

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am & 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Worship In the Sanctuary or Online

Christmas Eve

Lessons and Carols

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Decorate Christmas Cookies, Lounge

5 pm Pre-service Music, Lounge
*with Trumpeter Eli Block and
Director of Music and Arts Joe Williams*

PARKING NOTE

If the Plymouth garage is full, free parking is available next door in the 1200 5th Building garage. Take a ticket from the machine when entering the garage, then park in any non-reserved stall. Get a validation ticket from the welcome table in the Lounge, or ask a greeter for one. When exiting the garage, first insert the ticket received at entry, then the validation ticket. The validation ticket will change the amount due to \$0 and open the gate arm.

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



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Seattle, Washington 98101-3199

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), **Sally Galliher** (Cousin of Doug Stultz), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Lucian Guthrie, RL (Friend of Karen Clark), Joanna Lemly and Family (Sister of Hayden McManus), **James McDowell** (Cousin of Jerry Rice), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Ian Nelson (Son of Diane Nelson), Paula Orrego, **Mary Margaret Pruitt**, Jose Robles and Family, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon)



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

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HELP PACK FOOD BOXES DEC. 22



Pack boxes or make a donation.

Help create Christmas boxes of fresh produce and poultry for those living in food deserts in the greater Seattle area. We need volunteers to pack boxes at Plymouth, Noon-2 pm Friday, December 22. Please contact June Hayakawa-Fung (JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) if you can help.

You can contribute financially by mailing a check or contributing on our “Giving” page. Choose “Christmas Food Boxes” from the fund menu. Food boxes will be available for those in the Plymouth community as well. If you or someone you know would benefit from a food box, please email June. Thank you for supporting this ministry of Plymouth, led by the Community and Care Board. [🌐](#)

A WORD ABOUT YEAR-END GIVING

We count on your year-end contributions to sustain our ministries. Please remember all 2023 contributions must be postmarked by Saturday, December 30, 2023 or delivered to the church (via offering plate or online) by Sunday, Dec. 31. Below are listed several options for how to give.



Your support is vital.

Email DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for assistance.

- **Online Giving through Simple Church** Click on the MAKE A GIFT box at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Be sure to donate on or before December 31.
- **Text to Give** to 206-208-1442 and enter a dollar amount. You will receive prompts to complete the transaction.
- **Cash App** Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle.
- **CHECK BY MAIL** Mail your offerings to the church postmarked by Dec. 30: Plymouth Church, UCC / 1217 6th Ave / Seattle WA 98101 [🌐](#)

CHRISTMAS EVE AT PLYMOUTH

Join Plymouth in celebration on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, in the Sanctuary and live online at 10:30 am and 5:30 pm (pre-service music begins at 5 pm). Services feature beloved congregational carols, stirring anthems, moving Scripture and contemporary readings, and sharing of the light. Invite friends and family! [🌐](#)



Services at 10:30 am & 5:30 pm

DECORATE CHRISTMAS COOKIES



Join friends to create holiday treats.

Join friends Sunday, December 24, following the 10:30 am service (11:30 am-1 pm) in the Lounge to decorate cookies to be served at the evening service (5:30 pm).

Drop in and invite others. We'll have cookies and decorating supplies, and hot cocoa to sip. Enjoy this time of friendship and festive fun. [🌐](#)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Flowers given in memory, or in honor of...

Jeanette's parents: John & Jean Haigh, and
Ken's parents: Alvin & Dorothy Hagen,
from Jeanette & Ken Hagen

Charlotte Robins, Don Mitchell, Jim Reynolds
Don Frothingham, Jon Counts,
from Darlene and Kerry Krenzke

Ernest and Alberta Colglazier, Bob Hanson, Carl White,
from Bertha Hanson

Danica Eskind, *from Judy Bentley*
Geraldine Rood, *from Kathy Rood*

John Blaine, Lillian and Wallace Davis, *from Lauren Davis*
Ruth Kiemle, who loved receiving flowers from Plymouth,
from Anne Kiemle

Additional Contributions from...

Bev DeCook
Donene Blair



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ADVOCATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



December is Universal Human Rights Month. On December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations announced the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 30 rights and freedoms that belong to all of us. If you are called to get involved in promoting international human rights, consider taking action with The Advocates for Human Rights.

- **Our Mission** The mission of The Advocates for Human Rights is to implement international human rights standards to promote civil society and reinforce the rule of law. By involving volunteers in research, education, and advocacy, we build broad constituencies in the United States and select global communities.
- **Our Vision** We envision a world in which every person lives with dignity, freedom, justice, equality, and peace; and believe that every person has a part to play in building respect for human rights and expanding the human rights movement in the United States and around the world.
- **Our Approach** The Advocates for Human Rights believes that each one of us has a part to play in defending human rights. By engaging volunteers in hands-on human rights work, The Advocates not only accomplishes critical research and advocacy, we transform volunteers into advocates for human rights.

The Advocates works on two levels: the systemic level and the individual direct services level. The Advocates’ unique approach grounds policy work in the lived experiences of our partners and clients. When our clients experience injustice, we help them and advocate to change the systems that perpetuate those injustices. When our partners report barriers to safety and security, we identify the gaps in legal protections and develop solutions.

Rooted in deep expertise and strong relationships, The Advocates works in our home community and in partnerships around the globe to address some of the most intractable human rights issues.

Read more at TheAdvocatesForHumanRights.org.
The Advocates for Human Rights is an independent, non-partisan, 501(c)(3) non-governmental international human rights organization.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

Gifts received Sunday December 24 will benefit The Christmas Fund and Plymouth UCC Immigration Fund. This offering is one of four special offerings throughout the church year to support national and local ministries within our denomination. Gifts earmarked Christmas Special Offering will be divided evenly between The Christmas Fund and Plymouth UCC Immigration Fund, designated specifically to support Welcome Circle’s on-going efforts in settling the Afghan family.

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund “Grace upon Grace.” John 1:16

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. United Church of Christ congregations and members have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for many years. Your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need. Thank you!

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE

CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services) is dedicated to helping nonprofit organizations such as Plymouth UCC raise funds through its vehicle donation program. CARS has returned more than \$450 million to their nonprofit partners.

CarEasy.org is just what it says — easy. They handle everything from beginning to end of the donation process, including marketing, free pick-up, selling, mailing a thank you letter with tax information to the donor and most importantly, mailing Plymouth a check!

If you would like to donate your used vehicle (includes car, motorcycle, boat, plane or RV), avoid the hassle of a private sale and benefit Plymouth UCC in the process, go to CarEasy.org, or call CARS at 1.855.500.RIDE and they will do the rest.



It's quick and easy! Visit CarEasy.org

CHRIST IN THE RUBBLE

This Advent, while global Christians prepare to commemorate the arrival of the Prince of Peace, our Palestinian kin in Gaza suffer unthinkable violence. Their cries for deliverance, echoing those of two millennia ago, seem to be falling unheard in the United States.

To see their pain and hear their cries, we must move beyond information to transformation — from webinar to worship. At **8 am PT Saturday, December 23** (6 pm in Bethlehem), Global Immersion and kindred organizations around the world are joining in solidarity to simulcast a live worship gathering guided by Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac at Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. Central to this liturgy of lament will be their prophetic message that if Jesus was born today, he would be born “under the rubble.”

This event will be simulcast live on Global Immersion’s Facebook page and NewVision Media Center’s YouTube. Direct links in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, or visit GlobalImmerse.org/Blog. We invite you to participate with loved ones as a part of your Advent experience.



RESPONDING TO AN OVERDOSE



As a community, we have the opportunity to equip ourselves with the knowledge and tools needed to respond to an overdose. Public Health – Seattle & King County and our partners are committed to increasing awareness and providing trainings to King County residents, healthcare professionals, first responders,

and community organizations to recognize and prevent an overdose. Public Health hosts a live, remote overdose prevention training for the community at large every three months. These hour-long trainings cover updates on drug trends and how to be prepared to respond to an overdose. For more information, please visit StopOverdose.org.

SUPPORT OUR PANTRIES

The former reader signs outside our building are now small pantries for the community, filled with food, hand warmers and other items. The pantries provide an outward display of compassion and solidarity with those experiencing homelessness or are under-resourced. You are invited to support this ministry! Feel free to add bottled water, protein bars, or even notes that remind the reader that they are beloved. —Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH IMMIGRANTS

Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) urges you to join Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day, an opportunity for communities across Washington State to convene in Olympia and engage in advocacy by being present, visible, and vocal at the State Capitol.

Attendees will hear from leaders, participate in a march and rally at the Capitol Building and speak directly to our Representatives and Senators regarding our initiatives and their significance.

Join us in Olympia, Wednesday February 7, 2024. Link to register in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org or at WAISN.org. Please be sure to submit your registration before January 12, 2024.

We will advocate for rights, protections, benefits, justice & pro-immigrant policies to support all Washington residents, regardless of immigration status. Our focus is on two campaigns: Health Equity for Immigrants, which will provide equal access to healthcare for all low-income Washingtonians, regardless of their immigration status; and Unemployment Insurance for Undocumented Workers, which will create a permanent, separate unemployment system that provides benefits to undocumented workers.

We encourage participation from immigrants, refugees, undocumented youth, and allies with voting power, to come and share their stories.

- **Location:** Olympia Ballroom [116 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501]. Please note, this venue does not provide parking. Attendees who choose to drive will need to locate street parking and pay for parking upon arrival and through departure.
- **Transportation:** WAISN will be provide bus transportation from **Eastside:** Tri Cities, Yakima, Ellensburg; **Westside:** Seattle Please indicate on the registration form if you will need transportation and select a pick up location. The WAISN team will reach out to further coordinate your transportation needs.

WAISN will also provide a prayer room and a lactation room. If you would like further information please indicate in the comment section of the registration form.

Submitting the registration form is the first step to stand by our undocumented communities in demanding access to safety net programs. Thank you for showing up.

