

# Plymouth

Congregational  
Church

*Sharing Faith's Journey*



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**January 12, 2025**

# Celebration of Worship

January 12, 2025

10:30 am

## First Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Opening Voluntary

*Greensleeves*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. James Biery

## Welcome and Announcements

## Introit

## Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn

*God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

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\*Responsive Reading

Steve Woods

One: The One who created each of us and all of us; the One who formed us speaks and declares

**All: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name. You are mine.**

One: When we pass through the raging waters of life, and walk through fires and flames of conflict

**All: The One who created each of us and all of us is with us.**

One: Do not be afraid, for God has made clear the Divine claim.

**All: God calls us by name; we belong to the Faithful and Holy One.**

Adapted from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)

## \*Response of Praise

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

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## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Holy and Loving God,

In that first moment, when it all began, when the earth was without form and darkness covered the face of the deep, your Spirit swept over the face of the waters, dipping her wing and making ripples spread throughout the cosmos. We trust your Spirit is here today, sweeping through we who are assembled, brushing against us and making ripples and waves spread throughout your people. Move in us, and through us, and for us, again and again. That we might listen, that we might speak, that we might share. We pray using the words Jesus taught his disciples, saying...

**...Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, they 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

Luke 13:6-9

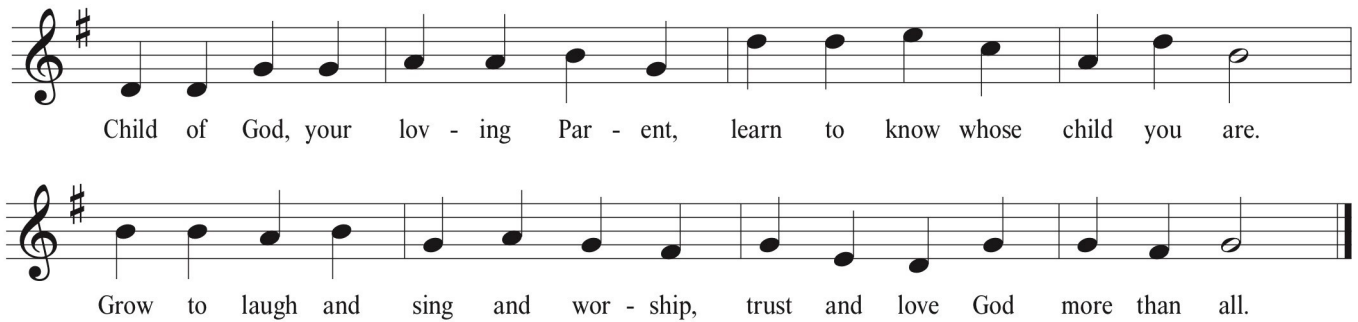
Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

## Welcoming Song

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

STUTTGART

(Let the children come forward.)



Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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## A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

### Solo

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Ted Dvorak

arr. Mark Hayes

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it –  
Name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love hast blest me;  
Thou hast brought me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
safely home by Thy good *grace*.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above

## Prayer Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayer Response

## Invitation to Offering

### **Anthem**

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

Eugene Butler

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life,  
Such a Way as gives us breath,  
Such a Truth that ends all strife,  
Such a Life that killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, My Strength,  
Such a light as shows a feast,  
Such a Feast as mends in length,  
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart,  
Such a Joy as none can move,  
Such a love as none can part,  
Such a heart that joys in Love.

### **Sermon**

*One Year More*

Rev. Stewart

### **\*Closing Hymn**

*This is My Song*

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### **\*Benediction**

### **Closing Voluntary**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*

arr. Mark Sedio

\* Please stand in body, or in spirit.

\*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers

Selected liturgy adapted or taken from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)

## JANUARY

**JAN 15: Wed. Dinner**

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

**JAN 29: Wed. Dinner Guests @ Sedgwick County Zoo visitors at FSH**

**JAN 31: Word & Note - JAN 31/Feb 1/Feb 2**

Note: The Academy of Music Theater will begin Winter Rehearsals in Fellowship Hall Sunday, January 5th. Their rehearsal includes Sunday afternoons, and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings through March.

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**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am - 1:30 pm**

NFL (National Football League) is partnering with the American Red Cross during January in a national co-branding effort to support blood donations throughout National Blood Donor Month.

**Those who come to give blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma give Jan. 1-26, 2025 will automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans!**

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search sponsor code: Plymouth Church or call Lindsay Miller at 316-641-3969.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

# Word & Note

The Divine Arts of Knowledge and Exultation

**Plymouth Congregational Church**  
2025

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

7 - 8 PM Sarah McCammon  
*"My Exvangelical Journey: Loving, Living and Leaving the Church that was Home"*  
[followed by wine & cheese reception]

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

10 AM - Noon Sarah McCammon  
*"Faith, Politics, and the 2024 Election"*

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 Worship Service  
McCammon & Miller

**Word & Note**  
The Divine Arts of Knowledge and Exultation

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## Word & Note 2025

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

At levels above \$200, your support includes complimentary tickets. Above \$400, you'll also receive comp tickets to the Sunday brunch honoring our guests.

## Sponsorship Levels

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**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.

# God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (F#m)  
 F Dm Gm Dm Am

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi -  
 2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly  
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the  
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it

(Em7) (G) (Bm) (A) (Bm) (A)  
 Gm7 B $\flat$  Dm C Dm C

nite in time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing  
 build - ings row on row. Yet their win - dows, blank, un -  
 child - hood of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of  
 chal - lenge us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive

(G) (F#m) (G) (A) (D)  
 B $\flat$  Am B $\flat$  C F

ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,  
 feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,  
 wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;  
 pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

(D) (Bm7) (G) (Em7) (G) (F#m7)  
 F Dm7 B $\flat$  Gm7 B $\flat$  Am7

we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive  
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's  
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i -  
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or



# God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



powers with you. Great Cre - a - tor, still cre -  
 ebb and flow, lost to pur - pose and to  
 mag - ined power, fac - ing us with life's de -  
 well be - gun. Great Cre - a - tor, give us

(Em7) (F#m) (G) (A) (D)  
 Gm7 Am Bb C F



at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
 mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.  
 struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
 guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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# This Is My Song

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F C7/G F B $\flat$  C F

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

C7/G F B $\flat$  F

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver leaf and pine.  
Your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

Dm F C Gm

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is:  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

F/C B $\flat$  A

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev' - ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

# This Is My Song

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures with chords F, Dm, F, and C. The second system has four measures with chords F/C, C7, and F. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions.



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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## Plymouth Staff

Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Senior Minister  
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Julie Martin, Administrative Assistant  
Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher  
Robert Safley, Youth Group Leader  
Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer  
Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech

# January—February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service with Guest Preacher Rev. Arthur Stewart</p> <p><b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> Aerobics</p> <p><b>2pm</b> Prairie Wind Folk Dancers</p> <p><b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Spinning Boots</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Cabinet meeting</p> <p><b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> Aerobics</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Wed Night Dinner</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Lunch &amp; Walk!</p> <p><b>12:30 pm</b> Plymouth Projects</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> Women's Coffee <b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> Aerobics</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> Memorial Service for Tom Thompson</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Fine Arts Board Meeting</p> <p><b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> Aerobics</p> <p><b>2pm</b> Prairie Wind Folk Dancers</p> <p><b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Spinning Boots</p> <p><b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> Aerobics</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Wed Night Dinner @ Book Club</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Lunch &amp; Walk!</p> <p><b>12:30 pm</b> Plymouth Projects</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> Women's Coffee <b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> Aerobics</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service</p> <p><b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> Aerobics</p> <p><b>2pm</b> Prairie Wind Folk Dancers</p> <p><b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Spinning Boots</p> <p><b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> Aerobics</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Wed Night Dinner @ Sedgwick Co Zoo</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Lunch &amp; Walk!</p> <p><b>12:30 pm</b> Plymouth Projects</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> Women's Coffee <b>YMTW</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> Aerobics</p> <p><b>WORD &amp; NOTE</b></p> <p><b>7 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>WORD &amp; NOTE</b></p> <p><b>Starts at 10 AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>

**Join us for Worship next Sunday, January 19th**

## 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.