LITURGIST: David Wheeler

USHERS: Jerry Hoffman, Becky Mickaus

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Lisa Cook

SUNDAY SESSIONS: Laura Van Oss, Brian Ferguson

NURSERY: Cloé Van Oss

## **Mission Statement**

We are an inclusive and welcoming community that practices Jesus' radical love and affirmation. In worshipful response to God's transformative work in our lives, we pursue the liberation of all people from injustice and oppression.

## **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, December 22 Candlelight Service 6PM Friday, December 27 Drinks and Deconstruction 7PM

## **Stewardship Campaign**

There is still time to let us know the ways you anticipate supporting Plymouth in 2025! It takes all of us to co-create Plymouth's future and sustain this vital community. Use the QR codes below to fill out the Time & Talents form, and the Estimate of Giving form. You can also mail or bring in a hard copy of the completed forms. Let Tony in the office know if you need assistance.

**Sharing of Time and Talent** 

Sharing of Treasure – 2025 Estimate of Giving





Bridge Interim Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Rodriguez Director of Music: William Bokhout Accompanist: Dr. Caleb Wenzel

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 22, 2024

CENTERING THOUGHT

"Where there is love, there is life."

-Mahatma Gandhi

**PRELUDE** 

Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trio: Cloe and Laura Van Oss, Shannon White
Zephyr White, piano

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

THRESHOLD MOMENT

Bind Us Together

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

David Wheeler

One: Jesus, the love of the world,

Many: may Your light guide us to love today.

One: We like to call ourselves followers of God and say that "God is Love"

Many: without always holding ourselves to the standards of God's love.

One: Help us to reminder today that Love became incarnate

Many: in the purest, most demanding form of a tiny newborn.

One: Reminding us to seek and give love,

Many: with patience, courage, and persistence.

One: Jesus, the love of the world,

Many: may Your light guide us to love today.

\* OPENING HYMN Love Has Come

\* OPENING PRAYER

**GREET ONE ANOTHER IN PEACE** 

TIME FOR ALL AGES Light the Light Kevin Dobreff

ANTHEM The Christ Child's Lullaby Traditional Wexford Carol Traditional

SCRIPTURE Psalm 33 NRSV Pg 507 David Wheeler

Luke 1:39-45, 46-55 NRSV Pg 57

SERMON "Love Binds Us Together" Rev. Stephanie Rodriguez

SONG OF RESPONSE Love and Justice

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer Jesus' Prayer

MOMENT OF GENEROSITY

Prayer of Dedication



\* CLOSING HYMN My Soul Gives

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

NCH 119

\* BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Christmas in Killarney
Redmond, Cavanaugh, and Weldon
Del Meyer and Hannah Barnes, guitar
Ryan Pott, Natalie Hockamier, Ann TerMeer, violin
Becky Mickaus, viola
Marilyn Pikaart, celtic harp

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates those who are able are asked to stand.