



Called to Grow

In Service of All

Gathering of Grace

Sunday • November 2 • 2025



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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Annual Appeal 2026: **Called to Grow**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak but thou are strong
Jesus, keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

**Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, Lord, let it be**

**Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter, Lord, who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee**

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, Lord, let it be

*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

1 Kings 19:1-18

Pew Bible HB pg. 326

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

Word Through Music

Sermon

Rev. Michael Brecke

Call to Offering

The Way I Should

Iris DeMent

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.**

Everybody's Gotta Learn Sometime

Beck

Prayer for the Plymouth Saints

Communion Prayer

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

*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.

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Michael Brecke
Liturgist: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean
Lay Readers: Holly and Angie Brownrabbit
Gathering of Grace Band: Pam Gibbs,
Arthur Dodge, Tom Holland, Patrick McCarty
Sound, Lights, and Radio: Bob Newton
Cameras and Video: Jeremy Winfrey

Another “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!

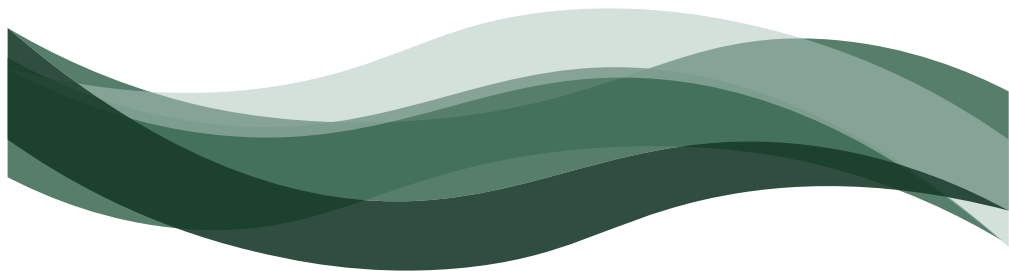
Please help us locate the mystery donor so we may record the gift on their behalf.

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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Welcome

New to Plymouth?

Please, let us know!



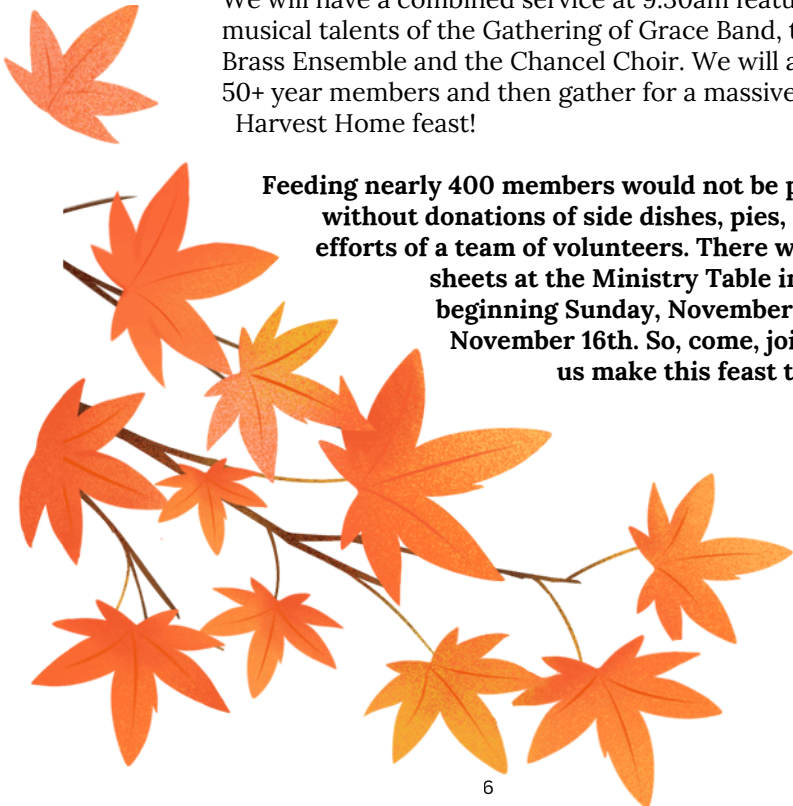
Plymouth's Annual Harvest Home Meal

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!



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.



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's Advent Bake Sale



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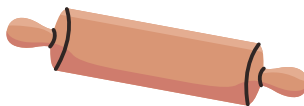
Sunday • December 7

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!



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!

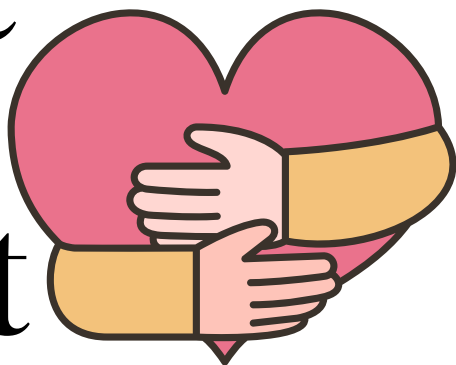


Sign up here!



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

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 Handbell Wreath Sale Last Day to Order!

Support the Handbell Choirs! The Plymouth Handbell Choirs are selling fresh greenery, wreaths, swags, garlands, and centerpieces to provide funds for purchasing music, mallets, stands, folders, polish, and upkeep on the handbells.

Purchased items will be delivered to Plymouth for pick up before Thanksgiving. All items may also be shipped directly to distant relatives or friends, making a no-hassle early Christmas present that can be enjoyed throughout the season!



Please visit the handbell table between services in the Narthex.
The last date to order is Sunday, November 2.

For more information, please contact Kim Manz
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PLYMOUTH PLAYERS DINNER THEATER

THE CHAIRMAN'S TABLE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**Today is the last day to make
your reservations!**

A musical revue of songs recorded and made famous by Frank Sinatra. Join the Plymouth Players for an evening of food, fun, music and fellowship.

Social Time 5:30pm • Dinner at 6pm

Ticket sales are open!
Sign up at the ministry table on Sunday mornings or by emailing Kim Manz.

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS AND
PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED



AN EVENING WITH OLD BLUE EYES

Menu: Vegetable Lasagna, Roasted Turkey, Roasted Red Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Salad, Roll, Dessert

We can always use kitchen help! Please let Kim Manz know if you could help on Friday or Saturday:

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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!

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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