



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

First Sunday of Lent

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

Opening Voluntary “Meditation on "Adoro Te Devote" arr. Charles Callahan
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** “God You Spin the Whirling Planets” Page 6

***Responsive Sentences** Steve Woods

One: We cry out to the God of our ancestors:

All: Deliver us from the ways of evil and set us on your path of Love.

One: For God is our refuge, the One in whom we find our freedom.

All: She companions us through grief.

One: He leads us through valleys of despair.

All: She rises up when oppression bears down.

One: God will see us through the wilderness

All: and lead us together to life abundant.

*Response of Praise

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "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 of lyrics: "fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise." The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Invocation and Lord's Prayer

God, you know us in the depths of our hearts. Our longings, our intentions, our places of struggle are all known to you. You meet us there with words of courage and deliverance. When fear or insecurity or ego beckon, do not let us be swayed in the direction of evil, but encourage us to trust in you as did the one who 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

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you",

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Welcoming Song *These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
(Let the children come forward.)

Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our chil - dren know it well with -
in their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.

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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

“The Lord’s Prayer”
Ted Dvorak

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

“*Jesus Loves Me* “
Eli Regier, saxophone.

arr. Michael Hassell

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me! He who died heaven’s gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
If I love him when I die, he will take me home on high.

Sermon

“Don’t Blame the Devil”

Dr. Robu

***Closing Hymn**

“When We Are Tested”

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

The Glory of These Forty Days

arr. Mark Sedio

* Please stand in body, or in spirit.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

Selected prayers and liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

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God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b

1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 E^b B^b E^b Cm A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b

spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor - ship joined in
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
 A^b E^b B^b E^b A^b E^b B^b

sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor-tion.

(D) (Bm)(F#m) (G)(A) (D) (G)
 E^b Cm Gm A^b B^b E^b A^b

would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures


(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)
 E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b Fm E^b B^b E^b

grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

When We Are Tested

Capo 2: (Dm) (Am) (Dm) (Am)

Em Bm Em Bm




1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (Dsus) (D)
 F#m C#7 F#m Esus E



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

(G) (D) (Em7) (F)
 A E F#m7 G



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

(Am6) (C) (Dm) (Am) (E)
 Bm6 D Em Bm F#



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

An Organ Recital & Hymn Festival

**Saturday
April 5th 7:30 pm**

**Bethel College
North Newton**

Organist Christopher Shaw will present an organ recital/hymn festival to remember Shirley Sprunger King. King taught at Bethel College for twenty years and was organist at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Shaw will be joined by Lorraine Miller (flute) and Don Kehrberg (oboe), both former members of the Deknatel Consort with King. In addition to organ pieces and hymns, there will be remembrances of Shirley. The event will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 7:30 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton, KS.

An Organ Recital & Hymn Festival



*Remembering Shirley Sprunger King:
a teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend*

Plymouth Congregational Church Blood Drive

Sunday, March 30th 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

202 S Clifton in Fellowship Hall

Save lives and empower your health! In March, the Red Cross will perform free A1C testing on successful donations. See rcblood.org/March for details.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767).

Photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card required.

Don't forget to save time by using RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to your appointment. More

info: redcrossblood.org/RapidPass

Plus, come to give March 1-31 and get a

\$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.



Plymouth Fine Arts Series

WELCOME TO
A Taste of Ireland

6 pm
Sunday, March 16, 2025

An evening of Irish food, beverages, and music.
Featuring the group, Mead's Ghost.

TICKETS: \$20

Plymouth Congregational Church
plymouth-church.net 202 North Clifton Wichita, KS

Plymouth's Fine Art Series News:
The 2025 Spring Event will be 'A Taste of Ireland', back by popular demand, featuring an evening of Irish song, dance, drink, and dining! The originally selected 'Side-by-Side by Sondheim' is being postponed indefinitely due to the circumstances of the collaborators. Hope you'll join us Sunday, March 16th to usher in St. Patty's Day in style!

New Member Sunday - March 30th

Thinking about becoming a member? Benefits include an opportunity to serve on boards and committees, and the right to vote during church meetings. We'd love to have you join the Plymouth family! contact Dr. Robu.



March Wine Tasting Event hosted by Auburn Spirits—visit their website for info

Shaken Stirred

CASE IN POINT WINE TASTING

Monthly Wine Tastings with Auburn at
Plymouth Congregational Church

📅 13 March '25 🕒 6:30pm to 8:30pm

📍 202 N Clifton Ave, Wichita, KS 67208

Join us for an evening of food, friends, and of course, wine!
Reserve your ticket on our website for March's pairing
\$60 Per Person
www.auburnwineandspirits.com

Jennifer Walterscheid



“Enameling is magical. Applying powdered glass to a metal then firing in a kiln for just a few minutes resulting in the joining of the metal and glass. Colors change from dull powder to glossy and vibrant. From the first time I fired an enamel piece I was hooked. Enameling became my passion, the thing I think about all the time. I consider myself a painter but with metal, glass, and fire instead of paint and canvas. The enamel designs are an expression of my thoughts and emotions, a result of my curiosity leading me down different paths. My work is diverse and ever changing as my exploration of the medium continues. I love to enamel on vintage copper vessels, create jewelry from botanicals that I cast in sterling silver, and imagine magical creatures made from silver wire and glass fired together. Enameling on a three-dimensional surface is an exciting challenge requiring patience and methodical precision.”

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

**Gathering each Sunday at 9 AM
in the Turner Room.
*moderated by Anna Uhlig***

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

**WED DINNERS @ 5:30
MARCH 12TH
LENTEN SPEAKERS SERIES
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DINNER**

Ryan Baty

County Commissioner
Government's role in homelessness



Menu:

**Lemon Cream Salmon + Basil Chicken
Couscous + Asparagus + Rolls + Dessert
\$10/pp \$5/Kids no family pays over \$30**

Senior (age 55+) Service-Learning Trip With Re-Member on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Ages:

The week is geared toward those 55+ but is open to ages 18+.

Dates

September 13 – 19, 2025.

Cost

\$800 per person plus transportation. [All inclusive except transportation]. Responding to immediate needs, Re-member provides resources that improve the quality of life for members of the Oglala Lakota Nation, and creates meaningful opportunities to build understanding for their volunteers. Volunteers can expect to build wheelchair ramps, bunk beds, and outhouses as well as learn from tribal members who share their wisdom, music, art, and teachings.



WED DINNER @ 5:30

LENTEN SPEAKERS SERIES

Join us for dinner - stay for Lenten Speaker

Dinner \$10 / pp \$5 / kids

MARCH 12

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MARCH 19

Robyn Chadwick

Multi-Agency Center for
addressing issues of homelessness

APRIL 2

Dawn Shepler

Humankind Ministries
Hurdles faced by the shelter

APRIL 9

Louis Goseland

Justice Together
How we can help address
problems of the homeless

202 North Clifton

RSVP by Wed. Noon - each week

office@plymouth-church.net 316.684.0221

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MAR 1 SHELLEY CLOSSON
 MAR 3 PRESTON BRAMMER
 MAR 3 CAROL ABLAH
 MAR 3 BOB BAYER
 MAR 7 SHERI MAYES
 MAR 12 OLIVE YAGER
 MAR 14 LILY REED
 MAR 18 ANNE KINDEL
 MAR 19 CHRIS MILLER
 MAR 19 MARY HUNT
 MAR 22 TAYLOR MILLER
 MAR 29 ANNIE POULOS
 MAR 30 JENNIFER LOVETT
 MAR 31 PAULA STEPHENS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:30 AM WORSHIP 2-6 SHELTER DINNER	3 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	4 5:30 PM CABINET SPINNING BOOTS	5 AEROBICS 9:30 AM PRESENT DAY CLUB 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND ASH WEDNESDAY	6 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	7 AEROBICS 10 AM MUSIC THEATER GUILD	8
9 9 AM FINE ARTS 10:30 AM WORSHIP 11:30 GROWTH STEERING	10 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	11 SPINNING BOOTS	12 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND LENTEN SPEAKER	13 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE 6 PM AUBURN WINE TASTING	14 AEROBICS	15
16 9 AM MISSIONS BOARD 10:30 AM WORSHIP BIEROCKS ORDERS START	17 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	18 SPINNING BOOTS INVESTMENT CLUB	19 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND LENTEN SPEAKER	20 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	21 AEROBICS	22
23 10:30 WORSHIP	24 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	25 5:30 PM TRUSTEES SPINNING BOOTS	26 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND BOOK CLUB	27 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	28 AEROBICS	29
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