

Plymouth Covenant

In the Love of Truth...

11:30 Gathering of Grace
Sunday • July 13 • 2025

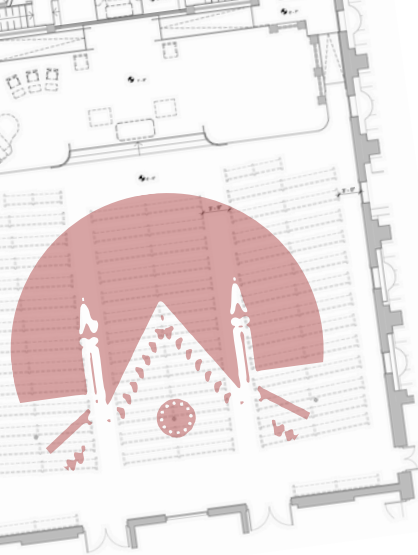
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In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus,
we unite for the worship of God,
and the service of all.

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.





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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment

Head Start Backpacks

*Down to the River to Pray

**As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!**

Oh sisters let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh sisters let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Refrain

Oh brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh brothers let's go down
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Oh fathers let's go down
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Oh mothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh mothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

***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

John 4:7-35

Pew Bible NT pg. 95

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

Word Through Music

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Plymouth Covenant: In the Love of Truth...

Call to Offering

Canticle of the Turning

Rory Cooney

Prayer of Dedication

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

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Doubting Thomas

Nickel Creek

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.**

***I Saw the Light**

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

**I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears, I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Chorus

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Chorus

***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.**



The flowers on the chancel are given by Tom and Mes Beu in memory of their grandmother, Elsie Ireland for her birthday on the 21st of July.

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller Coleman

Liturgist: Rev. Michael Brecke

Lay Readers: Angie and Holly Brownrabbit

Gathering of Grace Band: Pam Gibbs,
Jordan Tucker, Tom Holland, Patrick McCarty

Sound, Lights, and Radio: Phil Cauthon

Cameras and Video: Jeremy Winfrey



Welcome

↖ New to Plymouth?
Please, let us know!



**GIVE
ONLINE**



HEAD START BACKPACK DRIVE ²⁰₂₅

Plymouth is providing our Head Start students entering kindergarten this fall with a filled backpack! We are also collecting socks and underwear for Head Start.

This is a way to ensure these students will have new backpacks brimming with school supplies, just in time for their first day of kindergarten. You can help each of these children start school full of confidence, looking and feeling like their classmates and ready to reach their full potential.

We will begin on Sunday, July 6 and run through the end of July.

You can help by...

- Purchasing from Amazon gift list **Plymouth Backpack Drive 2025**
- Purchasing backpack & supplies and bringing to church
- Making a donation at the Featured Ministry Table or online by scanning the QR code at the table or at the top of this page!



Please contact Chris Deter with any questions:
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Lawrence Public Schools

2025-26 Kindergarten Supply List for 1 Backpack
1 backpack with all requested supplies is \$107.00

Item	#	Type
Washable Markers-8 pack	3	Thick Washable Classic (1 for Art)
Dry Erase Markers	8	Wide (Black)
Pencils	20	#2 (1 for Art)
Antibacterial Wipes	1	
Crayons	2	Crayola, 24 pack
Kleenex	2	100+ Count
Glue Sticks	12	
2-Pocket Folder	2	
Composition Notebook	1	Wide-Rule
Scissors	1	
Headphones	1	Over the Ear-No earbuds
Backpack	1	
Play-Doh	2	
White Copy Paper	1	500 Sheet Package
Liquid Glue	1	
1-inch Binder	1	
Pencil Bag	1	





FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

What: It is time again for Plymouth to host families at Family Promise.

When: Sunday, July 20 - Saturday, July 26

Where: The Family Promise house at 200 Mt. Hope Ct.

Who: Though this could change, there are currently 4 families staying at Mt. Hope (14 people total- 7 adults and 7 kids aged 1-10).

How to Help: We will need many volunteers to make dinners, serve as evening hosts, and donate needed supplies.

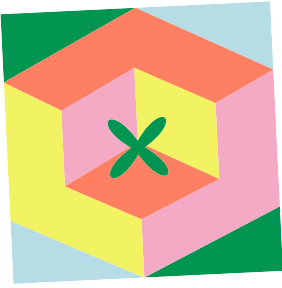


MORE INFORMATION AND SIGN UP!



LINK

Sign up for LINK THIS SUNDAY at the Featured Ministry Table!



Plymouth Art Classes

20
25

upcoming classes

Make Your Own Loom - Weaving Workshop
with Carol Leffler

Artistic Birdhouses – Woodworking
with Tim O'Brien

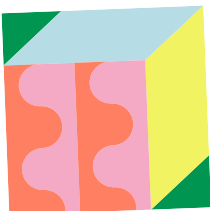
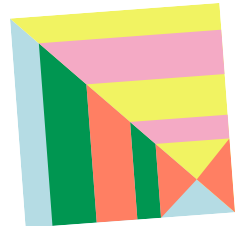
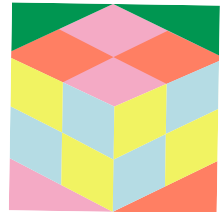
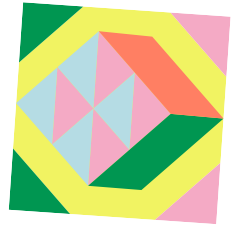
Poured Painting & Mixed Media
with Jan Gaumnitz

Versatile Cylinders in Clay
with Jan Gaumnitz

Watercolor Mindfulness
with Gene Tyner

Homemade Gift Wrap
with Angie Brownrabbit

Cookie Decorating
with Marcia Powers



details and **online**
registration here!



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! christianed@plymouthlawrence.com.

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