



Called to Grow

In Service of All

Celebration of Worship
Sunday • November 9 • 2025



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Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

High School Handbell Choir

Prelude on St. Catherine

*Call to Worship

Leader Open our hearts and minds, O God,
People **that we may know you are calling us by name;**

Leader calling us to serve,
People **calling us to share,**

Leader calling us to praise.
All **Move among us, loving God,**
 as we give you thanks and praise!

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples 434

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H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985

English Country Songs, 1893
 Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,
 2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race
 3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a might - y stream,
 4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,

To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,
 To live as stew-ards of the earth, Re - spond-ing to God's grace,
 With righ-teous-ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.
 And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.

To feed the hun-gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
 But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
 For God is long-ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,
 As stew-ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord

To serve the poor and home-less first, Our ease and com-fort last.
 Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat-ens all of life.
 A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo - ny of peace.
 To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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

**God of Love, you bring life and hope to the neighborhood
and deep gratitude to all our living.**

Give us a wider vision of the world;

give us a broader view of justice;

give us dreams of peace

that refuse to be confined by the ways of this world.

Call us to serve, O God, and stir up within us the courage to answer.

In the strength of your Spirit and in the name of 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

Kum ba Yah vs. 1 & 4

338

(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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!

*Beauty for Brokenness



1. Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for des - pair,
2. Shel - ter for frag - ile lives, cures for their ills,
3. Re - fuge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
4. Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
5. Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame,



God in the suf - fer - ing ——— this is our prayer.
 work for the crafts - men, ——— trade for their skills.
 cit - ies for sanc - tu - a - ry, free - doms to share.
 plund - ered and poi - soned, our fu - ture, our dreams.
 un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain;



Bread for the child - ren, jus - tice, joy, peace,
 Land for the dis - po - sessed, rights for the weak,
 Peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched earth to green,
 God, end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed;
 un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,



sun - rise to sun - set your king - dom in - crease. ———
 voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't speak. ———
 Christ for the bit - ter - ness, his cross for the pain. ———
 make us con - tent ——— with the things that we need. ———
 seek your sal - va - tion and bring you their praise. ———

vs. 2, 4, 5 to Refrain



Refrain

God of the poor, — friend of the weak, give us com-pas-
 - sion, we pray, melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
 Come, change our love — from a spark — to a — flame. —

D.S.

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!**

Sermon

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Call to Offering

Offertory

Like a Mighty Stream

Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

*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.**

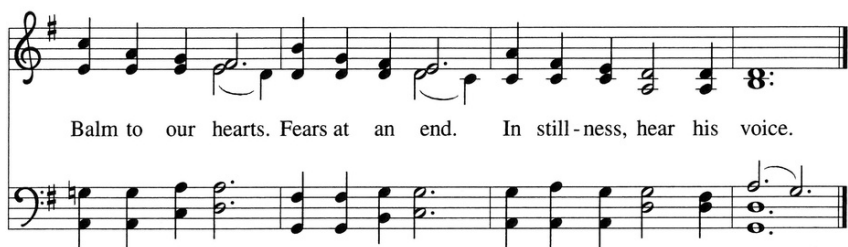
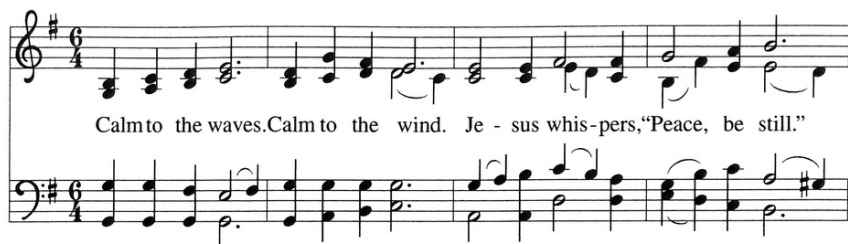
**And we look with faith for the triumph of
righteousness and the gift of life eternal. Amen.**

Moment for Mission

Annual Appeal 2026: **Called to Grow**

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

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



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 to the waves...)

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

En - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
An ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
And jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The image shows a musical score for a three-part setting of the hymn 'Let Justice Flow Like Streams'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are provided for three parts: 1. Soprano/Alto, 2. Tenor, and 3. Bass. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is simple and accessible, suitable for a handbell choir or a small vocal group.

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*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

High School Handbell Choir

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Liturgist: Rev. Michael Brecke

Lay Reader: David Treviño

Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz

Children's Celebration: Colton Pasquale

Acolyte: Lorelei Reuman

Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Gleeson

Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer



Welcome

New to Plymouth?

Please, let us know!

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
accountant@plymouthlawrence.com
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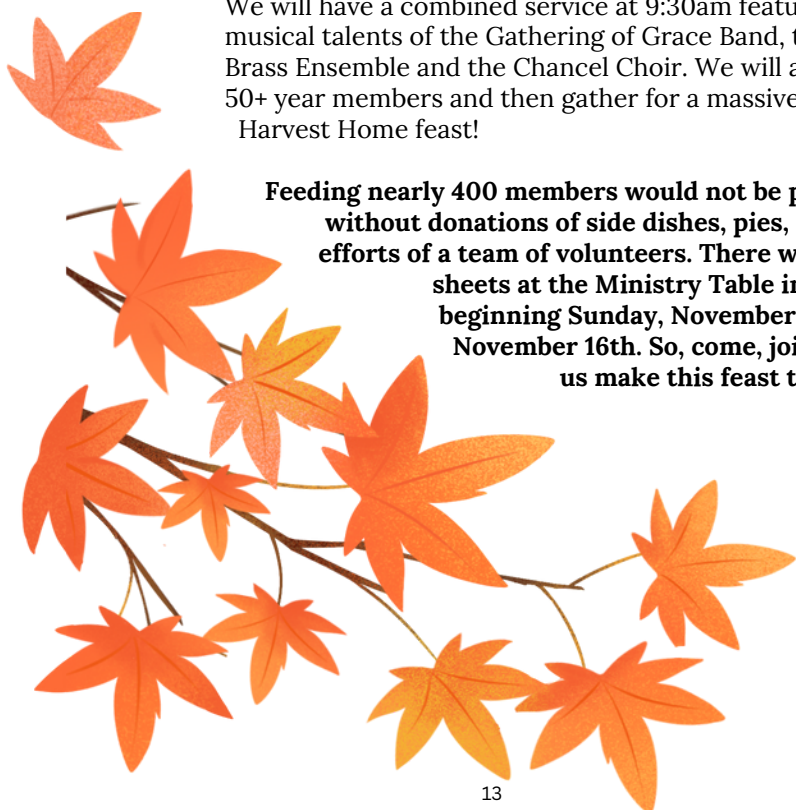
Plymouth's Annual Harvest Home Meal

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



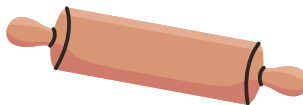
Sunday • December 7

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

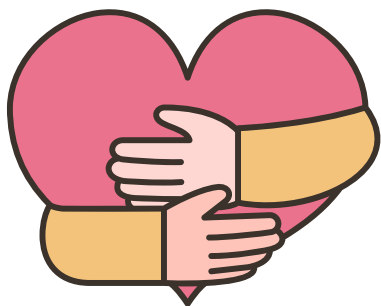
Drop off is available on Saturday, December 6 from 9-11am in the kitchen by the Mayflower Room OR Sunday, December 7 between 8:30 and 9am.

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.

New around here?

**Discover
Plymouth
is for you!**

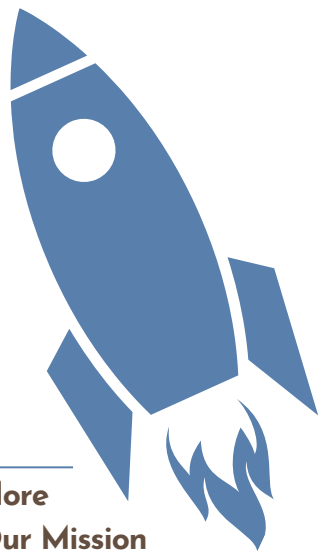
**We are
people on a
mission.**

**Meet Our
Pastors**

**10:40am
TODAY**

**Learn More
About Our Mission**

**Room
201N**



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



Sunday School and Children's Choir

Rooms for Sunday School

- Preschool Room 106 S
- K-1st Grade Room 205 S
- 2nd-3rd Grade Room 210 S
- 4th-5th Grade 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) Room 205 S
 - Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade) Room 204 S
 - Chapel Choir (6th-12th Grade) 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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