



Celebration of Worship
December 29, 2024

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10:30 am

First Sunday After Christmas

Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Opening Voluntary

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Christopher Shaw, organ

Neil Harmon

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Many Gifts, One Spirit

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*Responsive Reading

Dr. Robu

One: People of God, Welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

One: We need each other so that we can be whole.:

All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

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*Light the Candle

Hope is a Candle

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***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

God you are always seeking us out. You have called us together in community. You created us and joined us in this web of life so that we may support and love, help and heal, and renew and strengthen one another. We gather together with a spirit of resilience, a firmness in purpose, and love for one another. Unite us as we pray together.

...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.

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two people are better than one.

They can help each other in everything they do.

Suppose either of them falls down.

Then the one can help the other one up.

But suppose a person falls down and doesn't have anyone to help them up.

Then feel sorry for that person!

Or suppose two people lie down together.

Then they'll keep warm.

But how can one person keep warm alone?

One person could be overpowered.

But two people can stand up for themselves.

And a rope made out of three cords isn't easily broken.

Acts 2:42-46

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

Welcoming Song

Holy Child within the manger

Joyous Light

(Let the children come forward.)



Ho-ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us ev - er in your way, so we see in ev-'ry
stran - ger how you come to us to - day. In our lives and in our liv - ing give us
strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for - giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsey Miller

Solo

In The Bleak Midwinter (with "Silent Night") Stephen DeCesare
Ellen Sudarshan

In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin
Mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;

Snow had fallen,
snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter
Long ago.

Our God Heav'n cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

"Adapted from a service that was prepared by the Rev. Ashley Sedon."

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

The First Noel

PINKZEBRA

The first Noel the angels did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night wat was so deep.
Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
And to the earth it gave a great light,
and so it continued both day and by night.
Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

The angels sang Noel!

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord
that hath made heav'n and earth of nought,
and with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Sermon

A Community of Faith

Abby Arthur

*Closing Hymn

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*Benediction

Closing

My Dancing Day

David Schelat

* Please stand in body, or in spirit.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31



7 - 8 PM Sarah McCammon

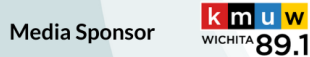
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1



10 AM - Noon Sarah McCammon

"Faith, Politics, and the 2024 Election"

Noon - 1 PM Lunch at Plymouth or nearby restaurant

1 - 2 PM Mark A. Miller

"Worship & Music in a Time of Crisis"

7 PM Mark A. Miller

"Songs of Justice & Joy"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2



10:30 AM Sarah McCammon

"New Life in the Wilderness"



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2025 Word & Note - with Sarah McCammon and Mark A. Miller:

Sarah McCammon is an author, a National Political Correspondent for NPR and co-host of the NPR Politics Podcast. Her work focuses on political, social and cultural divides in America, and the intersections of politics and religion. She's also a frequent guest host for NPR news programs.

Mark Miller is a graduate of Yale and Juilliard,, and is currently a Professor of Church Music, Director of Chapel, and Composer-in-Residence at Drew University. Miller spends a portion of the year traveling the country, often with his band S2C (Subject to Change), leading worship and workshops, preaching and presenting concerts focused on creating community and advocating for social justice.



Now in its 17th year!

We are very excited about our guests for 2025 Word & Note and hope you will consider supporting with your generous sponsorship.

We will be sending out an email to past years supporters, soon.

At levels about \$200, your support includes complimentary tickets. Above \$300, you'll also receive comp tickets to the Sunday brunch honoring our guests.



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Plymouth Staff

- Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Senior Minister
- Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music
- Christopher Shaw, Organist
- Julie Martin, Administrative Assistant
- Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher
- Robert Safley, Youth Group Leader
- Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer
- Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech

Last day to shop! Featured Artists —Svitlana Tararuk and Pam Bjork

Last day to shop the exceptional artwork of Svitlana Tararuk and Pam Bjork, featured in our hallway galleries. Both exhibits will be closing at the end of the month. Let us know of your interest, we'd be happy to have your sales! 85% to the artist, 15% to the Plymouth Fine Arts fund. thank you!

JANUARY

JAN 1: Closed New Year's Day

JAN 8: Wed. Dinner

JAN 15: Wed. Dinner

JAN 22: Wed. Dinner @ Progressive Pilgrim's Book Club: *The Exvangelicals*



Poinsettias that adorn
our sanctuary are
given in honor and in memory of
our loved ones.



Given in Memory of:

Sharon Safley and Bob Arthur

Charlie and Doris Watson
Richard and Patti Shields

Bill Miller and Elijah Rashad-Ruffin

Jamie, Tom and Beloved Family

John K Nelson, brother
Christi Maurer Hoehn, friend and
former Plymouth member
Mary A Nelson, sister

Bert McCormick, Paul J. Uhlig
Edgar Turner

Hunter Wishart and Cindy Sparks

Colleen Euson

Amy Neel and Richard Neel

Ted and John Robu

Their loved ones

Their parents

Given by:

Abby Arthur, Tom, Michael and Robert Safley

Sue and Kurt Watson

Chris and Lindsay Miller

Jeanne Thompson

Anna and Paul Uhlig

The children of Bert McCormick

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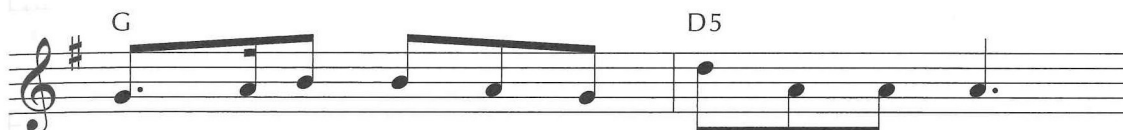
Bernie and Alberta Nichols

Hope Is a Candle

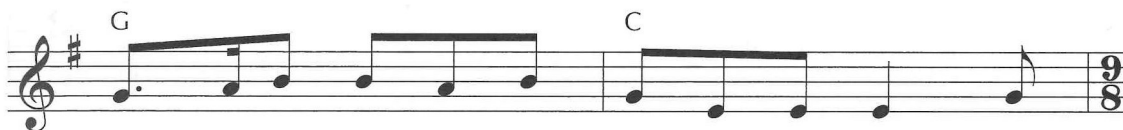
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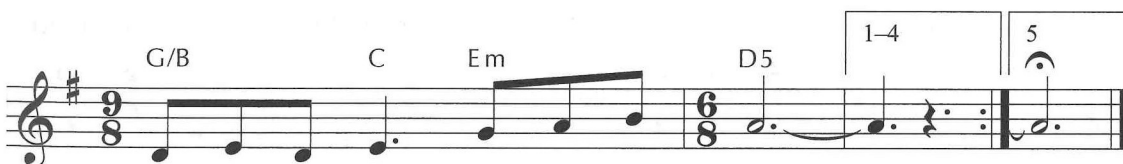
1 Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the proph - ets,
 2 Peace is a can - dle to show us a path - way,
 3 Love is a can - dle whose light makes a cir - cle,
 4 Joy is a can - dle of mys - tery and laugh - ter,
 5 Christ is the light that the proph - ets a - wait - ed,



nev - er con - sumed, though it burns through the years;
 threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.
 where ev - 'ry face is the face of a friend.
 mys - tery of light that is born in the dark;
 Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child.



dim in the day - light of pow - er and priv' - lege—
 Friend, feel no en - vy for those in the shad - ows—
 Wid - en the cir - cle by shar - ing and giv - ing—
 laugh - ter at hear - ing the voice of an an - gel,
 Christ is the love and the mys - tery and laugh - ter—



when they are gone, hope will shine on.
 vio - lence and force their dead - end course.
 God's ho - ly dare: love ev - 'ry - where.
 ev - er so near, cast - ing out fear.
 cand - les, make way! Christ is the day.

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
4 When we are called to part, it gives us

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

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Many Gifts, One Spirit

C G C F G C

1. God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
 2. God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
 3. Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,

E Am D7 G

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

G7 C F C G7 C G7 C

In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

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Refrain

C F G C F C

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

G C

In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise one Giv - er,

one Lord, one Spir - it, one Word known in man - y ways,

F C G7 C

hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

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December / January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:30 AM Worship Service with Lay Speaker, Abby Arthur	30 8 AM Aerobics 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	31 New Year's Eve	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! CLOSED 	2 11:30 am Lunch & Walk! 12:30 pm Plymouth Projects 1:30 pm Women's AA Coffee Group	3 8 AM Aerobics	4
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Join us for Worship next Sunday, January 5th

The Plymouth Covenant

Believing in Jesus Christ, the Interpreter of God to humankind, we accept His teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We therefore join in covenant, one with another, to worship, work, and serve together that we may express through our Church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ.