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***Celebration of Worship***  
**January 26, 2025**

# Celebration of Worship

January 26, 2025

10:30 am

## Third Sunday After the Epiphany

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

**Opening Voluntary**

*There is A Balm in Gilead*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Adolphus Hailstork

**Welcome and Announcements**

Michael Aumack

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

Michael Aumack

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

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**\*Responsive Reading**

**Matthew 11:28-30**

Cindy Perkins

One: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
**All: and I will give you rest.**

One: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
**All: for I am gentle and humble in heart.**

One: You will find rest for your souls,  
**All: For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.**

**\*Response of Praise** Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One  
fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.

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## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Cindy Perkins

**Rest with us, oh God. Cradle the wounded in your everlasting mercy. Bless the bereaved with sleep. Anoint the feet of those marching towards collective liberation. Refresh those doing the work of healing. Restore those weary from bearing witness. Be gentle with us, oh God, your people are in need of rest. This we ask as we pray as Jesus prayed...**

**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

**Matthew 25:36-40**

Cindy Perkins

“I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?”

And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?”

And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.”

## Welcoming Song

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

STUTTGART

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.

(Let the children come forward.)

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## A Moment with Our Children

Abby Arthur

### Solo

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
Clifton Vogt

Erich H. Thiman

Jesus, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see,  
And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the mem'ry find  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,  
O Saviour of humankind.

O hope of ev'ry contrite heart,  
O Joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall how kind Thou art,  
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? ah,  
this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is  
None but His loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be Thou,  
As Thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesu, be Thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.

### Prayer Concerns

Dr. Paul Uhlig

### Pastoral Prayer

### Prayer Response

### Invitation to Offering

Michael Aumack

### Anthem

*Music of the Morning*

Pepper Choplin

Hear the music of the morning, rising with the sun.  
Light has come to fill the darkness, now the night is done.  
So let us take time to pause, take time to pray,  
and pray to God, who made us, to God, who made the day.

Know the blessing of the morning, feel the peace within.  
Hold the promise of the dawning, see the day begin.  
Lift up your head, lift up your song, and sing,  
and sing to God, who made us, to God, who made the day.

Come rise up and sing alleluia.  
Take time to pause, take time to pray,  
and pray to God, who made us, to God, who made the day.

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| <b>Message</b>           | “The Miracle of Healing”           | Dr. Paul Uhlig      |
| <b>*Closing Hymn</b>     | <i>For Everyone Born</i>           | Page 8, 9           |
| <b>*Benediction</b>      |                                    | Dr. Paul Uhlig      |
| <b>Closing Voluntary</b> | <i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i> | arr. Craig Phillips |

\* Please stand in body, or in spirit.  
 \*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers  
 Selected liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

**Cover Painting** “Floral Bush” by Kayann Ausherman

**JANUARY**

**JAN 29: Wed. Dinner Guests - Sedgwick County Zoo Educators**

**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 February 2nd.

**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  
 Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer  
 Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech

**Save the Date!**

**Winter Wine & Cheese  
 Saturday  
 February 22nd**

**Stay tuned for more de-**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING**  
**TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2025**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF**  
**PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**OF WICHITA, KANSAS:**

Please take notice that the Cabinet of Plymouth Congregational Church of Wichita, Kansas has called for the Annual Corporate Meeting of all church members. The purposes of this meeting are for the members: (1) to receive reports from staff, officers, boards, committees and organizations, and (2) to transact such other business as may properly be considered at the meeting. This meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton, Wichita, Kansas.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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## Plymouth History

### **John Henry Hornung Award**

Plymouth members should know the origin of the John Henry Hornung award that is presented annually to a member who has rendered outstanding service.

Rev. Dr. John Henry Hornung came to Plymouth Congregational Church as Senior Minister in 1924 and remained in that position until 1949. During his tenure Dr. Hornung oversaw a resurgence of church membership, increased financial stability and a wider representation of Plymouth in civic affairs. He was greatly respected for his preaching style and performed countless weddings and funerals that were widely admired. Dr. Hornung was a progressive leader in the ministerial community and an activist for deeper understanding and cooperation between local Protestant and Catholic churches and the Jewish community. In 1938, Dr. Hornung was a member of a ministerial coalition referred to as the Four Horsemen of Tolerance. These clergymen traveled Kansas to speak out against a pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic candidate for the U.S. Senate who was subsequently defeated: When Wichita's Jewish community needed a place of worship, Dr. Hornung made the Plymouth sanctuary available for their use until a temple was built.

In 1987, the church cabinet decided to institute an award that would be given annually to a member who had provided outstanding service to Plymouth in a variety of capacities, both in leadership and volunteer roles. Naming that award after Dr. Hornung seemed an appropriate way to link Plymouth's dynamic past with the recognition of members who have made a significant impact on our church.

Our warmest thanks to all who have volunteered to help set up, clean up, pour wine, take and sell tickets, and greet our guests. And thanks to all who are able to attend! A special thanks to our sponsors. This is an opportunity to introduce Word & Note guests to our special Plymouth community.

**\*\*We could use a few more folks to help in the kitchen on Friday evening, before and after the event!\*\*** Email [krobu@plymouth-church.net](mailto:krobu@plymouth-church.net). Thank you

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| <p><b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 31</b><br/> </p> <p>7 - 8 PM Sarah McCammon<br/> <i>"My Exvangelical Journey: Loving, Living and Leaving the Church that was Home"</i><br/> <i>[followed by wine &amp; cheese reception]</i></p>  <p>Weekend Ticket ~ \$100<br/>         Includes all events + receptions + box lunch<br/>         [ \$135 value ]</p> <p>Single ticket pricing: \$30 Each event<br/>         \$15 box lunch</p> <p>Buy online, via email, over the phone or at the door. Cash, checks, credit cards accepted.</p> | <p><b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1</b><br/> </p> <p>10 AM - Noon Sarah McCammon<br/> <i>"Faith, Politics, and the 2024 Election"</i></p> <p>Noon - 1 PM Lunch at Plymouth or nearby restaurant</p> <p>1 - 2 PM Mark A. Miller<br/> <i>"Worship &amp; Music in a Time of Crisis"</i></p> <p>7 PM Mark A. Miller<br/> <i>"Songs of Justice &amp; Joy"</i><br/> <i>[followed by wine &amp; cheese reception]</i></p> <p>Media Sponsor </p> | <p><b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2</b><br/> </p> <p>10:30 AM Sarah McCammon<br/> <i>"New Life in the Wilderness"</i></p> <p>Mark A. Miller<br/>         @ Plymouth Chancel Choir</p>  <p>The Divine Arts of Knowledge and Exultation</p> <p>[316] 684-0221<br/> <a href="http://www.plymouth-church.net">www.plymouth-church.net</a><br/>         202 N. Clifton, Wichita, KS 316.684..0221</p> |
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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



**Sponsorship Levels**

- Up to \$199:** Recognition in the event program
- \$200 - \$399:** Recognition in the event program  
1 ticket to each of the ticketed events
- \$400 - \$699:** Recognition in the event program, 2 tickets to each of the ticketed events, and 2 tickets to sponsorship brunch [TBD]
- \$700 and above:** Recognition in the event program, 4 tickets to each of the ticketed events, and 4 tickets to sponsorship brunch [TBD]

**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.

# For Everyone Born

E *Leader or All* A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E A2 Bsus B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 E/G# A2 Bsus

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E Bsus E Bsus

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,



For Everyone Born

continued

*Refrain*

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and  
joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,  
God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,  
jus-tice and joy!

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# Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

*Refrain*



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,

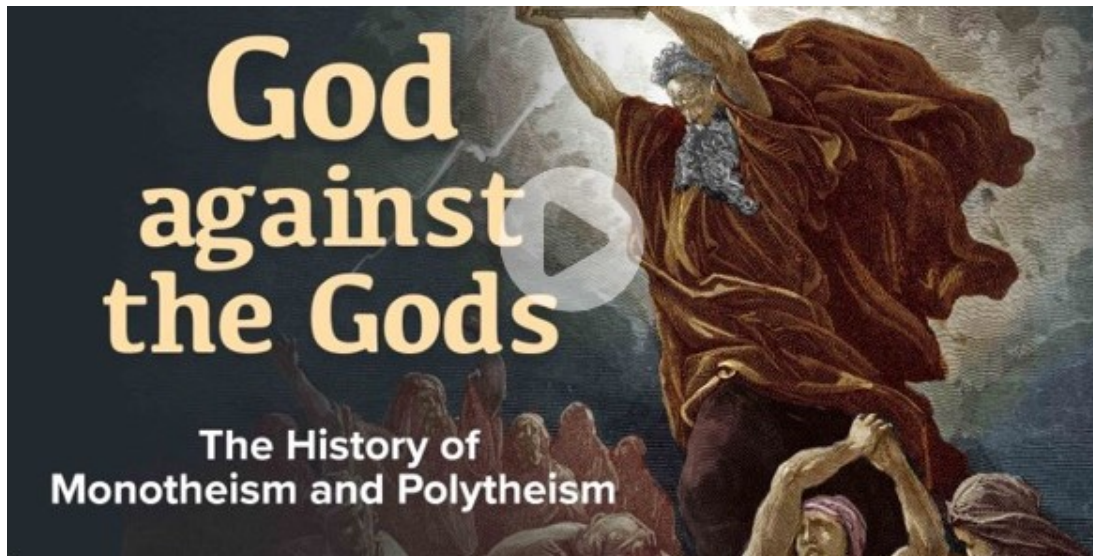


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**Join Us!**

**Great Courses Series begins Sunday, January 19th for 12 weeks.**



**Gathering each Sunday at 9 AM in the Turner Room.**

*moderated by Anna Uhlig*

**Course Overview**

**Robert Garland, Ph.D. Professor, Colgate University**

Religion is foundational to what it means to be human. Our quest for meaning is as ancient as our very existence, stretching back to a time when Neanderthal burials and Paleolithic figurines suggest our ancestors recognized a power that transcended visible reality. From ancient civilizations to the 21st century, belief in a higher power seems to be a universal human instinct. It tells us much about where we came from—and who we are today.

What's fascinating is that this universal instinct has led some cultures to believe in one God while others worship a pantheon of higher beings. This divide between God and the gods raises unique questions in humanity's search for existential meaning, such as:

- What is the role of a higher power in human affairs?
- How do we reach out to a deity (or deities), and which deity do we contact?
- Do good and evil exist in human morality, or are they products of religious doctrine?
- What happens when we die? Is there an afterlife?

# January—February 2025

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| <b>26</b><br><b>9 AM</b><br><b>Great Courses Series</b><br><br><b>9:15 PM</b><br><b>Christian Education—Chapel</b><br><br><b>10:30 AM</b><br><b>Worship Service</b><br><br><b>11:45 PM</b><br><b>Deacons</b> | <b>27</b><br><b>8 AM</b><br><b>Aerobics</b><br><br><b>2pm</b> <b>Prairie Wind Folk</b><br><br><b>YMTW</b> | <b>28</b><br><b>6:30 PM</b><br><b>Spinning Boots</b><br><br><b>5:30 PM</b><br><b>Trustees &amp; Cabinet</b><br><br><b>YMTW</b> | <b>29</b><br><b>8 AM</b><br><b>Aerobics</b><br><br><b>5:30 PM</b><br><b>Wed Night Dinner @ Sedg Co Zoo at FSH</b><br><br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><b>Choir Rehearsal</b> | <b>30</b><br><b>11:30 am</b><br><b>Lunch &amp; Walk!</b><br><br><b>12:30 pm</b><br><b>Plymouth Projects</b><br><br><b>1:30 pm</b><br><b>Women's Coffee</b><br><b>YMTW</b> | <b>31</b><br><b>8 AM</b><br><b>Aerobics</b><br><br><b>7 PM</b><br><b>Word and Note</b> | <b>1</b><br><b>10 AM</b><br><b>Word and Note</b><br><b>All day</b><br><b>Through 7 PM</b><br><b>concert and reception</b> |
| <b>2</b><br><b>9 AM</b><br><b>Great Courses Series</b><br><br><b>10:30 AM</b><br><b>Worship Service with Word &amp; Note guests</b><br><br><b>YMTW</b>   | <b>3</b><br><b>8 AM</b><br><b>Aerobics</b><br><br><b>2pm</b> <b>Prairie Wind Folk</b>                     | <b>4</b><br><b>6:30 PM</b><br><b>Spinning Boots</b>  | <b>5</b><br><b>8 AM</b><br><b>Aerobics</b><br><br><b>5:30 PM</b><br><b>Wed Night Dinner</b><br><br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><b>Choir Rehearsal</b>                       | <b>6</b><br><b>11:30 am</b><br><b>Lunch &amp; Walk!</b><br><br><b>12:30 pm</b><br><b>Plymouth Projects</b><br><br><b>1:30 pm</b><br><b>Women's Coffee</b>                 | <b>7</b><br><b>8 AM</b><br><b>Aerobics</b>   | <b>8</b>  |
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**Join us with our Word & Note Guests next Sunday!**

## 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.