

JESUS FOR



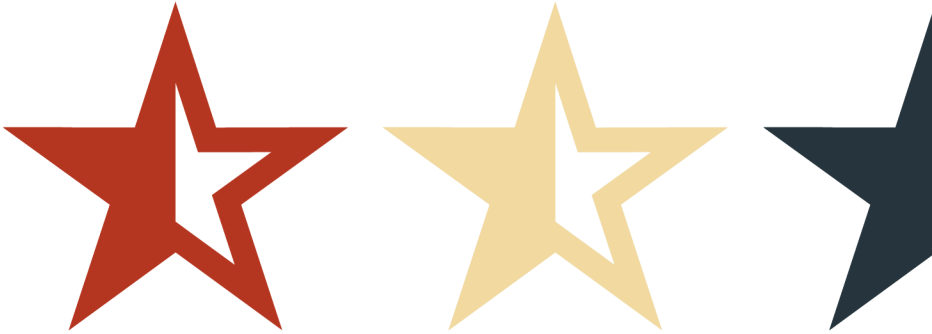
PRESIDENT

**THE GOSPEL
OF LUKE**

GATHERING OF GRACE

11:30 • JANUARY 12 • 2025

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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

*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 3:1-22

Pew Bible NT pg. 60

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

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Jesus for President

CALL TO OFFERING

BE AND BE NOT AFRAID

Tracy Chapman

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.

IT TAKES EVERYTHING TO SERVE THE LORD

T Marshall Kelly

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.

***I SAW THE LIGHT**

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

**I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears, I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Chorus

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Chorus

***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. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Liturgist: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Gathering of Grace Band: Pam Gibbs, Arthur Dodge,
Tom Holland, Patrick McCarty

Lay Readers: Tim and Jenny O'Brien

Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Gleeson

Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer



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!



Young Adult Covenant Group first & third Sundays 10:45-11:20am · room 203 North



interested?



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

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STUDY SERIES



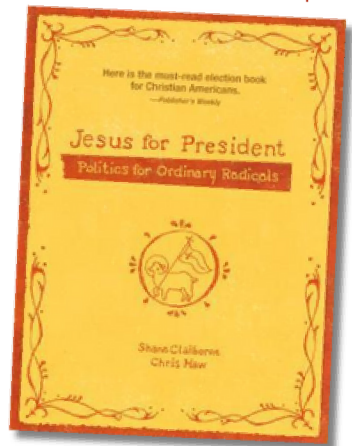
Shane Claiborne's 2008 book, **Jesus for President: Politics for Ordinary Radicals**, will be one of the conversation partners for our study series. If you want a deep dive, several copies of Claiborne's book will be available in the church office on a first come basis.

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.

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