

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, November 3, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS —
SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!**

All Saints/All Souls Sunday

Matthew 27:50–56

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Picture Day — *Dress in Black*

9 am Choir Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

11:30 am Congregational Conversation

Members and Visitors in the church building can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at **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.

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Return Service Requested

NOTABLE IN NOVEMBER

- Native American Heritage Month
- National Caregivers Appreciation Month
- Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month

- 11/1 All Saints Day
- 11/2 All Souls Day
- 11/1-11/2 Dia de los Muertos
- 11/3 All Saints/All Souls Sunday
- 11/3 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 11/5 General Election Day
- 11/9 World Freedom Day
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/13 World Kindness Day
- 11/13-11/19 Transgender Awareness Week
- 11/20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 11/20 Universal Children's Day
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Day (US)

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

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, Denny Palmason (Brother of Jon Palmason), Jaime Rubio Sulficio



bold=newly added. Names will remain on list for 6 weeks unless requested.

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GRIEF SPEAKS



Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Grief speaks. It moves. It moans. It cries.

As we observe All Saints Sunday, a time of remembrance, we are invited to gather together in a ritual of grace. For each of us, these moments can be such a sacred, profound and personal journey. In the context of the beloved community, it is

essential to acknowledge and support each other. This is holy ground.

For us, there is consolation by way of the spirit. The Bible offers solace, reminding us that, “The Holy One is close to the brokenhearted”, and, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”.

We shall be comforted, even while grief is fresh. We shall be comforted through the many days and years that have passed. Furthermore, we make the case that sorrow extends beyond physical death.

As those in the grasp of genocide, immigrants and asylum seekers, queer and trans folks, Black and Brown folks, birthing people, and other minoritized people may be at risk as a result of this election, the church must be ready—to stand in solidarity, to cry with those who mourn, to be a source of stability and strength. I pray we can transform our individual fear and concerns into a collective and moral force for good.

While grief flows through us, it does not exclude hope. Hope is an active force that can change everything! Let us gather all the frayed ends of our ropes and grieve with intention for the betterment of this world. Let us remember the saints are the cloud of witnesses who do more than rest. They join with us in our movement, helping us to bend the arc toward justice.

In the coming days, let not your heart be troubled. There's a place for us. May the memories of our people be a blessing. May we find signs of hope and experience the presence of God in our lovingkindness. Blessed be.

—Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

PICTURE DAY NOVEMBER 3

Plan to attend church in person on November 3 for picture day. Please dress in black (some black shirts will be available to borrow). We need a few volunteers to help: please contact Toni Arthur (TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to lend a hand. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



Please dress in black November 3.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU



Series of conversations continues.

Please plan to attend the upcoming congregational events with our consultant, Dr. Mark Smutny, as we continue our future strategic planning. The following conversations will be in person at Plymouth after worship, unless otherwise noted:

November 3 & 10; December 14 (Saturday, 9 am-2 pm); January 5, 12, 19 & 26; February 2.

Please complete our latest survey. Take the survey online using links in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Paper copies are available at Plymouth, or request one by emailing Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Your insight is vital to this process. Thank you.

NEW IN COVENANT

New members will be received during worship Sunday, November 3. All who want to covenant with Plymouth UCC are invited to contact June Hayakawa-Fung. We are grateful for your commitment and welcome you in covenanting with God, Plymouth Church, and one another.



We welcome you to grow together in faith.

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL



Rev. Demontrice Bigham

Your Church Council is pleased to introduce Council Member at large, Rev. Demontrice Bigham, and Treasurer Ruth Williamson.

Council Member at large
Rev. Demontrice Bingham was voted in unanimously as a Council Member at large, effective September 25, 2024, and will end this service when the Congregation meets in February

2025 for its annual elections. Serving on Church Council provides opportunities for him to learn more about Plymouth, its ministries and be a support for the church and our pastor. “I am happy to serve where I can, and to be at your service.”

Rev. Bigham is a dedicated nonprofit leader and minister. He is a Seattle native. Bigham focuses on mentoring young Black gay and bisexual men, helping them navigate life’s challenges, complete their education, and access career opportunities. With over a decade of experience in the human services sector, Bigham has held roles at organizations like POCAAN, Community Roots Housing, and DESC. He holds a Master of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. A proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Bigham is deeply committed to community empowerment and social justice. He is also a father of two young daughters.

Treasurer Ruth Williamson was voted in unanimously as the new Treasurer for Church Council, effective September 25, 2024 (to backfill the position of Treasurer vacated by Jerry Rice, effective September 21, 2024), and will end this service when the Congregation meets in February 2025 for its annual elections. In her words:

“Hello, I’m Ruth Williamson and newly in the position of Treasurer of Plymouth Church, which I also held from 2021-2022. I started coming to Plymouth in 1985 when my two children were young. I came as a single mother looking for spiritual sustenance, and over time Plymouth became an anchor in my life and a place of community, as well as of spiritual sustenance and growth. Through all the pastors and congregants I’ve learned from, groups I’ve discerned with, music we’ve made, laughs and tears we’ve shared, and decisions we’ve made, God has been with us. They show their face when least expected. I don’t know what form it will take, but I believe we can move Plymouth Church into the next step in the journey, with the grace of God.”



Ruth Williamson

EXPLORE SELMA & BLOODY SUNDAY

Dive deep into complex history with an immersive educational trip to Selma, Alabama, led by Museum Without Walls, March 6-14, 2025.

The Selma Jubilee honors the anniversary of Bloody Sunday, which occurred on March 7, 1965, when 525 African-American demonstrators crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, demanding their right to vote. They were violently confronted by more than 50 state troopers, horses, and possemen, who brutally attacked them when they refused to turn back. This shocking event was broadcast nationwide, revealing the grim reality of racism in the South. Two weeks later, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led 3,200 civil rights activists on a historic 49-mile march from Selma to Montgomery, helping spur the passage of the Voting Rights Act. Limit 26 persons. Register by Nov. 15. Details and registration link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.



Learn about Bloody Sunday March 6-14, 2025.

SUPPORT DUWAMISH ARTS

The Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center (4705 W Marginal Way in Southwest Seattle, 98106) will host their annual Native Art Market on Friday, November 29-December 1. Come enjoy local Indigenous arts, jewelry, and more. Don’t miss this festive weekend and find great gifts for the whole family, just in time for the holiday season.



Native Art Market Nov. 29-Dec.1

We are also looking for volunteers to help us run smoothly. Sign up to volunteer at DuwamishTribe.org.

2025 CALENDARS FOR INMATES



Your thoughtfulness is a true gift

We continue to collect 2025 calendars to take to the Monroe Correctional Complex. Please drop them in the box at Plymouth. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones’ mailroom cubby (#1S). If you won’t be at church, contact Christine Hanson (509-679-7430; HansonChristineann@gmail.com). Thank you!

CARE TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU

Your Plymouth Care Team is committed to responding to all care concerns that come our way. Please use the Plymouth Care Line phone number to get in touch: **206-639-7739**. Messages checked daily. The Care Line is for non-emergency issues. For acute crises, call 988. Members of the Care Team are:



Let us know what we can do for you.

- **Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown**
(KBrown@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)
- **Rev. Kevin Bechtold**
(KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).
- **Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung**
(JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

STUDY THE BIBLE WITH PLYMOUTH



9 am Wednesdays and 7 pm Thursdays.

Join friends Wednesdays at 9 am or Thursdays at 7 pm to discuss Scripture readings for the coming Sunday. The Zoom link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org will be the same every week for both Wednesday morning and Thursday evening studies. The link requires the usual Plymouth passcode. Email Rev. Bechtold if you need the code. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown. We hope to hear from you in these discussions. (*Note: no Thursday study on October 31*).

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION

Tory Trujillo offers a monthly deep healing Sound Medicine Meditation. Tory will begin by centering the group with breath work and embodiment practices. Participants are encouraged to bring yoga mats, blankets, or pillows Some mats and blankets will be available to borrow. Sessions last between 60 and 75 minutes.



Next session is Sunday, November 24.

Next session is scheduled for Sunday, November 24, at 11:45 am in Hildebrand Hall. (*Note: start time is subject to change, determined by the length of Sunday service.*) Suggested Donation \$20.

CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is Native American Heritage Month. Native Americans and Alaska Natives are people having origins in any of the original peoples of North, South and Central America, and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment. The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people.



Heritage Month is a time to educate ourselves about tribes, to raise awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges. It is a time to celebrate the traditions, languages, and stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Island communities and ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each generation. It is also a time to evaluate our pledge to maintain meaningful partnerships with Tribal Nations and renew our commitment to ensure every community has a future they deserve.

We acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded, traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples, whose ancestors have lived here and cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial. These communities are still here, and many indigenous people are strong and thriving. We honor the people past and present who belong to this place.

Take time this month to learn more about the traditions and contributions of Native Americans in education, art, literature, government, sports, science and technology past and present. Visit NationalToday.com/American-Heritage-Month for more information and learning resources.

STAY AWARE

From time to time it’s good to remember best practices for internet security, especially now that holiday shopping season is beginning. As we have shared before, no one from the Plymouth Church UCC staff will ever send requests for financial or other personal assistance.

Fraudsters use clever schemes to defraud millions every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. If you receive a text, call or email that seems suspicious, don’t respond. Report it to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Check what scams are going on in your area by visiting FTC.gov/ExploreData.