

9:30 • Celebration of Worship

May 5 • 2024



Chancel Choir Spring Major Choral Work

The Gift of Life

Six Canticles of Creation

✿ John Rutter ✿

*Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!*

*Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the
heavens!*

🌿 Psalm 148:1-4

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*please stand in body or spirit when you see an **

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth
Michael Burkhardt

***Call to Worship**

One Come into God's house with glad and grateful hearts!
Many **Come sing praise to God, from whom all blessings flow.**

One Lift up your hearts, for God has done mighty things!
Many **All who live and breathe and have their being, praise the Lord!**

All **All glory, laud and honor be unto God most high!**

* From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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

O Lord, our God, how precious
is your name in all the earth.
Our hearts rise up, filled with gratitude
for all we receive so freely from you.

Move among us in this hour of worship
that our lives might shine forth your light
in all we say and do and strive to become.
Make a blessing of us, O God.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

*Gloria

Glory to the Creator,
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Reception of New Members

*Pledge of the Congregation

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church.
We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hope
and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the
Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's
knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen savior.

*Children are invited to attend Children's Chapel in the Mayflower Room
and Nursery at this time.*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

Pew Bible pages 582-583

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

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Isaac Watts, 1719

Unison

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song, To ev - ery land the strains be -
3. E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at - tends Thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's
long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
word: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thy praise shall sound from

Harmony

name be sung Through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
voic - es raise And fill the world with joy - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia!
shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



The Gift of Life

Six Canticles of Creation

✧ John Rutter ✧

The six movements of this beautiful choral work reflect different facets of the miracles of creation and life. It is a celebration of the living earth and its creation. According to John Rutter, the composer, “it offers a kaleidoscope of moods from contemplative and prayerful to majestic and inspirational.”

The Gift of Life is accompanied by piano, organ, harp, timpani, and percussion.

O all ye works of the Lord

- O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
- O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
- O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
- O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
- O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye light and darkness, ye lightnings and clouds: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
- O let the earth bless the Lord: yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.
- O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.

O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
O ye wells, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify O ye seas and floods,
bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O let Israel bless the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, ye holy and humble men of heart,
bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

(Canticle of the Three Holy Children,
from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, (Gloria in excelsis Deo)
Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Traditional doxology)

The tree of life

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

This beauty doth all things excel;
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

The tree of life...

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed for all, but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm wearied with my former toil,
Here I shall sit and rest awhile;
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

The tree of life...

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

The tree of life...

(from the collection of Joshua Smith,
New Hampshire, 1784)

O Lord, how manifold are thy works

O Lord, how manifold are thy works:

in wisdom hast thou made them all;
the earth is full of thy riches.

Thou cover'dst it with the deep like as with a garment:

the waters stand in the hills.

He sendeth the springs into the rivers: which run among the hills.

All beasts of the field drink thereof: and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation:

and sing among the branches.

He bringeth forth grass for the cattle: and green herb for the service of men.

The trees of the Lord also are full of sap:

even the cedars of Libanus which he hath planted;

Wherein the birds make their nests:

and the fir-trees are a dwelling for the stork.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats:

and so are the stony rocks for the conies.

The lions roaring after their prey: do seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, and they get them away together:

and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all;

the earth is full of thy riches.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever:

the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

(from Psalm 104)

For all the gifts of God's creation fashioned by his mighty hand:

Earth and heaven, and all things living springing up at his command;

To God on high be endless glory, praise and honour to his Name,

Who was, and is, and ever shall be, through eternity the same.

How rich and fair his works of nature, bird and beast and tree and flower;

All that lives, and has its being under God's almighty power!

To him who reigns in endless glory, praise and honour to his Name,

Who was, and is, and ever shall be, through eternity the same. Amen.

(John Rutter)

The gift of each day

The gift of each day rising out of darkness:
the promise of light and the birth of new life,
the dawn of new hope and a new beginning,
if we turn to the light;

The gift of each day stirring all around us:
the sights of the earth, and sea, and sky,
Forever fresh as the day we first saw them,
forever new as creation's first day.

Domine, gratias agimus tibi;
Lord God, we give you thanks, blessing, and praise.
Behold creation, so filled with miracles,
Benedictus es, benedictus es, Domine.

The gift of each day has been freely granted:
the gift of creation in glory revealed.
We thank you, Lord, for all its blessings,
we thank you, Lord, for the gift of each day,
your good gift of each day, we thank you, Lord, for the gift of each day.

(John Rutter)

Believe in life

Believe in life as a stream ever flowing;
Believe in life as a tree ever growing:
The tree of life, with its branches high in the sky
and its roots so deep in the earth.

Believe in hope as a flame ever burning;
Believe in hope, like the springtime returning;
Believe in hope, lift your eyes up unto the hills,
whence comes our help from the Lord,
the Lord who made the heaven and earth.

Every step that you take could start a journey,
All the strangers you meet could turn to friends.
If you open your eyes new worlds will arise if you just believe in your life,
believe in your hopes, believe in your dreams.

The stream rolls onward; all things must pass.
Our earthly days are short, all flesh as grass,
But through all ages long since time began,
There stands the tree of life, God's sign to man.

(John Rutter)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree. Amen.

(from the collection of Joshua Smith,
New Hampshire, 1784)

Call to Offering

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

Erin Wood, harp

arr. Frank Voltz

*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.**

Mission Moment

Enter In
at Plymouth Church

Call to Prayer *(When prompted, join in bold text and singing.)*

Leader The Lord be with you,
People **and also with you.**

Calm to the waves. **Calm to the wind.** Je - sus whis-pers, "Peace, be still."

The first system of musical notation is in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It also consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody concludes with a final cadence in the treble staff, marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

(Sing again, Calm the Waves...)

*Let All Creation Dance

1. Let all cre - a - tion dance in en - er - gies sub -
 2. God's breath each force un - furls, ig - nit - ing from a
 3. Our own a - maz - ing earth, with sun - light, cloud and
 4. Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all prais - es

lime, as or - der turns with chance, un - fold - ing space and
 spark ex - pand - ing star - ry swirls, with whirl - pools dense and
 storms and life's a - bun - dant growth in love - ly shapes and
 meet and na - ture shall re - joice as all is made com -

time, for na - ture's art in glo - ry grows, and
 dark. Though moon and sun seem mind - less things, each
 forms, is made for praise, a frag - ile whole, and
 plete. In hope be strong, all life be - friend and

new - ly shows God's mind and heart.
 or - bit sings: "Your will be done."
 from its soul heav'ns mu - sic plays.
 kind - ly tend cre - a - tion's song.

*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

Erin Wood, harp

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. Kim Robertson

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Liturgist: Rev. Heather Coates

Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz

Lay Reader: Linda Mannering

Sound, Light, and Radio: Mark Maziar

Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



WELCOME

NEW TO PLYMOUTH?

 PLEASE, LET US KNOW!



Choir

Soprano

Barbara Ballard
Emily Bennett
Lavenna Boyer
Nancy Bregman
Merilee Dymacek
Griffin Eason
Genee Figuieras
Beth Harrison
Janeal Krehbiel
Donna McDaniel
Paula Pepin

Alto

Chris Collister
Sue Denning
Becky Eason
Julie Fuller
Judy Kettle
Sharon Kindall
Mary Marathe
Helen Martin
Stacy Mendez
Mimi Meredith
Neila Nelson
Janice Nicklaus
Jaci Pierce
Lee Thompson
Chelsea Troyer
Robin Wood

Tenor

Tim Geller
Bob Gent
Don Johnston
Mukund Marathe
Genaro Mendez
Greg Nelson

Bass

Steve Bradt
Randy Fuller
Harry McDaniel
Reed Schenkel
George Smith
Jim Whitenight
Brian Wolfe

Instrumentalists

Marilyn Epp, piano
Tandy Reussner, organ
Erin Wood, harp
Patrick McCarty, timpani & percussion
Collin Watgen, percussion



coffee hour

MAYFLOWER ROOM

fellowship • coffee • tea • cookies
sundays between services



contemplative practices & meditation

MEETING BETWEEN SUNDAY SERVICES
ROOM 205N THIS SUNDAY



May 2024 Plymouth Church

New Members



Cris Darmon

My husband, Ron, and I retired to Lawrence in June 2019 to live closer to our daughter and son and our grandchildren, and my brother, Jack Brewer, who is also a member of Plymouth. We enjoy traveling, especially to the mountains to hike and enjoy the beauty. We have to pinch ourselves to believe we live about a block from all our family.

I have enjoyed being part of the flower ministry and also visiting with Plymouth members now living in assisted living facilities. I look forward to future volunteer opportunities. I appreciate and believe in the open and affirming mission of the church and the many ways to support the social needs of our community.



Belinda & Kerry Hunt

Kerry and Belinda Hunt met in Texas during high school and after college decided to get married. Kerry was an engineering officer in the US Air Force and Belinda was a teacher. They lived in interesting places and had three daughters during their 22 years as a military family. They then lived in the Wichita area for 20 years, where Kerry was a project manager and ran the Federal Design Studio at GLMV Architecture. He was also active in prison ministry and mentoring the formerly incarcerated. Belinda was active in women and homeless ministries in the UM Church and NAMI. Their 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren live in and near Lawrence and are the main reason for moving here in 2022. They are volunteers at the DARE center and look forward to participating in the ministries at Plymouth and enjoying life in Lawrence.



Renae Johnson

Our family moved to Lawrence from St. Louis in 2016. My husband Clay and I have five children in various stages of being in or moving toward adulthood. I have been attending Plymouth for a year or two because I wanted to become part of an open & affirming, and social justice-minded congregation. I work for Lawrence Public Schools as a para, a job that fits well with having children in the district and a now-adult son who benefitted from para support over the years. My son Eliot and husband Clay often attend Plymouth with me. I am originally from Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois, then lived in Syracuse, NY, where Clay attended law school and I earned an M.S. in higher education. I have been part of a wonderful small group here and look forward to becoming more involved with the church and outreach activities by becoming an official member.



Ryan King

Ryan is a native Lawrencian, an avid basketball fan, a parent, a spouse, and a professional shower singer. They currently work as a systems administrator for a wealth management company, and volunteers with the church's youth group and Sunday School classes. Ryan appreciates Plymouth's open and affirming theology and its focus on racial and social justice work.



Bobby McGehee

I enjoy watching tv and movies, taking walks, and playing video games. I live in Lawrence KS and have lived here since I was 6 years old. I was born in Arkansas. From August 2004 and forward, I lived with my parents until I moved out on my own in 2022. Now I live with my roommate Chris. I started attending this church with my friends and I want to join to reconnect with my faith and find myself.



Mary Marathe

Mary grew up in Anthony, Kansas where she attended, was baptized and confirmed in the local Congregational Church. She also discovered her love of music there, playing the French Horn and singing. Mary attended KU and has degrees in Music Ed and Voice. She was hired by Jim Moeser to be the alto section leader at Plymouth from 1968–1973. After graduation she moved to New York City and made her living as a professional singer for 45 years. Mary and her husband Mukund retired and moved back to Lawrence in 2018. Mary rejoined the Plymouth Choir with her husband in 2019. She also plays in the adult bell choir and has performed with her husband in a number of the dinner theater productions. Becoming a member of Plymouth feels like returning home.



Mike Maude

Mike is retired having spent most of his career in fundraising for nonprofit organizations and as a consultant to a broad variety of institutions across the country. He grew up in Kansas City, graduated from KU with a degree in English, lived in Topeka for 26 years, and has resided in Lawrence for over 20 years. He enjoys writing, making jewelry and fused glass, cooking, and especially traveling. Mike was drawn to Plymouth for two reasons: its commitment to social justice and its heartfelt welcoming of all people regardless of gender or sexual identity. He and his husband Seth share their lives with two hound dogs and a multitude of diverse friends.



Jessica Phillips and Neil Stigall

Jessica and Neil grew up in Richmond, MO and have lived in Lawrence for 3 years. Neil works as an Operations Specialist for World Fuel Services, while Jessica is self-employed as a freelance copywriter. The couple also delivers for DoorDash, which has allowed them to explore more of Lawrence. Jessica has attended Wednesday Bible Study for the past several months. She and Neil enjoy gaming, live music and taking scenic drives. They look forward to meeting more people in the church.



Stacey & Chris Reasoner

Chris and Stacey Reasoner reside in Lawrence and have been married for 26 years. Stacey grew up in Perry KS, Chris grew up in Lawrence. They have 21-year-old twins Joe and Abby. Joe is in the Marine Corps, stationed in California. Abby is a Junior at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Stacey is a graduate of KU, and works at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas in Topeka. Chris is a graduate of Mid-America Nazarene and works for Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development in Kansas City. When not working or visiting their children they enjoy playing with their two Cocker Spaniel puppies. Chris and Stacey look forward to serving in the many ministry opportunities that Plymouth has to offer.



Payton Storms

My name is Payton and I wanted to get back in to church life. I have lived all over Kansas. Lawrence is my favorite place I have lived.



Polly & Ed Sloan

Polly was raised in central Illinois. Ed comes from Iowa. We met at the University of Iowa and moved to Lawrence in 1986 for Ed to go to law school. Polly graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and taught in Lawrence Public Schools. We raised our four children in Lawrence. They are now spread out across the country. We love to travel together and enjoy taking our RV on trips with our two dogs. Polly also loves gardening and reading. We visit our children often and family is a central part of us. We are looking forward to adding Plymouth to our lives.



Enter In

Fellowship Forum Series

Final Sunday • 10:40–11:20 in the Heritage Room

For the final week in the Fellowship Series, **Enter In** for the 2024 Capital Campaign, the conversation will center on the impact and power of joy. Matthew 25:23 is the key scripture for the session. Also check out pages 30 and 33 of the Enter In spiral notebook for this session. Reflection questions will include:

- What is the difference between happiness and joy? How are they the same and how do they differ?
- What is life like when we live with our hearts centered in joy and approach life joyfully?
- What does it mean to create joy in the life of God?
- How do we know if we have entered into the joy of God?

Rev. Fred Kandler, the Spiritual Life Director for the 2024 Capital Campaign, will guide this Fellowship Forum conversation.



Visit the **Enter In** website for information on the capital campaign, how you can join the effort, daily prayer, and even **Enter In** background screens for your phone!





PRIDE

L A W R E N C E • K S

Saturday, June 1st
Parade at 11am
Party in South Park at 12pm

**Learn more and
volunteer online here!**





Springtime CLASSICS

MAY 18, 7:30 P.M.

Plymouth Congregational Church
925 Vermont St.

Matthew Smith, conductor
Creston Herron, guest conductor
KU Director of Orchestral Activities



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Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Fridays • 8am
at HyVee**

**3504 Clinton Parkway
Lawrence, KS 66047**

VBS 2024

KINDOM CRAFTERS

Plymouth Congregational, Trinity Lutheran, and First Baptist are partnering together for Vacation Bible School.

This year's curriculum and theme is Kindom Crafters from Chalice Press. We'll have all the VBS classics: music, bible stories, games, crafts, and snacks.

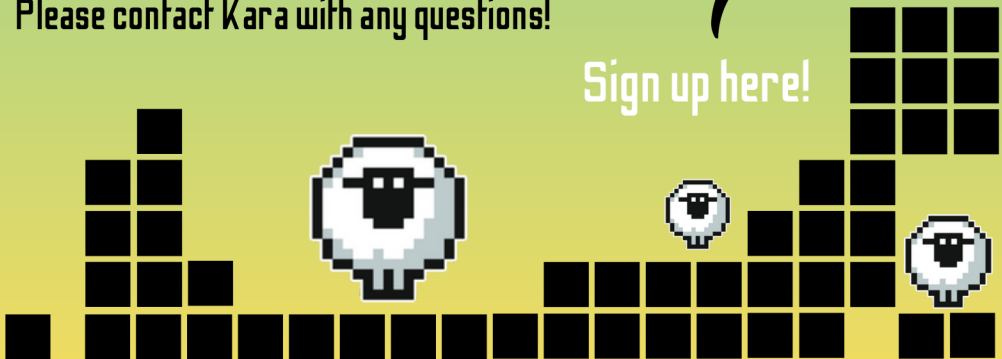
June 10th-13th, 6-7:30pm
First Baptist Church 1330 Kasold Drive Lawrence, KS

Kids ages 4 through finishing 5th grade.

Please contact Kara with any questions!



Sign up here!



Children's Musical

Sunday, May 12

Once Upon a Parable



The Carol and Chapel Children's Choirs are busy rehearsing for their musical "Once Upon a Parable."

Jesus was the consummate storyteller. The parables he told taught, puzzled, amused, and even irritated.

As the children learn the lessons of these stories they understand how relevant they are even today. You'll meet Mary, Martha, some Pharisees, a Prodigal Child, Zaccheus and more.

The May Rock is here. Grab yours today!



Or read **online** here. ➔



Children's Chapel Sunday at Plymouth Church

Today is a Children's Chapel Sunday. Children's Chapel is held every first Sunday of the month. All grades (Pre K-5th) meet in the Mayflower Room. Children's Chapel is focused on teaching children about different ways to worship. Children will then go to choir until 11am.

Rooms for Choir

- **Cherub Choir (Pre K-1st Grade)** Room 205 S
 - **Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade)** Chapel
 - **Chapel Choir (6th-8th Grade)** Chapel
- Chapel Choir meets at 10:30am*

Nursery services available beginning at 9:15 am in 105 S. A nursing and quiet room is in 104 S.

Worship bags and coloring pages can be found in the Narthex



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