



Called to Grow

In Service of All

Gathering of Grace

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Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Annual Appeal 2026: **Called to Grow**

*I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat,
What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story; for some have never heard,
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best,
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story, that I have loved so long.

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

*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

Isaiah 9:1-7

Pew Bible HB pg. 638

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

Word Through Music

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Lorraine Cenicerros

Call to Offering

The Story

Brandi Carlile

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.**

The Climb

Miley Cyrus

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.**

***Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
It runs to heaven and runs right back.

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

***Blessing**

***Closing Song**

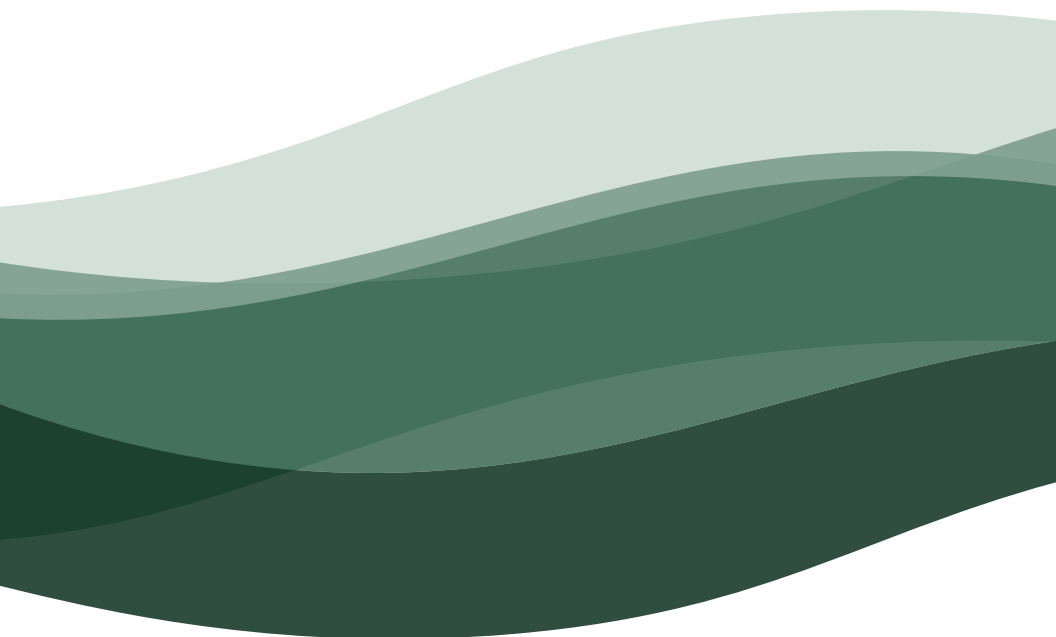
**God be with you 'til we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you 'til we meet again.**



*The flowers on the chancel are given by Barney Korbelik
in Memory of Mia Schraeder Korbelik.*

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Lorraine Cenicerros
Liturgist: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean
Lay Reader: Bob Starr
Gathering of Grace Band: Pam Gibbs,
Arthur Dodge, Tom Holland, Patrick McCarty
Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Gleeson
Cameras and Video: Aaron Polson



Welcome

New to Plymouth?



Please, let us know!

“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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**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.

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.

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

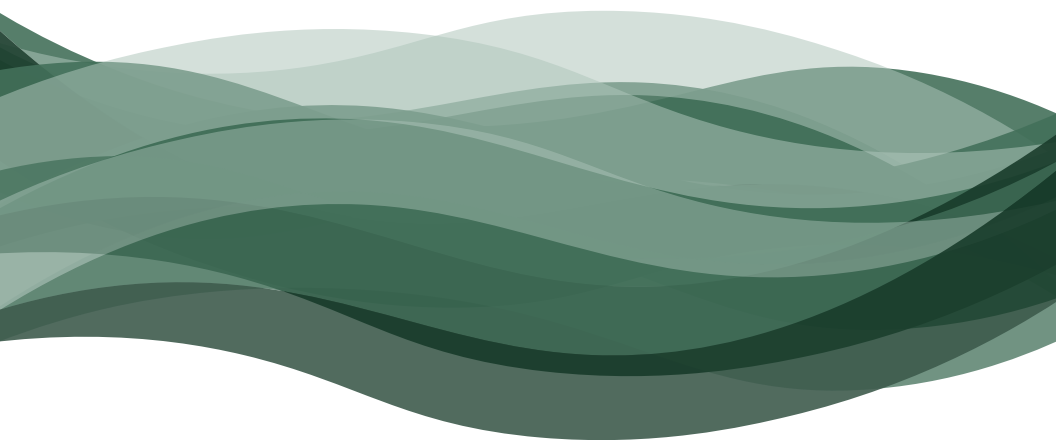


Plymouth members and friends purchase the poinsettias, often in memory or in honor of loved ones. Others give directly to the **Pastors' Emergency Fund**. Likewise, our pastors use the Pastors' Emergency Fund to assist Plymouth members, friends, and community members in need.



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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.



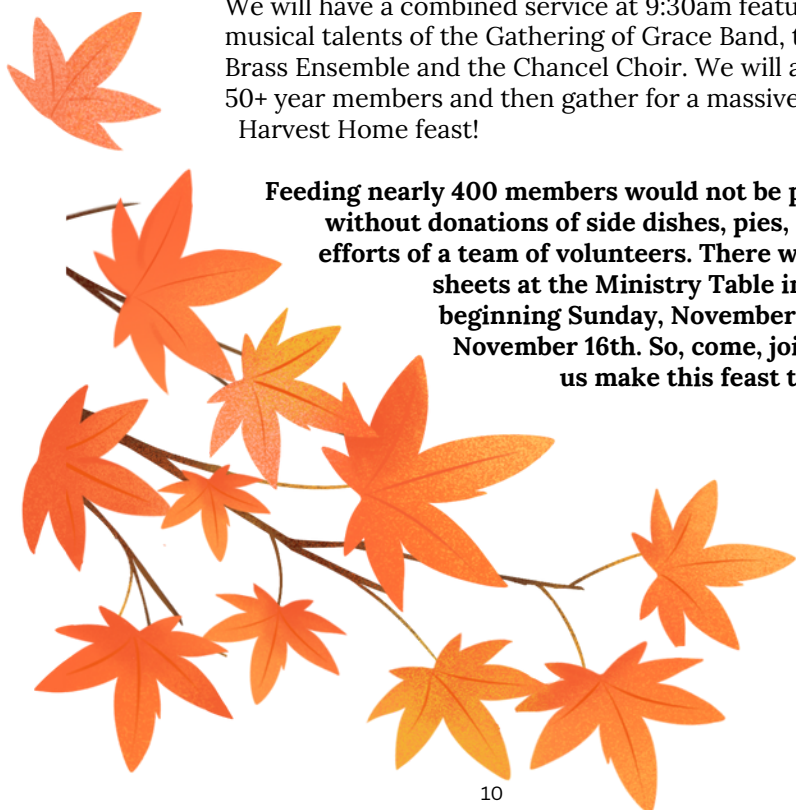
Plymouth's Annual Harvest Home Meal

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



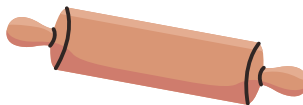
Sunday • December 7

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!



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



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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SAFE SPACE