



Gospel of John

The Way. The Truth. The Life.

John 4:46-54

9:30 Celebration of Worship

Sunday • February 8 • 2026

Music Notes

The music this morning is quite eclectic, revolving around miracles and the healing power of Jesus.

“Miracles of Miracles” is a laundry list of God providing for his people. If you’re familiar with *Fiddler on the Roof*, you may recall that Motel is singing to his bride-to-be Tzeitel, ending with the declaraiton that, “God has given you to me!,” which, in our context today, reflects that God has given us to one another to be in community together.

Our hymns reference miracles performed by Jesus, his healing power, and the command to go and serve others. **“Shall We Gather at the River”** describes a river full of the water of life – where we may lay our burdens down and finding healing and peace. Anytime is a good time to accept this musical invitation! And concluding worship, **“Ready for a Miracle,”** from the movie *Evan Almighty*, poses the question, “Are you ready for a miracle? The Spirit will set you free.”



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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Reed Schenkel

Miracle of Miracles

Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick

*Call to Worship

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!**

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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LYONS 10.10.11.11

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); alt.



1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 Al - might - y, Thy power hath found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -
 The char - iots of heaven the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree, And
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And



vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

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

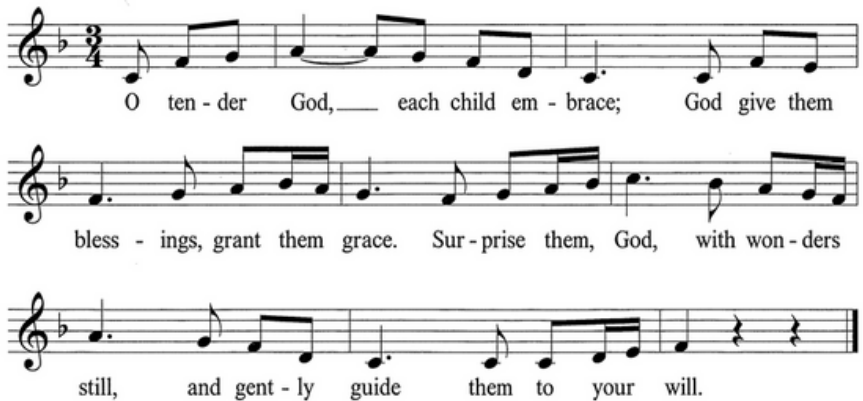
God of Love, we long to know the comfort of your companionship.
We would love you with our whole hearts, if we could.
We ask you to reveal more of yourself to us.
Move with us beyond the confines of familiar habits.
Set us free us from the limitations of our language,
and expand our understanding of 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 to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Children's Hymn

These Treasured Children



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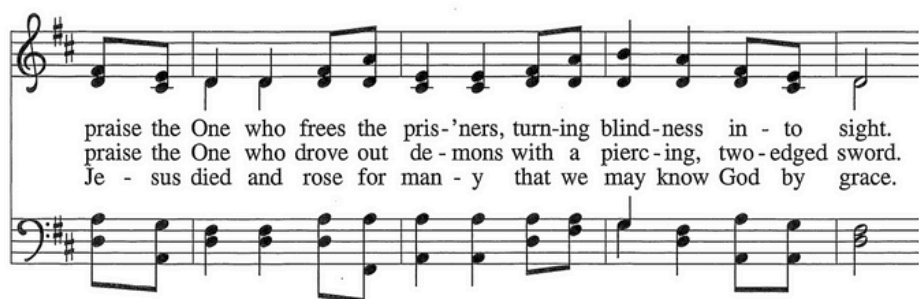
Children's Celebration

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

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



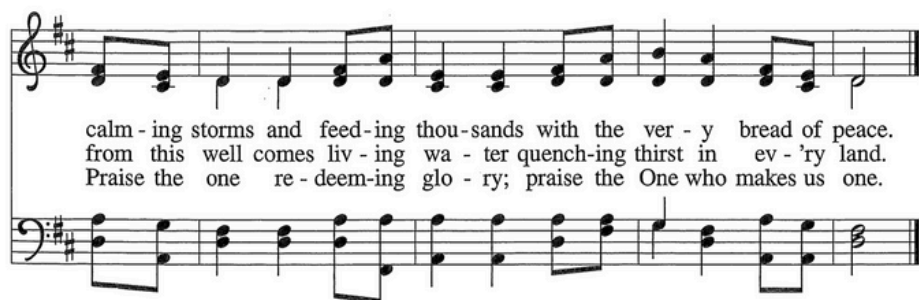
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Scripture Reading

John 4:46-54

Pew Bible NT pg. 96

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

On Our Way Home

Call to Offering

Offertory

Shall We Gather at the River

Albert Travis

Chancel Choir

Melissa Hurst, flute

*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.**

Moment for Mission

Jenny O'Brien
Plymouth Moderator

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

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

Come, Lord Je - sus, Come, Lord Je - sus,

Come, Lord Je - sus; come and be born in our hearts.

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

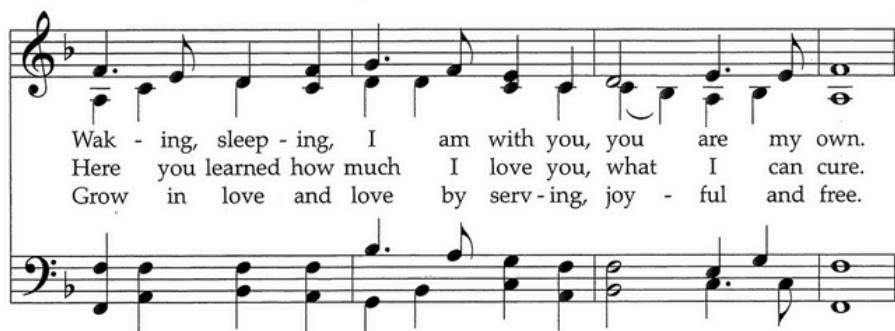
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

(Sing again, Come, Lord Jesus...)

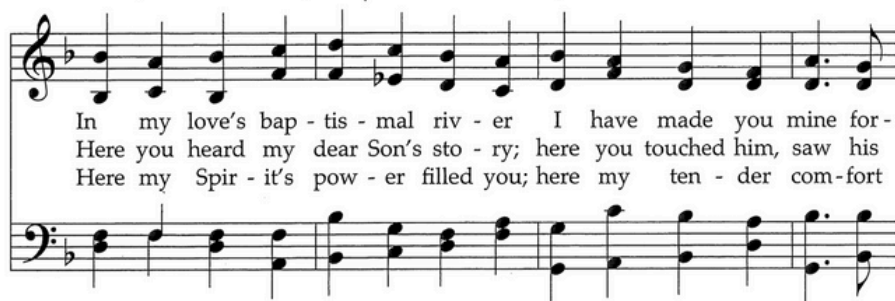
*Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

*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

Genee Figueras

Ready for a Miracle

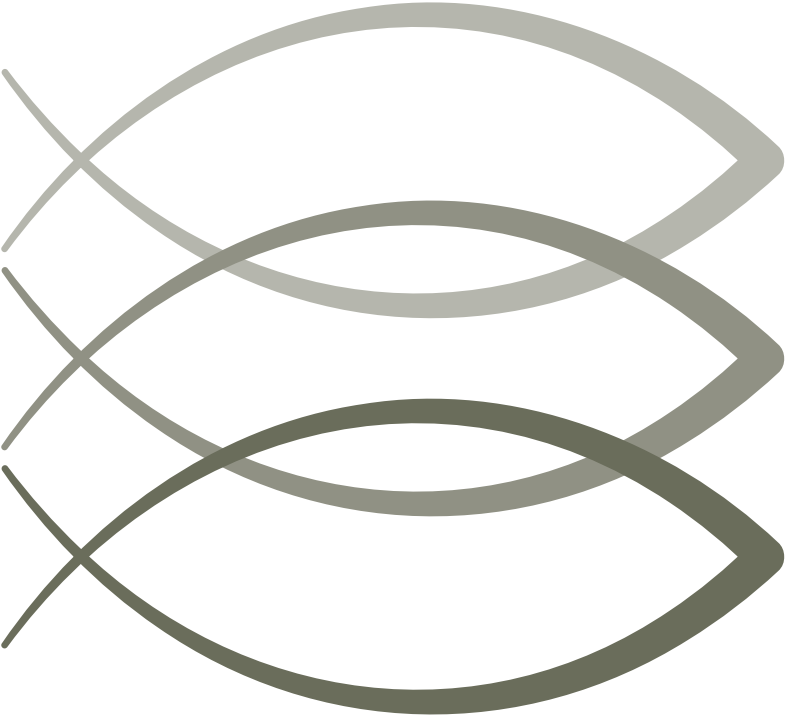
Bunny Hull and Arthur Reynolds



The flowers on the chancel are given by Geraldo Sousa in celebration of David Bergeron and Harold Riehm who are celebrating birthdays today.

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman
Liturgist: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean
Lay Reader: Daniel Jones
Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz
Children's Celebration: Colton Pasquale
Acolyte: Bennett Lyon
Welcome Team Leader: Ruth DeWitt
Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Maziar
Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer



Welcome

New to Plymouth?

Please, let us know!

New around here?

Discover Plymouth is for you!

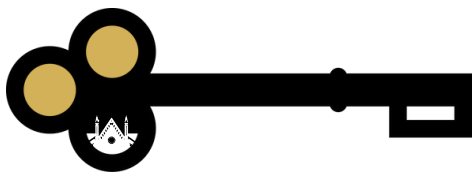
We are people on a mission.

We are a Christian community united for the worship of God and the service of all. We live into that mission by organizing for social justice, by celebrating all loving relationships and the rainbow of gender identity, through amazing faith formation programs for families with children and youth, and small group ministries that feed the soul.

Meet Our
Pastors
10:40am
TODAY

Learn More
About Our Mission
Room
201N





Enter In

Soup, Learn, Share

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

The Project Management Committee will host a soup supper beginning at 5:30pm 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.**

All are encouraged to attend this learning opportunity, but if you know for sure you're coming, your RSVP will be helpful for our planning. **You can RSVP through the Plymouth Office at administration@plymouthlawrence.com or online here.**



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.

Called Congregational Meeting February 22, 2026

A called congregational meeting of Plymouth Congregational Church will be held **February 22, 2026 in the sanctuary at the conclusion of the 9:30 worship service.**

The purpose of the meeting will be to "discuss and vote upon the proposed modifications to the chancel" as requested in a petition received by the Moderator and signed by 5% of the members of the congregation.

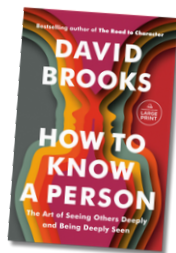
Lenten Wednesdays at Plymouth Church



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.

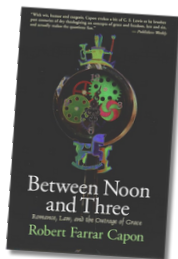




The Radical Grace of God

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**



**Sign Up
Online Here**

Childcare available.

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

Kids at Plymouth Wednesdays



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



Justice Matters

Network Meeting



Plymouth's Justice Matters team invites all Plymouth members and friends to stand up for justice by attending our Annual Network Meeting on Sunday, February 15 at 10:30am in room 202 North.



If you are newer to the Justice Matters community, we will have a breakout session to answer questions and connect with you.



We will be preparing to mobilize our congregation for the Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 26th at 2:00pm at the Double Tree Hotel.

Justice Matters is a local multi-faith organization consisting of faith communities and neighborhood networks coming together to surface, understand and address issues of justice, playing a key role in our community around issues of affordable housing, chronic homelessness, elder care, youth trauma, and restorative practices.



RSVP for the February 15 meeting online here.

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."

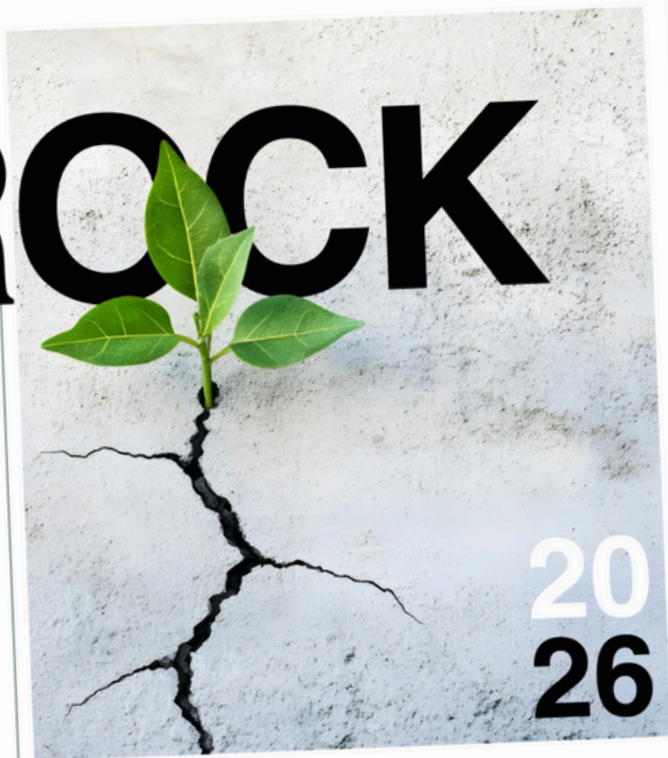
THERE IS NO REQUIRED READING FOR THE RETREAT; HOWEVER, READING EITHER/OR (OR EVEN A PART OF ONE!) WOULD BE AN INSPIRING WAY TO DEEPEN YOUR RETREAT EXPERIENCE.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2026
LENTEN EDITION

INSIDE
COMMUNITY + EDUCATION + LENT
& HOLY WEEK + MUSIC + HISTORY

ROCK

PLYMOUTH CHURCH
LAWRENCE, KANSAS



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Plymouth is a congregation that speaks its mind. In the service of and belief in a loving and accepting God, we gladly own our role as disciples of Jesus Christ in our respective time and place in the world.

TO FIND US ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT:
PLYMOUTH.LAWRENCE.COM



Pick up a copy of the
February/March **ROCK** today.



View online
here.





ASH WED NES DAY

Our **Lenten** journey
begins on Ash
Wednesday.

Join us at **6pm on
February 18** for this
service of worship with
the imposition of ashes.

AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

Wednesday • February 18 • 2026



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**



NEW LOCATION FOR PLYMOUTH WOMEN'S COFFEE

**Beginning February 10 meetings will be at:
Z's Divine Espresso
2350 W. 31st Street**

Please join us as we continue meeting at 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Contact Stacy England by phone or text at 620-262-7986 with questions!



SAVE THE DATE!
BLOOD DRIVE

MARCH 3 • 10AM-3PM

Sunday School and Children's Choir

Rooms for Sunday School

- Preschool
- K-1st Grade
- 2nd-3rd Grade
- 4th-5th Grade

Room 106 S
Room 205 S
Room 210 S
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)
- Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade)
- Chapel Choir (6th-12th Grade)

Room 205 S
Chapel
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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