



PLYMOUTH CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**World AIDS Day**

**10:30 AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024**

# 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.



Thank you for worshipping online with us today. Please like and send us a greeting on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



The church office is open during limited hours.

Contact [Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

**All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.**

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10:30 AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT/WORLD AIDS DAY

*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*** . . . . . *Prelude, Op. 10* . . . . . Mel Bonis  
Peter Nelson-King, piano

**WELCOME *BIENVENIDA*** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

**CALL TO WORSHIP** . . . . . Barb Bennett & Craig Rennebohm  
***LLAMADO A ADORAR***

**Reader 1:** In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3)

**Reader 2:** In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the owner of the house will come” (Mark 13:35).

**Congregation: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.**

**Reader 1:** We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

*Light the first candle of hope.*  
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## OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (#116) vs 1-3 . . . . . VENI EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, and  
3 O come, O come, O A - do - nai, who



ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly  
or - der all things far and nigh; To us the path of  
came to all on Si - nai high, And from its peak a



ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, and help us in that way to go.  
sin - gle law pro - claimed in maj - es - ty and awe.

### *Refrain*



Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### *CELEBRACIÓN DE LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN*

Dr. Brown, Rev. Kevin Bechtold

### INVITATION *INVITACIÓN*

### COMMUNION PRAYER *ORACIÓN DE COMUNIÓN*

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), 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), 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), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), William Chapman Nyaho, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark), Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark)



**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 . . . . .Dr. Brown**

***ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS***

**Holy God, the bread and the cup remind us how  
good you are. Communion reminds us how good we  
can be when we follow your path of righteousness.**

**Make us instruments of your peace. Where there is  
hatred, let us sow love. Heal your people and the  
land. We give you thanks for who you are and the  
blessing of being called your people. Amen.**

**CALL TO OFFERING & SHARING PEACE. . . . . June Hayakawa-Fung**

***LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ***

**God continues to increase love in our hearts for our  
neighbors within our congregation, community, and world.  
Through our various gifts, we are able to strengthen our  
connections and grow with our God, Holy Crafter of Gifts.**

**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** . . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

***ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN***

**Joyous God, Originator of all Gifts,  
This day and always, we celebrate the gifts of our  
hands and hearts. We share our talents and time,  
knowing our energy builds the world with love. We  
share our treasures, knowing that all gifts we entrust  
to your Church will build your Realm. With joy, we  
devote our firstfruits to loving you and your children.  
Amen.**

**OFFERING MUSIC *OFRECIENDO MÚSICA***

*Grace* . . . . . Wells Hively  
Peter Nelson-King, tenor and pianist

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA***

When I am with you, everything is prayer.  
I prayed for change,  
so, I changed my mind.  
I prayed for guidance  
and learned to trust myself.  
I prayed for happiness  
and realized I am not my ego.  
I prayed for peace  
and learned to accept others unconditionally.  
I prayed for abundance  
and realized my doubt kept it out.  
I prayed for wealth  
and realized it is my health.



*Rumi was a 13th-century Persian poet, Islamic scholar and Sufi mystic.*

I prayed for a miracle  
and realized I am the miracle.

I prayed for a soul mate  
and realized I am with the One.

I prayed for love  
and realized it is always knocking,  
but I have to allow it in.

“Enough with your doubts! Enough with your sorrows!  
Let them go, and I will show you the way.”

—*Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi*

**SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . . . Luke 1:5-20**

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

read by Rev. Bechtold

And it was in the days of Herod king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the lineage of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living according to all the commandments and righteous requirements of the Sovereign God blamelessly. Now they had no child because Elizabeth was barren, and they both were advanced in age.

And it happened that when Zechariah was serving as priest and his order had the service before God, according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to offer incense and he entered the sanctuary of the Holy God. The whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the time of the incense offering. There appeared to Zechariah a messenger of the Living God, standing to the right of the altar of incense. Now Zechariah was shaken when he saw the messenger and fear overwhelmed him. But the messenger said to him, “Fear not, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to a son for you, and you will call his name John. You will have joy and gladness, and many at his birth will rejoice, for he will be great in the sight of the Sovereign God. Wine and strong drink he must not drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother’s womb. He will turn many of the women and men of Israel to the Holy One their God. He will go before the Holy God with the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to prepare for the Redeeming God a people made ready.” Then Zechariah said to the messenger, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man and my woman is getting old herself.” The messenger answered him saying, “I am Gabriel. I stand before God and I have been sent to speak to you and to proclaim to you this good news.”

But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.”

**ANTHEM** *EL HIMNO* . . . . . *Comfort, Comfort O My People*

Tune: PSALM 42

Plymouth Choir; Eliza Woodyard, Choir Director

**SERMON** *SERMÓN* . . . . . *On Speaking* . . . . . Dr. Brown

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (#282) . . . . . African American Spiritual

*Refrain*



Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will



pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

*Last time, end*



in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God  
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and



spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -  
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

*to Refrain*



round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.  
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

**BENEDICTION** *BENDICIÓN* . . . . . Dr. Brown

**POSTLUDE** *POSTLUDIO*

*Arabesque, Op. 7, No. 3* . . . . . Walter Niemann

Peter Nelson-King, piano





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**December 1 is World AIDS Day**, an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease. Learn more at [WorldAidsDay.org](http://WorldAidsDay.org).

**Support Duwamish Arts** The Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center (4705 W Marginal Way in Southwest Seattle, 98106) hosts their annual Native Art Market 10 am-5 pm **today**, December 1.

**Join Puget Brass** 7-9 pm Saturday, December 7, at Plymouth UCC for a program of brass and organ music supporting Plymouth Immigration Ministry. Free admission. Donations of cash, check, non-perishable food, and toiletries accepted. See [PugetBrass.org/Events](http://PugetBrass.org/Events) for more info.

**Pathway to Freedom** Film screening at Plymouth, 5-7 pm Sunday, December 8, followed by a panel discussion on justice activism. Pizza, salad and refreshments served. Donations accepted to help the mission of Families Shoulder to Shoulder. Kindly RSVP to [ciara@familiesshouldertoshoulder.org](mailto:ciara@familiesshouldertoshoulder.org).

**Blue Christmas** Come to Plymouth 4-5 pm on the longest night, Saturday, December 21, for a concert to benefit those struggling through the holidays. Featuring Nelda Swiggett, Clif Swiggett and Michael Glynn, with guest vocalist Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown. Watch for more details soon.

**The Gospel Magnificat** Enjoy two performances of a gospel jazz setting of the Canticum of Mary by Kent Stevenson. 4 pm Sun., Dec. 8 at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church (75th & Greenwood Ave N) and 7 pm Sat. Dec. 14 at First Baptist (1111 Harvard Ave). \$25 at the door (\$15 students), More info: 206-519-4575.

**Please Note:** On Sunday, December 29, we will have online worship only. The building will be closed to give staff and clergy an opportunity to spend time with loved ones. You can access the worship service on Plymouth's web site or on Plymouth's YouTube channel ([YouTube.com/@PlymouthChurchSeattleUCC](http://YouTube.com/@PlymouthChurchSeattleUCC)) at 10:30 am, December 29.

**Plymouth Welcome Circle** seeks help to find a 4 bedroom, 2 bath house within the Seattle city limits for the Afghan family we have been supporting. Landlord needs to accept a housing voucher (Section 8). Contact Janet Gwilym with leads: [J.Gwilym@hotmail.com](mailto:J.Gwilym@hotmail.com).

**2025 Calendars Sought for Inmates** The inmates at Monroe Correctional Facility appreciate current calendars. If you get free calendars in the mail you won't use, please drop them in the box at church on Sundays. Questions? Contact Christine Hanson: [HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com](mailto:HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com).

**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 is now open. Link to register and more info in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

**Members and Visitors** can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: [peaceonearth.org](http://peaceonearth.org).

**The Plymouth Church Library** is open before and after worship every Sunday morning.



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.