The Grapevine

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower."
(John 15:1)

April 2025

"The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life."
Job 33:4

I was flying back from my wonderful continuing education time this weekend, and as I made my way through security at Dulles Airport, I received a message: "Your flight is delayed." Of course, this was just perfect timing as I had just made it through security. This couldn't have come to me earlier in the day where I could have done more exploring and then come to the airport?

My plane ended up being three hours delayed which meant I had five hours in the airport. I was tired and frustrated. I finally sat down at my gate hours early, and I took a breath.

I recognize we are in Lent, and I intentionally have shared in sermons and worship services about having lost the art of slowing down. I thought to myself, "Well, this will preach." I could be aggravated. I could be annoyed. I could be so many things. Yet, I thought, let me practice what I preach.

So, I took time. I took time reading the notes from the classes I just had about being a faithful leader. I took the time (shocking, I know) to read a book. I took the time to pray for everyone who had connecting flights throughout the day that would miss their flights; I prayed for those who would fly with anxiety—anxiety that comes with delays, and I prayed for the flight crews.

As we prepare for the joy of Easter, I wonder what it means to slow down, and to have lament. Even lament as trivial as flying and as big as anxiety. I wonder what it means to lament in order to experience the joy. To lament in order to recognize the hope that comes in the morning.

I started writing this while sitting at my gate, unsure if the new departure time would be accurate.

I finish this sitting at my desk in my study where I have a framed picture that a previous church member gave me. It reads:

I will breathe.
I will think of solutions.
I will not let my
worries
control me.
I will not let my stress break me
I - will - simply - breathe
And it will be okay…
It will be okay. Breathe. The sun will rise again.

In prayer,

Pastor Joanna

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EVENTS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

More info at www.plymouthpc.org

WED, MAR 5	6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Evening Service
SUN, MAR 9	9:30 am Worship Service 1 pm Installation Service for Pastor Joanna
SUN, MAR 16	9:30 am Worship Service
SUN, MAR 23	9:30 am Worship Service & Sourdough Pancake Meal
WED, MAR 26	6 pm Lenten Evening Service
SUN, MAR 30	9:30 am Worship Service & Soup Meal
WED, APR 2	6 pm Lenten Evening Service
SUN, APR 6	9:30 am Worship Service
SUN, APR 13	9:30 am Palm Sunday Worship Service & Hot Cross Buns
THU, APR 17	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Evening Service & Communion
SUN, APR 20	9:30 am Easter Sunday Worship Service

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worship service streaming available at www.plymouthpc.org/worship/

Join Us!

Night Out at the Brewery will be on Thursday, April 3, at 6pm. We'll be going to Fat Pants Brewing in Eden Prairie.

www.fatpantsbrewing.com

8335 Crystal View Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Bee Kits

We received a thank you from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog for our congregation's gift of 2 beekeeping kits. You can look forward to another Earth Day event in May.

IOCP-April 30

Our "5th Wednesday" at IOCP will be Wednesday April 30 5:15-7pm. Please join us if you're able. We have 10 slots to fill.

https://iocp.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/PlymouthPresbyterian/event/88078c0b-98d0-4a25-bea2-cd3b44c1cd84

Eyeglass Donations for Missions

Thanks to those of you that rounded up and donated a whopping 100 pairs of glasses. These will be donated to the Lions Club for sorting and repair, then distributed to people in need. To-date, the Minnesota Lions Clubs alone have donated 12 million+ pairs! If you missed the collection, please look on the Lions website for where to donate. There are many local locations that accept donations, including all Walmart Vision Centers.

Food Donations

IOCP most in-demand items currently (Drop-off in labeled baskets on coatroom floor):

- **Bottled water**
- **Feminine Hygiene products (especially pads)**
- **Brand name cereals**

Bloom (Drop off in labeled cabinet on the right in the coatroom)

- **Canned vegetables (except green beans)**
- **Canned Fruits**
- **Soups**
- **Mac & Cheese (boxes and individual cups)**

Per Capita

Per Capita is what churches in the Presbyterian Church (USA) pay the denomination each year. The Per Capita amount for 2025 is $40 per individual member. Per Capita helps cover the expenses of the denomination, including for materials and services we use. Please consider making a donation to PPC to cover this expense for each individual member of the church in your household.

One Great Hour of Sharing - March 5 - April 20, 2025

During Lent, each gift to ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** supports efforts to relieve hunger through the ***Presbyterian Hunger Program***, promote development through the **Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People**, and assist in areas of disaster through **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Gifts can be made using envelopes that will be provided, or with your online offering (please designate as special offering).

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Join Us for These Special Times of Learning and Fellowship!

- ***Growing In Faith Together*** (GIFT) will be meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 10:00am to discuss Chapter 7, "Economic Climate" from our book, *Let Justice Roll* by Patricia K. Tull
- ***Book Club*** will meet on Wednesday, April 23, 1:00pm to discuss the book *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis. Pat Johnson will be leading the discussion.

DEACONS' AUCTION
APRIL 27, 2025
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Let's recycle these items and save IOCP from having to purchase new!

- Empty Egg Cartons
- Reusable Grocery Bags (new)
- Paper Grocery Bags

Lost and Found

Check the lost and found table in the narthex and claim your missing items. Look for the sign on the table to the left of the main doors.

IOCP Volunteers Wanted - 2025

We'll continue to volunteer at the ReSale shop within IOCP, sorting donations on the 5th Wednesdays of 2025. The link for sign-up is below.

https://iocp.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/PlymouthPresbyterian/

If you have questions or need help signing up, contact *Belinda Hollman* or *Jan Lillemo*.

Prayer Chain

To ask for prayers of the Plymouth prayer chain, send a message to: PPCprayerchain@plymouthpc.org. Alternatively, feel free to contact Pastor Joanna: Pastor@plymouthpc.org or contact Office@plymouthpc.org.

If you would like to join the prayer chain, contact *Pastor Joanna* or the Church Office.

Pastor Joanna's Office Hours

Pastor Joanna is usually in the office, but dedicating office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am-2:00pm. Feel free to drop by during those times!

Reminder: PPC is Peanut and Tree Nut Free

PPC is entirely peanut and tree-nut-free for all food made or purchased for fellowship and special events. Please read the labels to double check ingredients, and any product that states "may contain peanuts or tree nuts" or "made in a facility where peanuts or tree nuts are processed" is unsafe.

We want to keep all our Bloom children plus anyone with severe nut allergies healthy and safe!

Office Administrator

***Drew Becker,* our Office Administrator, will be in the office from 10:00am - 1:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

Need Information in the Bulletin or Grapevine?

Please send any announcements and information for the bulletin to office@plymouthpc.org by 2:00pm on Tuesday. When sending information for the Bulletin, please put BULLETIN in the Subject Line.

Please send any announcements and information for the Grapevine to office@plymouthpc.org by the 25th of the month. When sending information for the Grapevine, please put GRAPEVINE in the Subject Line.

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