

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, November 5, 2023  
Worship In the Sanctuary or Online

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

*All Saints/All Souls Sunday  
Sacrament of Communion*

Matthew 27:50-56  
Rev. Kevin Bechtold

**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.

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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, 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), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), **Vance McDill**, Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Paula Orrego, 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)

Our hearts are with Pam Mitchell and family on the passing of her husband, Don Mitchell.

We are with Kristine Danzinger and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her grandmother, Marjorie Minea.

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

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## HELP PROVIDE COMFORT



*Bring items and help make care bags.*

Bring items for comfort bags and help assemble them to be distributed to visitors in need. The Community and Care Board is asking for contributions of gloves, socks, tissues, hand sanitizer, and granola bars by November 12. Contributions brought this Sunday, November 5, can be left at the welcome desk before

worship. After worship on November 12, we will gather in the Lounge to assemble the comfort bags. Thank you!

—Kathy Rood, Community and Care Board 🌍

## 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. 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. 🌍



*Contribute to Advent Devotional.*

## WHO TO GO TO FOR WHAT



We now have a “Who To Go To For What” guide showing all Clergy and Staff. Find the link to the guide on the “Meet our Staff” page under the “About” tab at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). The guide includes contact information and workweek schedules. 🌍

## HONORING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is Native American Heritage Month. 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 passing generation. It is also

a time to evaluate our pledge to maintain the meaningful partnerships we have with Tribal Nations and renew our commitment to our nation-to-nation relationships as we seek to ensure every community has a future they deserve.

This year’s theme is *Celebrating Tribal Sovereignty and Identity*. Tribal sovereignty ensures that any decisions about Tribes with regard to their property and citizens are made with their participation and consent.

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. This acknowledgement does not take the place of authentic relationships with Indigenous communities, but serves as a first step in honoring the land we are on. 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.

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. This month is a time to celebrate diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people.

Heritage Month is also a time to learn about tribes, to raise a general 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.

We encourage you to learn more about the traditions and contributions of Native Americans and Alaskan Natives in education, art, literature, government, sports, science and technology past and present. 🌍





## WORDS AND MUSIC 2



Lee Peterson

After worship on November 12, Lee Peterson will offer their reflections on creativity, spirituality, and a life graced by two keyboards. Peterson says: “Music is my vocation, as a performer specializing in piano with ‘excursions’ into fortepiano, organ, and harpsichord/teacher of many things/composer/occasional conductor. I’ve

taught music in the public school system and at four universities, working with students aged 5 to 70+ representing various levels of accomplishment and learning styles, including students with particular challenges.

“I came to Seattle University as a student in the MATS degree program (Master of Arts in Transforming Spirituality). After earning the MATS degree, I taught several music courses as a member of the music adjunct faculty and in 2006, began working full-time at Seattle U as Assistant Director of Choral Music. I ‘re-directed’ (retired!) from Seattle University in June 2023 after fifteen years as Assistant Director of Choral Music and one year as Pianist-in-Residence.

“Three of my paternal ancestors were Baptist preachers and pastors. I ‘carried on’ as an ordained clergyperson in the Ecclesia Gnostica. In many ways, life has taken me to places not dreamed of in my family context; I am grateful for the years I spent in the Ecclesia and have greatly benefited from the practice of Vajrayana Buddhism. Both traditions showed me a ‘new way’ during a time of great darkness and outright despair.

“I’ve always been intrigued by the phenomenon of creativity and how creative energy relates to spirituality and to spiritual practice. Now, with plenty of time on my hands (!), I’m able to dive deeply into the subject, continuing to find connections between it and other things that also interest and nourish me.” —Lee Peterson 🌍

## 2024 CALENDARS FOR INMATES

We are collecting 2024 calendars 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, call or email Christine Hanson (509-679-7430) to arrange pick up. This simple act brings great joy to our incarcerated friends! 🌍



A small gesture makes a big difference.

## MASS FOR DECEASED HOMELESS

You are invited to gather at St. James Cathedral at 5:30 pm Thursday, November 9 for Mass in memory of the homeless men, women, and children who died in shelters, hospitals, on the streets or by violence in our community this past year.

Please join us to honor their memory, to celebrate their lives, and to pray for them. Father Ryan will preside at the Mass. All are welcome to bring an offering of winter hats, gloves, and scarves to be distributed to those in need.

St. James Cathedral is located at 9th and Marion on First Hill in Downtown Seattle. Information: Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org. 🌍



5:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 9 at St. James.

## ANTI-RACIST GIVING WORKSHOP



Social Justice Fund, the Coalition of Anti-Racist Whites (CARW), and Plymouth Church will lead a two-part workshop open to all, and 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. 🌍

## UNDO INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

Undoing Institutionalized Racism workshops are designed to educate, challenge and empower people to “undo” racist structures that hinder effective social change. The training is based on the premise that racism has been systematically erected and that it can be “undone” if people understand where it comes from, how it functions and why it is perpetuated. Next workshop is **December 7-9**. Find full schedule and link to register at [PinwSeattle.org](https://www.pinwseattle.org). 🌍



## SHARE YOUR TALENT!

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 after worship. Please contact Sari to sign up your act, or just to let her know you will be in the audience so we can get a count for lunch: SariBreznau@gmail.com. 🌍



Enjoy lunch and a show after service Nov. 19

## VOTE FOR PEOPLE’S BUDGET



Seattle has a long legacy of advocating to get our needs met. Community members can choose their top four choices for how to spend \$27 million to improve their communities. Anyone 15 years old and older who lives, works, or plays in the City

of Seattle is eligible to vote. Voting closes on November 12, 2023. Link to ballot in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Proposals on the ballot have been developed from ideas submitted by the community across five focus areas:

- **Housing & Physical Spaces:** Housing diversity and the need for more Black-led residential commercial spaces.
- **Youth & Children:** Childcare and out-of-school time supports, particularly for kids facing violence and trauma.
- **Crises & Wellness:** There’s strong support for alternatives to the currently harmful 911 and crisis response system..
- **Economic Development:** The urgent need for economic relief to address COVID-19, recession and racism.
- **Mental Health:** New culturally responsive and caring mental health networkswith care by appropriate healers. 🌍

## STAY AWARE

From time to time it’s good to remember best practices for internet security. 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 out what’s going on in your area by visiting [FTC.gov/ExploreData](https://www.ftc.gov/ExploreData). 🌍

## DON’T MISS A PLYMOUTH EVENT

Hello Dear Plymouth Folk. I’m writing to share the good news that the events page on our church website has gotten a bunch of attention lately. The calendar is now up to date with the various meetings, bible study opportunities, music gatherings, and events that are coming up in the next couple of months.



Check out our new events page.

You can check it out: go to our homepage and look for the Events tab. [Pro tip: if you click on an event you can see more details and then if you refresh the page in your browser, you will be able to go back to the calendar so you can click something else.] The effort to get us an up-to-date events page was the result of many, many people coming together to make it happen. First, several of our Board and Committee chairs voiced that it was tough to schedule church-wide things around the busy worship and events schedule planned by clergy and staff. Second, clergy and council leadership listened and in a great “aha!” moment realized that if all these lay leaders and our clergy team met quarterly “to calendar”, we could coordinate better and get things pinned down in time. Third, we did just that in September and committed to “calendar” quarterly for the foreseeable future. Fourth, Rev. Kevin took on the daunting task of updating the calendar to reflect the various standing gatherings and the upcoming special events for the quarter. This was a very big lift given that there were a lot of things to add so a huge thanks to Rev. Kevin for taking this on!

I hope you will check out the calendar regularly. It’s now a great way to stay on top of the wonderful things that are going on at Plymouth. Also, if you know of something that was missed or that you’d like to see added over time, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Rev. Kevin to get it added: KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Happy calendar browsing! —Tracy Simpson, Plymouth Moderator 🌍

## WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU

Your church council has created a survey to gauge interest in various social action efforts and additional ideas you have. Fill it out online at <https://bit.ly/2023councilsurvey>. Please submit your response by **November 9**. Please note that the survey is not anonymous. Our plan is to identify who is interested in learning about and working on various options and who has knowledge and experience to lend. Thank you! —Tracy Simpson 🌍



Art by Tracy Simpson