



10:30 AM SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

WELCOME!

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*“Whether you are a seeker, skeptic, believer
or somewhere in between on life’s journey, you are welcome here.
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate
in worship and service of Plymouth Church.*

PLYMOUTH UCC PURPOSE

Growing people of faith who participate in God’s work in the world.

PLYMOUTH UCC VISION

Plymouth Church UCC is a Christian Community open to the transforming Spirit of God.



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The church office is open during limited hours.

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EPIPHANY SUNDAY

*When you enter Plymouth Church UCC,
may you feel the peace, intimacy, belonging,
acceptance and refuge of Sanctuary.*

This Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our worship. For those with us online, before the time of the service you will want to prepare some bread and juice of some sort. Remember this is a meal of grace, so whatever “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice. Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship. Thank you for your preparation.

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound arranged by Kenton Coe
Dr. Stephen Price, organ

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* June Hayakawa-Fung

CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Hayakawa-Fung
LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Sirach 24)

One: Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in
the midst of her people.

**Many: She brings worlds into being and illuminates the
night sky with stars in the heavens.**

One: Wisdom declares herself and tells of her might in
the midst of her people.

**Many: She strengthens her children and grants
peace to the peoples.**

One: Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in
the midst of her people.

**Many: She bestows grace and redemption and
makes mystery known. Praise Wisdom!**

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

Hark the Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

1) Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the Christ-child bring:”
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the Christ-child bring!”

2) Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th’incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

[Refrain]

3) Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

[Refrain]

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRACIÓN DE LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Rev. Kevin Bechtold

INVITATION INVITACIÓN

COMMUNION PRAYER ORACIÓN DE COMUNIÓN

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Toni Arthur, Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Kay Heekin (Mother-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), William Chapman Nyaho, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark), Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark)

Our hearts are with Karen Gwilym and family on the passing of her sister Virginia Oberg.

We grieve with Beth Paul-Russell and family on the passing of her mother Jean Paul.



A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father)
are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Lord's Prayer.



PRAYER OF JESUS

ORACIÓN DE JESÚS

Holy One, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

Thy Kindom 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kindom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PALABRAS DE INSTITUCIÓN

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMPARTIR EL PAN Y LA COPA

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

Loving and holy God, when the taste of cup and bread fade from our lips, remind our hearts to continue facing the rising sun. For it is in you that we find mercy. It is in you we have our hope. For this meal we have shared and the truth it represents, we give you thanks. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING & SHARING PEACE. Rev. Bechtold

LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

Every gift we have comes as part of God's good creation. Let us honor and participate in Creator's vision of true peace, flourishing, and abundance by prioritizing the needs of others over the excesses of self. Let us embrace gift-giving as our love language and commitment. May our generosity be a witness to the world of the Living God among us.

DOXOLOGY DOXOLOGÍA

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Bechtold

ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN

Giving God, may these gifts reveal your greatness, generosity, and glory. We give thanks for the privilege of being in communal and covenantal care with our neighbors as manifested by the sharing of resources. Amen.

OFFERING MUSIC OFRECIENDO MÚSICA

Improvisation Dr. Stephen Price

Dr. Stephen Price, organ

STAR WORDS

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

by Kaitlin Hardy Shetler

i like my nativities
with a side of heresy
with midwives and mothers
and empty mangers
and full arms
i like wise women
over wise men
attending to bloody people
born and crucified
showing up in places
church leaders won't go
i like heralding feminist agendas
and trouble
and god's good news
which is kind of repetitive
since they're all the same thing
proper churches
want proper nativities
because women's bodies
are shameful
whether bearing christ
or just bare
and instead of silent nights
i like loud protests
because
be silent
is not a phrase about joy
but about control
so give me a christmas
without white supremacy
and bright sexism
where the story of a baby
becomes a story of a woman
and my nativity looks like
god's
and not like
[human's]



Kaitlin Hardy Shetler is an advocate for women and justice and an occasional preacher in Churches of Christ circles.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS*Matthew 2:1–12
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

Now Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod. Suddenly sages from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the one born king of the Judeans? For we have seen his star at its ascent and have come to reverence him.” When King Herod heard this, he was shaken, and all Jerusalem with him; then calling together all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah would be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
by no means are least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the sages and learned from them the time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go, search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and reverence him.” When they had heard the king, they left, and there suddenly was the star that they had seen at its ascent going before them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they rejoiced; their joy was exuberant. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and revered him. Then, opening their treasure, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO* *Go Tell It On The Mountain*
Plymouth Choir, Dr. Stephen Price, organ

SERMON *SERMÓN* *Civil Disobedience* Dr. Brown
(Service continues next page)

**AMERICAN MOSAIC:
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION IMMERSION WORKSHOP SERIES**

Five Sundays: January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2
12 – 1:30 pm in Hildebrand Hall

After worship today, begin an experiential, life-transforming workshop series. Gain new insights and practical tools to build respect, inclusion and belonging in organizations and communities, including Plymouth Church Seattle. Please join us!

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come now, O come now to Bethlehem.
Come and behold the ruler of all angels;

Refrain:

O come in adoration,
O come in adoration,
O come in adoration: Christ is Lord!

2) God of true God, Light of true Light
born of the Virgin's womb in human form;
Truly our God, begotten, not created:

[Refrain]

3) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all you messengers of heavenly love:
“Glory to God, all glory in the highest:”

[Refrain]

4) Amen, Lord, we greet you, born this happy morning;
Jesus to you shall all glory be given;
Word of our God now in flesh appearing;

[Refrain]

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Choeur (G major)Théodore Salomé
Dr. Stephen Price, organ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Wanted to staff a children and youth table in the Lounge during the service. We are looking to provide a space geared towards the youngest in our midst with activities during worship. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry, please email Rev. Kevin Bechtold, KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Help Provide Comfort The Community & Care Board requests your help to provide items for comfort bags to be distributed to visitors in need. Please bring gloves, socks, tissues, hand sanitizer and shelf-stable snacks. Items can be left in the bin by the Welcome Table in the Lounge on Sundays.

Born to be Wild Conference Men's Retreat at Pilgrim Firs January 31–February 2, 2025, led by Pastor Bill Comfort. All believers, seekers and doubters who identify as male are welcome.

Registration deadline is January 15. Link to register and more info in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Study the Bible with Plymouth Wednesdays at 9 am or Thursdays at 7 pm. The Zoom link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org will be the same every week for both Wednesday morning and Thursday evening studies.

Be The Church You are invited to volunteer at Plymouth Church! Remember that covenant giving also includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Contact Toni Arthur: TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Members and Visitors can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.org.

Believing that God's love transcends all human distinctions,
Plymouth welcomes people of all races and cultures,
of varied social and economic conditions
and regardless of sexual orientation.

We are open and affirming of all people,
and we call all people to the cost and joy of Christian discipleship.