

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, October 22, 2023  
Worship In the Sanctuary or Online

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

2 Samuel 21:1–14  
“Keeping the Vigil”  
Rev. Sheri Edwards Dalton

9 am Plymouth Singers Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

*The Plymouth Library is open before and after worship on Sundays.*

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team by calling the pastoral care line, **206-639-7739**, checked daily.

The *Plymouth Herald* is published every week.

**Deadline is Monday, 10 am, for Wednesday publication.** Stay current with Plymouth happenings on our website. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



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Return Service Requested

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Walter Bethel (Friend of Karen Clark), **Marilyn Bumpas**, Susan Carter (Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen Bernard), Bruce Chittick & family (Friend of Karen Clark), Mike Correy (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), Mykesha Davis (Daughter of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Mark & JT Edwards, JoAnn English (Relative of Lucian Guthrie), Diane Folkert (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Lucian Guthrie, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), The Keith Family (Friends of Mari Mitchell and Alex), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Paula Orrego, Jim Oswald (Friend of Bing Tso), Anna Partch (Friend of Sari Breznau), Jose Robles and Family, Rachel Sebastian (Friend of Jeanette Hagen), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon), Pluma Wright (Friend of Glenda Carper), Judy Young (Friend of Glenda Carper)

A celebration of the life of Greg Harris will be held Saturday, October 21, 1-3 pm at the Hyatt Regency Seattle.

**bold=newly added.** Names will remain on list for six weeks unless requested.

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## PLYMOUTH WELCOMES REV. SHERI EDWARDS DALTON



Rev. Sheri Edwards Dalton

Plymouth welcomes The Rev. Sheri Edwards Dalton to preach at 10:30 am Sunday, October 22.

Sheri was born and raised in Seattle, and graduated from The University of Washington with a B.S. in Nursing. After working for a few years at Swedish Hospital, she began to feel redirected by

the Holy Spirit to enroll at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, graduating in 1987 with an M.Div. degree.

Sheri was ordained in 1988 as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA, and her first call was to The Scots' Church in downtown Melbourne, Australia. Eventually she returned home to be closer to her Seattle roots and served as Sr. Pastor of Redmond P.C. and Co-Senior Pastor of Mercer Island P.C. Sheri is now happily retired, and she and husband Steve are now experiencing the chaos and excitement of their son Jack's senior year in high school!

Come hear her message to us this Sunday, 10:30 am in the Sanctuary or live online.

## HELP ELIMINATE MEDICAL DEBT

Over a hundred million Americans struggle with the weight of medical debt. Your donation helps lift the burden. Through your gifts, RIP Medical Debt purchases bundled medical debt for pennies on the dollar and then eliminates that debt. Each recipient will owe nothing on the debt and will face no tax penalty. For those touched by this movement to abolish medical debt, it will be a year of Jubilee!

Contribute to Plymouth's campaign, "Licks of Fire" by clicking the button on the homepage at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

**Deadline to donate is November 1!**



*You can make this a year of jubilee!*

## GOD SAYS NOW!

At 7 pm Thursday, October 26, Plymouth welcomes Father Anne to discuss why ordination of women in the Roman Catholic Church matters. At 8 pm there will be an element of action, followed by Mass at 8:30 pm.

Father Anne was ordained on October 16, 2021 in Albuquerque, NM through the Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests and is now an independent Roman Catholic priest. Father Anne's mission is to see women welcomed into the Roman Catholic priesthood. Father Anne obeys the call of the Holy Spirit to collaborate with God on the project of equality within one of the most powerful institutions in the world.

Learn more at [FatherAnne.com](https://FatherAnne.com).



*Special evening at Plymouth October 26.*

## ANTI-RACIST GIVING WORKSHOP

Social Justice Fund, the Coalition of Anti-Racist Whites (CARW), and Plymouth Church will lead a two-part workshop to address questions like:

- How do we decide when, where, and how much to give?
- How do our social and racial identities shape our relationships with money and giving?
- What does it look like to center the giving of money as part of our anti-racist practice?

Open to all, this workshop has been designed specifically for folks who benefit from the history of white wealth accumulation. Through learning and discussion, you'll gain the tools to begin building your personal social justice giving plan.

- Part 1: 5:30-7:30 pm PST November 6
- Part 2: 5:30-7:30 pm PST November 13
- Location: Zoom (link will be shared with registered participants in advance of the event).

Register in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).



THE ROMNEY LEGACY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

## The Rev. Wilda C. Gafney, Ph.D.



FREE LECTURE  
OCTOBER 28, 2023 AT 7PM

"Changing the Way We Hear Scripture:  
Writing a Lectionary While Womanist"

SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
1111 HARVARD AVE, SEATTLE, WA

[wilgafney.com](https://wilgafney.com)  
[seattlefirstbaptist.org](https://seattlefirstbaptist.org)





## LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING



Ibidunni Ojikutu

Ibidunni Ojikutu began her tenure as Plymouth’s Artist-in-Residence on October 8. Looking forward to her time with us, she says, “I’m beyond excited to contribute to the magic that Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown has created in this beautiful congregation. Plymouth is a welcoming, open, loving yet accountable space. I’m really fortunate to have found another church home that allows me artistic freedom and whose focus is on kindness and service. I look forward to seeing how I grow as an artist and a person.” Read more at [IbidunniOjikutu.com](http://IbidunniOjikutu.com).

Dr. Nnenna Ogwo is a pianist, composer, educator and arts innovator of Caribbean and African descent. As a concert pianist, she has performed in Europe, the Middle East, South America, the Caribbean, and the United States, equally at ease performing on grand stages as well as more intimate settings and is known for an engaging warmth that makes diverse audiences feel at home. This is an essential aspect of her mission to expand and diversify classical music audiences. Read more at [Nnenna.net](http://Nnenna.net).

Spread the word — invite friends and family for an afternoon of inspiring music in our Sanctuary. 🌍

## THE ESOTERICS AT PLYMOUTH



At Plymouth 8 pm Saturday, Oct. 21

Come to Plymouth 8 pm Saturday October 21, to hear The Esoterics perform all works by Ned Rorem. In the modern era, if there were a single American composer who represented the triumph of intuitive lyricism over systemic dogma, it would be Ned Rorem. Rorem, who died last November at age 99, never aligned himself with any particular school, and preferred to write music that he “wanted to hear.” His published work includes over 500 art songs, candid diaries detailing his life and relationships in Paris and New York, and of course: choral music. More info and tickets at [TheEsoterics.org](http://TheEsoterics.org). 🌍

## WAITING & WATCHING

This year we will once again create our own Advent Devotional, with the help of Plymouth friends and friends throughout the Pacific Northwest Conference. The liturgical season of Advent starts on December 3, and marks the time of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Our theme is “Waiting & Watching.” We welcome all forms of expression, including but not limited to prose of less than 300 words, poetry, art, and photography. Feel like writing a song? We’d love to include it!

We prompt you to consider: What are you waiting for in your life? For what are you looking? What does a season of “waiting and watching” mean to you? Submissions are due **Wednesday November 15**. Send to [RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Please include your name and home church, although anonymous submissions are also welcome. Help spread the word — we look forward to hearing from friends far and wide. 🌍



Contribute to Advent Devotional.

## DISRUPTING THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

Join a free online event to explore and discuss ways for communities to unite and truly break down oppressive systems that lead to youth incarceration. You will learn from the perspective of people impacted by the system and explore approaches to the challenge of changing the system as we together envision a hopeful future.



Join online discussion October 29

Learn, connect, and be part of the movement for change 7-9 pm (PDT) Sunday, October 29, online. Find link to register for this free event in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). 🌍

## 2024 CALENDARS FOR INMATES



A small gesture makes a big difference.

Each year we collect calendars for the coming new year to bring to the Monroe Correctional Complex. If you receive free calendars, please donate them. There is a collection box at church to drop off calendars on Sundays. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones’ cubby in the mailroom (#1S). If you can’t make it to church, we’ll do our best to collect them. Call or email Christine Hanson (509-679-7430) to arrange pick up. This simple act brings great joy to our incarcerated friends! 🌍

## SIGN THE BOOK OF LIFE

Remember and honor friends and family who have passed by writing their names in the *Book of Life*. The book becomes part of worship on All Saints Sunday, November 5. Names of persons who have passed away in the last 12 months will be spoken in prayer during service that Sunday. Add names using the online form (link in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)) or sign the book in the Lounge. Please place an asterisk by names of those who have passed in the previous 12 months. Please send/sign names by Wednesday, November 1. 🌍



For all the saints who from their labors rest...

## PLYMOUTH LIBRARY CITINGS

“[What is] important to remember is that a myth is not something false, rather a myth is something with so much truth that it needs a fantastical container.” — *P’adraig ‘O Tuama*



Illustration by Michael Foreman

A major new war has been added to our newspapers. Ukraine, unbelievably, is now the small print to the headlines of the conflict in Gaza. And yet more generals step in to orchestrate more carnage. So, it seemed the right time to cite Janet Charters and Michael Foreman’s picture book, *The General*. In this mythical story, a fox runs in front of General Jodpur’s horse, and he falls off, landing in soft, sweet-smelling grass. From there his eyes open to the beauty of the world and he becomes famous among the world’s generals as the general who made his country, “the most beautiful in the world.” Check out how he did that and then check off the “Children’s picture book” square of the Plymouth Church Library Book Bingo. (Get your bingo card in the Plymouth Church Library or email us and we will send you one.)

Always, but especially when the cruel truths of today shake our faith in God’s immanence in the world, it is good to remind ourselves of the greater truths that God intends. And Janet and Michael have given us a fantastical container for peace in *The General*.

—Melony Joyce, Plymouth Church Library Committee  
[Library@plymouthchurchseattle.org](mailto:Library@plymouthchurchseattle.org) 🌍

## SHARE YOUR STUFF

Join our church-wide talent show! Shine your tap shoes, warm up your yodel, dust off your poetry! Come laugh and share and sing along. Enjoy lunch and a show Sunday, November 19, right after worship. Save the date and watch for sign-ups coming soon. —Sari Breznau 🌍

## BREAK THE SILENCE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Domestic Violence Awareness Month was launched nationwide in October 1987 as a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues while raising awareness for those issues.



Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

Although there has been substantial progress in reducing domestic violence, an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute. This equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner, and 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have been severely physically abused by an intimate partner. Millions of Americans live in daily, silent fear within their own homes. In addition, every year millions of children are exposed to domestic violence. Domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children’s emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning. Visit the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence at [NCADV.org](http://NCADV.org) to learn more and get involved.

**If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, please seek help immediately. You can call the 24-hour National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).** 🌍

## THANK YOU FOR A SPECIAL SUNDAY

Thanks to all who helped welcome Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk to Plymouth last Sunday. What an honor it was to have her share her gifts and wisdom with us 🌍



Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Rev. Dr. Joanne Braxton