for a massive and delicious Harvest Home feast!

Feeding nearly 400 members would not be possible without donations of side dishes, pies, money and the efforts of a team of volunteers. There will be sign up sheets at the Ministry Table in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 2 through November 16th. So, come, join in and help us make this feast the tastiest yet!



Advent Gingerbread House Extravaganza



SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 30

An afternoon of fellowship!—making gingerbread houses, singing carols, and eating a light meal together as we begin Advent.

Create your own gingerbread house masterpieces beginning at 4pm in the Mayflower Room. Kits will be provided for each family. **\$20 per gingerbread house.**

There is no cost for the meal, **but we do need some people to sign up to bring soup, cookies, and bread!** If you sign up to volunteer, you should be at the Mayflower Room at 3pm.

Bring the family and enjoy the fun! Sign up early due to the limited availability of gingerbread houses. Wear festive garb or ugly sweaters!



Sign up here!



This event is sponsored by the
**Board of Christian Education and
Music and Fine Arts Board.**

Plymouth's Advent Bake Sale



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Online



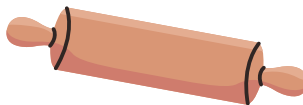
Sunday • December 7

We want your favorite cookies, cakes, pies, bars, breads, Christmas candy, and gingerbread creations for the sale!

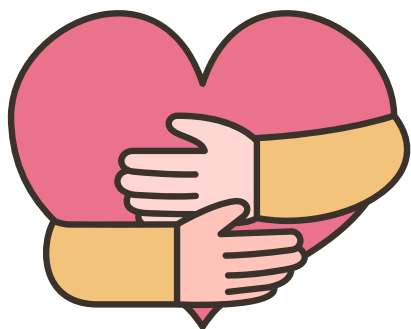
Drop off is available on Saturday, December 6 from 9-11am in the kitchen by the Mayflower Room OR Sunday, December 7 between 8:30 and 9am.

100% of the proceeds go to Plymouth's Mission Partners!

Cookies will be replated so please use minimal packaging!



Chronic Illness Support Session



**Wednesday, November 12
at 3:30 in the Plymouth Chapel**

This presentation and dialogue will address the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical stressors that come with chronic illness and long term discomfort from multiple diagnoses, focusing on the impact on those who care for and love people who suffer with chronic illness.

Christyn Koshmann is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a spiritual care provider chaplain in the Saint Luke's Health System in Kansas City. She provides spiritual and emotional care to those suffering with chronic illness and its impact. She will also share her personal experience with chronic illness and developing effective coping skills.

PLYMOUTH CHANCEL CHOIR MAJOR CHORAL WORK

CAROLS & LULLABIES

DECEMBER 7 - 9:30AM



This charming work is a collection of traditional Spanish Carols ordered to form a narrative. The overriding image is of a Southwestern piñata party for the new baby. Composed and arranged by Conrad Susa, the work is accompanied by harp, classical guitar, and marimba/vibraphone.



WHAT A WONDERFUL SUNDAY TO INVITE FAMILY AND
FRIENDS TO EXPERIENCE MUSIC AND WORSHIP AT PLYMOUTH!



The Hanging of the Greens

**Saturday
November 29 • 9am**

Come and help decorate
Plymouth Church for the Advent
and Christmas seasons!

Trees, lights, garlands, bows,
and ornaments transform
Plymouth into a special, holy
space for Christmastide.

It's a big job, but moves quickly
with many hands to help, and
some jobs can be accomplished
ahead of Saturday if you have
availability during the week.

Contact Kim Manz with an
questions!
music@plymouthlawrence.com



Plymouth Children's Ministry

Welcome to the Gathering of Grace!

Children and youth are encouraged to worship with their families in this service.

Nursery services are available for infants, toddlers and Pre-K children in Room 205 South. We ask you to please bring your children to the nursery by 11:45!

There is also a family room for nursing parents in Room 204 South.

There are worship bags located on the north side of the narthex that are filled for activities and coloring pages for all ages!

If you are interested in learning more about our children's programs, please reach out!

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