

**JESUS FOR**



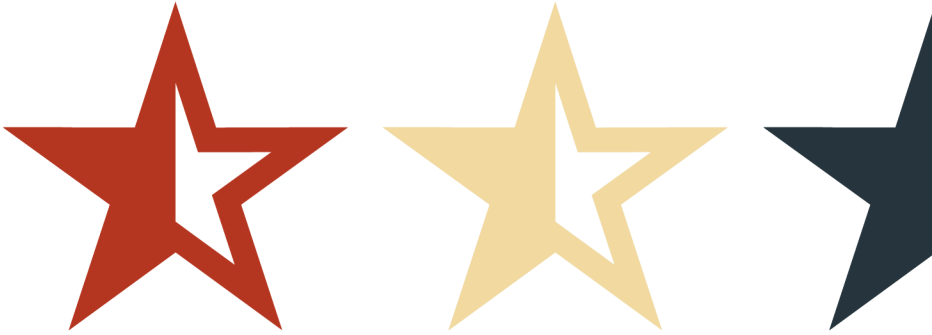
**PRESIDENT**

**THE GOSPEL  
OF LUKE**

**GATHERING OF GRACE**

**11:30 • JANUARY 19 • 2025**

# GATHERING OF GRACE



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please stand in body or spirit when you see an \*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSION MOMENT

LINK

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen

### \*TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Oh soul are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness to see  
There's a light for a look at the Savior  
And life more abundant and free

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus**  
**Look full in His wonderful face**  
**And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim**  
**In the light of His glory and grace**

His words shall not fail you, He promised  
Believe Him and all will be well  
Then go to a world that is dying  
His perfect salvation to tell

**Chorus**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*INVOCATION

### \*GLORIA

Glory to the Creator,  
and the Christ and the Spirit so near,  
as it was from the start,  
so it shall be forever, one God, always here.

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 4:14-30**

*Pew Bible NT pg. 61*

Reader    The Word of God for the people of God.  
All        **Thanks be to God!**

## WORD THROUGH MUSIC

## SERMON

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

## CALL TO OFFERING

## CHRIST FOR PRESIDENT

Woody Guthrie

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **\*PLYMOUTH COVENANT** *(Please, join in reading.)*

**In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus,  
we unite for the worship of God, and the service of all.  
We seek to know the will of God and to walk in God's ways,  
made known or to be made known to us;  
to love one another; to proclaim the Gospel to all the world;  
to work and pray for the progress of knowledge,  
the promotion of justice, the reign of peace,  
and the realization of our shared humanity.  
And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness  
and the gift of life eternal. Amen.**

## **BURDEN OF FREEDOM**

Kris Kristofferson

## **PEOPLE'S PRAYER**

Respond after each petition with "**Lord, Hear Our Prayers.**"

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Creator, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **\*IN CHRIST, THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST**

In Christ there is no East or West, No North or South;  
Only one great love, Inside and out.

True hearts everywhere Some deaf and some blind  
Singin' one melody Lost souls cannot find.

Join hands and have faith, Whatever your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,  
There is no black or white,  
Only one great love Hatred cannot divide.

Join hands and have faith, Forgive your enemy  
Surely we're all part of one big family.

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Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

Join hands and have faith, Forgive your enemy  
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## \*BLESSING

## \*CLOSING SONG

God be with you 'til we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you 'til we meet again.

## ★ TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS ★

**Preaching:** Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

**Liturgist:** Rev. Michael Brecke

**Gathering of Grace Band:** Pam Gibbs, Arthur Dodge,  
Frank Annechini, Patrick McCarty

**Lay Readers:** Cindy Epperson and Bob Starr

**Sound, Lights, and Radio:** Phil Cauthon

**Cameras and Video:** Aaron Polson



# WELCOME

## NEW TO PLYMOUTH?

## PLEASE, LET US KNOW!





# JANUARY 19-25 AT THE NEW FAMILY PROMISE LOCATION!



The first opportunity for Plymouth to host families for Family Promise at the new permanent location at 200 Mt. Hope Court!

More information and sign up to provide dinner and/or serving as evening hosts here!



## coffee hour



MAYFLOWER ROOM

fellowship • coffee • tea • cookies  
sundays between services



# Young Adult Covenant Group

first & third Sundays  
10:45-11:20am • room 203 North



interested?



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# STUDY SERIES



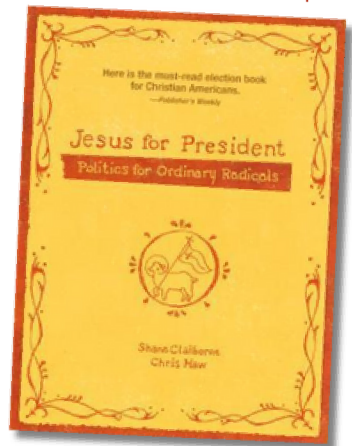
Shane Claiborne's 2008 book, **Jesus for President: Politics for Ordinary Radicals**, will be one of the conversation partners for our study series. If you want a deep dive, several copies of Claiborne's book will be available in the church office on a first come basis.

The Gospel of Luke posits a strange idea. What if Herod and Caesar and Joe Biden and Donald Trump were all just amateurs pretending to run the show? As we sit at Luke's feet this winter, we'll test out the hypothesis that Jesus Christ is actually President.

In addition to the eight-week sermon series, we'll gather for a five-week Sunday morning study series.

**Join the conversation between services in the Heritage Room January 26th, February 2, 16, 23, and March 2.**

We'll also chew on articles and podcasts by theologians and political analysts as fresh as this morning's news. **Sign up here to get on the email list for those.**



★ J4P!

# PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## Welcome to the Gathering of Grace!

Children and youth are encouraged to worship with their families in this service.

Nursery services are available for infants, toddlers and Pre-K children in Room 205 South. We ask you to please bring your children to the nursery by 11:45!

There is also a family room for nursing parents in Room 204 South.

There are worship bags located on the north side of the narthex that are filled for activities and coloring pages for all ages!

If you are interested in learning more about our children's programs, please reach out! [christianed@plymouthlawrence.com](mailto:christianed@plymouthlawrence.com).

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