Plymouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



November 29, 2026
10 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

With welcoming hearts
Plymouth seeks to share the transforming love of Christ through
Faith-filled worship, prayer, and study
Hope-filled service and outreach
Love-filled fellowship

Order of Worship

PRELUDE *What Child Is This?*

WELCOME

INTROIT *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

BRINGING THE LIGHT

***HYMN 132** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* GENEVAN 42

CALL TO WORSHIP The Chiang Family

The prophet Isaiah watched and waited for the coming of God's anointed one,
the one who would bring light to God's people.
John the Baptist cried out in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way of the Lord!"
The first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope. We light this candle to remind us that our hope is in Jesus and to watch for his return.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Long-expected Savior, draw close to us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by your presence in our lives. As we journey through this Advent season, show us the healing power of hope. Shine through us, in us, and around us, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Shine the light of hope in our hearts as we pray our Savior's prayer...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* Bonia Shur, arr. by V. Khare

Prepare, prepare, prepare ye the way of the Lord;
Prepare, prepare, prepare ye the way of the Lord.

SYMBOLS OF ADVENT *The Color Purple* Catherine Kearns

****Please stand if able***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Dr. Daniel Harrell

ANTHEM *O Come, Emmanuel* Elaine Hagenberg

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— [6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— [7] so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERMON *"First Things First"* Rev. Moira McGuinn

***SERMON RESPONSE 135** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.
Let us pray: O Lord, show your mercy upon us,
and grant us your salvation.
O God, make clean our hearts within us,
and may your Holy Spirit live within us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *May the Words of My Mouth* Robert Heath

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable unto you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

OFFERTORY *Bring Us Hope* Ruth Elaine Schram

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 60**	*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*	FAITHFULNES
***BENEDICTION**		
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	*Gloria*	French Carol Melody
POSTLUDE	*People Look East*	BESANÇON

Participating in today's service:
Rev. Dr. Daniel Harrell, *Interim Senior Pastor*
Rev. Moira McGuinn, *Associate Pastor*
Andrea Burt, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Dr. Vindhya Khare, *Director of Music*
Edgar Sanfeliz Botta, *Organist*
Shea Kole, *Cellist*
Plymouth Chancel Choir

We are a community that seeks to:

- Praise our compassionate Creator, who in Jesus Christ walked among us and continues to dwell with us in the Holy Spirit.
- Gather for worship celebrating God's Word as a source of light and direction for our lives.
- Extend a warm embrace to all people, affirming that, regardless of our place in life's journey, we are all children of God.
- Live in covenant with one another and honor the diverse faith heritages and perspectives of our members.
- Welcome all to the Lord's Table.
- Embody the Great Commandment, striving earnestly to love God and our neighbors as we love ourselves, through service and all aspects of our lives.

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