

**JESUS FOR**



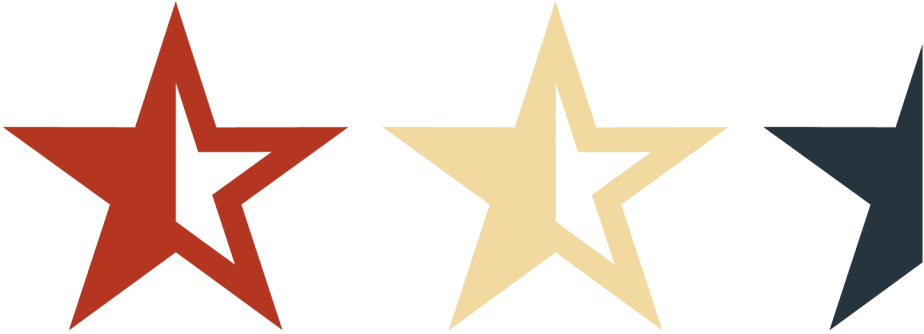
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**THE GOSPEL  
OF LUKE**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

**9:30 • FEBRUARY 16 • 2025**

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## GREETINGS

## PLYMOUTH CHIMES

## PRELUDE

Katherine Lenz, violin

## Be Thou My Vision

*Lee Burswold*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader In a world obsessed with power and privilege,  
People **We gather to follow the teacher who walked with outcasts.**

Leader When systems of domination claim our allegiance,  
People **We choose the way of the servant who washed feet.**

Leader Through the streets and shelters, in prisons and parks,  
All **The kingdom of God is breaking in!**

## 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

Joachim Neander, 1680  
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665  
Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863  
Desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

*Descant*

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so  
dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

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prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His  
 health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.  
 tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been; Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

## \*PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

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*(Found in your pew hymnal.)*

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Please, join in reading.)*

God of the margins,  
Your love subverts the powers of this world.  
Where there are walls, help us build tables;  
Where there is excess, teach us to share.  
Make us apprentices of your way,  
That we might practice the politics of Jesus:  
Living simply, loving radically,  
Until the whole world knows  
That your community of peace is here.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
Who leads our holy rebellion of love. Amen

## \*GLORIA

Glory to the Creator,  
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S HYMN

### How Happy Is Each Child of God vs. 1 & 3

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*(Found in your pew hymnal.)*

## CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION

Children attending Sunday School and Children's Choir go to their designated line up spot **after the Children's Celebration**. Teachers and guides will be holding signs to help you locate where your child should line up!

## How Happy Is Each Child of God

WINCHESTER OLD CM

Este's *Psalms*, 1592

Dwyn M. Mounger, 1986

1. How hap - py is each child of God Who walks with - in God's ways!  
 2. With fruit - ful spouse you'll par - ent now Your chil - dren strong, a - dored;  
 3. How hap - py is the fam - i - ly Who hon - ors God a - bove!  
 4. May God's great peace, good health, and joy For - ev - er fill your home;

You'll reap good fruit from hon - est work, And joy in life al - ways.  
 Like ol - ive shoots they shall sur - round Your lad - en ta - ble board!  
 The Lord shall send all help and grace To bless your home with love.  
 May you and your de - scen-dants know For - ev - er God's sha - lom!

This tune with descant, 58

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# \*JESUS CHRIST IS WAITING

1. Je - sus Christ is wait - ing, wait - ing in the streets;  
 2. Je - sus Christ is rag - ing, rag - ing in the streets,  
 3. Je - sus Christ is heal - ing, heal - ing in the streets,  
 4. Je - sus Christ is dan - cing, dan - cing in the streets,  
 5. Je - sus Christ is call - ing, call - ing in the streets,

no one is his neigh - bor, all a - lone he eats.  
 where in - jus - tice spi - rals and real hope re - treats.  
 cur - ing those who suf - fer, touch - ing those he greets.  
 where each sign of ha - tred he, with love de - feats.  
 "Who will join my jour - ney? I will guide their feet."

Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am lone - ly too:  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am an - gry too:  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I have pit - y too:  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I should tri - umph too:  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, let my fears be few:

make me, friend or stran - ger, fit to\_ wait on you.  
 in the King - dom's caus - es let me rage with you.  
 let my care be ac - tive, heal - ing, just like you.  
 where good con - quers e - vil let me dance with you.  
 walk one step be - fore me, I will fol - low you.

## SCRIPTURE READING

7:18-35

Pew Bible NT pg. 66

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

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

### More Than a Prophet

## CALL TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

Go and Tell John

Lloyd Pfautsch

Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**    *(Please, join in singing.)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, you heavenly host;  
praise God, and Christ and Holy Ghost.**

## \*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.**

## MISSION MOMENT

Stepping Stones



## CALL TO PRAYER (When prompted, join in bold text and singing.)

Leader     The Lord be with you,  
People     **and also with you.**

Come, Lord Je - sus, Come, Lord Je - sus,

Come, Lord Je - sus; come and be born in our hearts.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'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 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.

*(Sing again, Come, Lord Jesus...)*

### \*BE THOU MY VISION

*(Found in your pew hymnal.)*

## Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

Ancient Irish poem  
 Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
 Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad  
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## \*BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(People seated and singing.)*

God be with you till we meet again.  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Amen.

## PLYMOUTH CHIMES

## POSTLUDE



*The flowers on the chancel are given by Ann and Chris Lounsbury in honor of Peggy Rasmussen who celebrates her 90th birthday today.*

## ★ TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS ★

**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

**Liturgist:** Rev. Lyle Seger

**Minister of Music & Fine Arts:** Kim Manz

**Children's Celebration:** Colton Pasquale

**Lay Readers:** Steve Bradt

**Sound, Lights, and Radio:** Bob Newton

**Cameras and Video:** Jeremy Winfrey



# WELCOME

## NEW TO PLYMOUTH?

### PLEASE, LET US KNOW!





# LINK

**Sign up for LINK  
THIS SUNDAY at  
the Featured  
Ministry Table!**

If you would like to be a part of this church mission by providing food or serving, we would love to have your help. We need casseroles & other food items, servers, and dishwashers

The fellowship is a bonus!

## coffee hour



MAYFLOWER ROOM

fellowship • coffee • tea • cookies  
sundays between services

## STEPPING STONE PARENT MEETING

*For 8th Grade, PreK and Kindergarten  
parents in the basement at 10:30am today!*



Register now!  
[bit.ly/KIFADay2025](https://bit.ly/KIFADay2025)

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March 2025



Advocacy Day



On March 10th **Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA)** will gather people of faith to advocate in Topeka for public education, economic justice, LGBTQ+ rights, climate care, public health, voting rights & immigrant rights! Showing up is more important than ever.

Now is the time for us talk to legislators, rally around our shared values, and build community amongst people of faith across Kansas. **Register for KIFA Day on March 10 from 8:30am-3:30pm at the State Capitol.** And bring a friend or two!

Wondering what the day will be like? Looking for more information? Check out the **KIFA Day FAQ's** here.



You can also contact Mandy Todd, Director of Engagement & Development for KIFA with any questions at [mtodd@kansasinterfaithaction.org](mailto:mtodd@kansasinterfaithaction.org)



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# STUDY SERIES



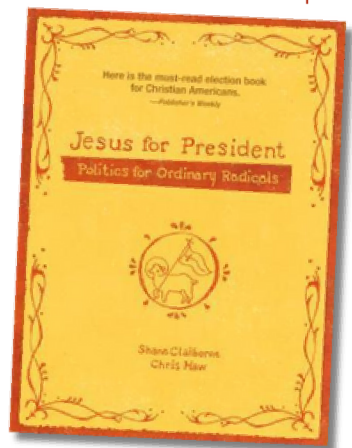
Shane Claiborne's 2008 book, **Jesus for President: Politics for Ordinary Radicals**, will be one of the conversation partners for our study series. If you want a deep dive, several copies of Claiborne's book will be available in the church office on a first come basis.

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!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR



## Rooms for Sunday School

- Pre K-1st Grade
- 2nd-3rd Grade
- 4th-5th Grade

Room 106 S  
Room 210 S  
Room 204 S

Nursery is in Room 105 S • A nursing/quiet room is in 104 S

## Rooms for Choir

- Cherub Choir (Pre K-1st Grade)
- Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade)
- Chapel Choir (6th-12th Grade)

Room 205 S  
Room 204 S  
Chapel

*Chapel Choir meets at 10:30am*

*Worship Bags and Coloring Pages can be found in the Narthex. Children are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Celebration (approximately at 9:45am) and go to Children's Choir afterwards from 10:30-11am.*

**Additional Sunday School and Children's Choir information can be found on the bulletin board at the South Entrance.**

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