



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Service of Word and Sacrament
November 4, 2018
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
10:00 am

THE GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Litany

Franz Schubert

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Adena Giroux

*OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints

No. 299

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 146*)

Ann Badger

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Do not put your trust in rulers, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

All: Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

One: who keeps faith forever;

All: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

One: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

All: The LORD will reign forever. Praise the LORD!

* INVOCATION (*unison*)

God of peace, you taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the power of your Spirit lift us to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kim Looney

**Please rise if you are able*

After the Story for All Ages, all children and youth as well as any adults are invited to participate in the PrayGround in the space at the front, right-hand side of the sanctuary. The PrayGround is a dedicated space for them to quietly and creatively interact with the day's theme.

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:28-34

SERMON For Love or Money

*HYMN Faith of the Martyrs No. 381

During the hymn, the PrayGround participants will return to their seats.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

RECALLING THE SAINTS

TOLLING OF THE BELL AND READING OF THE NAMES

*Noni Bristol
Polly Cadwell
John Cowdery*

*Lee Dreamer
Kent Patridge
Stan Reeves*

*Carol Vedder
Dana Wheelock
Dorothea Woolverton*

ANTHEM We Will Remember Them Ian Higginson

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS Linda and Scott Kraemer

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (*unison*)

Dear God,

There are times when I don't know what to do. That is why I am so glad that you are in my life. When I am torn between what I think is the right thing to do and others are telling me differently, I turn to you. You are never too busy to answer my knock, or ask me to leave a voice message. All you ask of me is "to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk wisely before You." But I can't do it alone. Thank you for giving me my Plymouth family. Together, we can help each other do just that. Act justly, love mercy, and walk wisely before You. Now it is my turn to help others in my Plymouth family in Syracuse and abroad. May my offering be a delight to your eyes. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Today we receive a special offering for the Good Samaritan Fund, which is used to support people in need in our congregation and beyond.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Choir Invisible Carlton Russell

During the anthem, children are invited to meet Kim in the back of the sanctuary to process with the communion elements.

*DOXOLOGY Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God for all that love has done!
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*COMMUNION HYMN

Gather Us In

Insert (pages 10 & 11)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

Our communion table is open to everyone. All you have to be to feast at this table is hungry. Please come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and eat before returning to your seat via the side aisles. The cups contain non-alcoholic grape juice; an egg and gluten-free option is available instead of bread. If you cannot come forward but would like to partake, simply raise your hand and servers will come to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

No. 304

*BENEDICTION

CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Louis Couperin



Joys and Concerns

In the week ahead, you are invited to pray for:

- * Doug Wolf, recovering from surgery
- * Peaceful expressions of conscience as we vote Tuesday
- * Clita Mae Moore
- * Lee Morris Whitehead
- * The peace that surpasses all understanding, for Diana French, sister-in-law of Craig and Barbara French
- * Sue de Lima, dealing with health matters
- * Geoffrey, struggling with faith and relationships—guilt, pain, reconciliation
- * Dave West on his journey toward ordination in the Methodist Church
- * Marilyn Fais and her daughter Heather
- * Ruth Emmons
- * Nellie Fisher
- * Mary Lou Ormond
- * Dan
- * Ed Regan
- * Jamie Shavers
- * Cath and Barbara

Having trouble matching a name with a face? During this interim time when it is perhaps more important than ever to get to know one another, our online photo directory is an invaluable tool **IF it is populated with photos!** Please, please, please email your photo or a family photo to the church office ASAP. If you have a smart phone, download the free Instant Church Directory app and you can call, email, or navigate to home addresses with a tap of the finger! Contact the church office if you have any questions about this important means of staying connected.

Home communion: If you are unable to be in church on communion Sunday and want to receive communion, Keith Jakway will be happy to bring it to you – just give him a call at 315-382-0843. Or email him at Krij1158@aol.com.

Where have all the Greeters gone? Plymouth needs YOU to help us live out our mission of “Welcoming All” on Sunday morning. Please sign up to usher, greet, host community time or contribute flowers:

- 1) Visit our website: www.plymouthsyr.org
- 2) At the top of the screen, click on: GET INVOLVED
- 3) Scroll down to GREETERS, USHERS and HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS
- 4) click on SIGN UP
- 5) Scroll down to the date of your choice and click on SIGN UP next to the ministry of your choice
- 6) Click on SUBMIT AND SIGN-UP
- 7) Add your contact info and you are all set to go!

THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. Nov. 5 Plymouth Women – 12noon – Solvay Library
Food Pantry – 2pm – 4pm
- Tues. Nov. 6 ELECTION DAY – GET OUT AND VOTE!
- Wed. Nov. 7 Pastoral Relation Team – 5:30pm - Parlor
- Thurs. Nov. 8 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 5:30pm - Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm – Memorial Hall
- Sun. Nov. 11 Worship/Chapel Time - 10am
Learning Community – 11am – 3rd floor
Forum featuring Al-Amin Muhammad, Founder and Director of *We Rise Above the Streets Outreach* with *Sandwich Saturday* and *If We Eat They Eat Campaign* – 11:15am in Memorial Hall
Youth Supper – 5pm – location TBA

↻ A Message from Your Stewardship Team ↻

Plymouth Congregational Church
Notes to Proposed Draft Budget 2019
November 4, 2018

Prepared by Susan Hawks and Bernie Peterson

The proposed budget was prepared using year-to-date figures through September 30, 2018 and available input from various boards and groups. In most cases the requested amount was used without adjustment.

Notes

1. To balance expenditures at the budgeted amounts, a 10.6% increase in income would be necessary. Looking at current year-to-date totals, several lines were adjusted up or down. The needed increase in Pledges would be \$28,412 or 11.8%.
2. All permanent employees received a 2.5% COLA increase which is the 2.7% Social Security Administration COLA adjusted for the Syracuse region.

Music Director Joe Downing submitted a detailed budget for Musicians totaling \$18,365, an increase of \$4,700 over last year. This includes four section leaders from September through June, a substitute organist, a summer music program and additional musicians for special services. Total actual expenditures for 2017 were \$13,105, estimated actual for 2018 is \$13,295.

Interim Minister compensation follows employment agreement and conference guidelines.

Total Personnel is \$23,712 higher than 2018 budget, including \$2,877 for staff COLA, \$4,700 for Musicians and \$16,583 for Interim Minister compensation. The 2018 budget did not include a full year of an interim minister compensated at conference guideline levels. There was \$450 in reductions in FICA and Paid Family Leave.

3. Office Administrator Kathy Ferro submitted a thorough analysis that corrected the under-budgeted line for the copier lease. Historian Elaine Wolf said the current funding level is adequate.

The Christian Formation board will submit a budget after their November meeting. We used their 2018 CF Program amount in this budget.

George Bain said the Deacons would not request a change in funding.

4. The New York State Conference will bill churches \$2 per member next year. This replaces a voluntary offering – Covenant Share - which Plymouth takes every year. This year we sent \$385. We could still ask for this offering and use it to defray the per capita billing.

The conference suggests an annual contribution amount. Plymouth often adjusts this amount down, because we participate in the 5 for 5 campaigns, last year for a total of \$6,182. The conference suggested funding level for 2019 was \$7,350. This year we are paying \$6,500.

**Plymouth Congregational Church
Proposed Draft Budget 2019
11/4/2018**

Account #	Account Name	YTD Actual Balance through 9/30/18	Budget 2018	Proposed Budget 2019	Change	Notes
<i>Income</i>						
4.01.01	Pledges	174,576.21	240,935.00	269,347.00	28,412.00	
4.01.02	Prior Year's Pledges	3,225.00	3,370.00	3,000.00	-370.00	
4.01.03	Loose Offering	6,693.97	13,300.00	10,000.00	-3,300.00	
4.01.04	Building Use	6,028.00	7,500.00	8,000.00	500.00	
4.01.05	Interest -M-L Reserve Acct	2,202.49	650.00	2,000.00	1,350.00	
4.01.08	Special Events	4,347.66	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00	
4.01.11	Other	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
4.01.12	Transfer from Endowment	4,564.00	9,128.00	9,128.00	0.00	
4.01.15	Transfer from Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	BUDGETED INCOME	201,637.33	280,683.00	307,275.00	26,592.00	1
<i>Expense</i>						
	Trustees - personnel	143,998.78	218,142.00	241,854.00	23,712.00	2
	Trustees - administration	10,486.92	10,500.00	12,029.00	1,529.00	3
	Trustees - stewardship	64.95	250.00	250.00	0.00	
	Trustees - building	22,911.64	34,492.00	34,492.00	0.00	
	CF - program	2,483.57	3,450.00	3,450.00	0.00	3
	Deacons - worship & music	1,544.56	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3
	Deacons - hospitality	1,029.50	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	3
	Deacons - outreach	6,718.50	9,749.00	11,100.00	1,351.00	4
	BUDGETED EXPENSES	189,238.42	280,683.00	307,275.00	26,592.00	
Difference		<u>12,393.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		

November 4, 2018

Dear Plymouth Community:

Your Stewardship Committee and your Church Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer acknowledge the request of a 10.6% increase of income for 2019, and how that translates into a request for an increase in pledges of 11.8%. We acknowledge that this is in a time of demand on everyone's resources, and that increases of 10.6% and 11.8% are significant. This is why we, along with the Trustees, decided that the Congregation deserved an early look at the new budget if we were to fairly ask in the name of God and Savior for your stewardship support.

Plymouth Church is a gathering of congregants that cares about each other and the work we have accomplished and can accomplish as a unified ensemble. But the amount any person or family group can pledge is an entirely personal issue that is to be considered with God and no one else. We pledge to manage your

pledge dollars justly and honorably to bring joy to God and Jesus Christ, and to our church and community wherever there is need.

Your Stewardship Committee

George S. Bain

Lori A. Forrester

Mack Richardson

Pastor Terry

and

Susan Hawks, Treasurer

Bernie Peterson, Assistant Treasurer

☞ Some Things You Ought to Know ☞

TODAY following worship:

- Learning Community – 11am
- Youth Justice Work – 11am – Downstairs Kitchen
- Forum: The Women's Wave: Reshaping Politics in 2018 - 11:15am – Memorial Hall

Fall is here! The coatrack on the elevator balcony is now available for your use (as is the coatrack in the parlor.)

Plymouth Women's Fellowship will meet at 12 noon on **tomorrow, November 5** at the Solvay Library, 615 Woods Rd., Solvay, 13209. All women are invited. Bring a lunch and a snack to share. For directions or information, contact Anne Frank (315-487-1023) or Peggy Kinner (315-492-0556). *And use the back parking lot for better accessibility!*

Our children are welcome in worship, too, and will be receiving nametags today! We have created a height accessible area on the nametag board for them, necessitating the reorganizing of adult tags. Thanks for your understanding as you hunt for your nametag! (If you don't have a nametag, prefer a different style (clip vs. lanyard) or have a preferred version of your name, make a note on the pad on the table below the nametags.) Visitors are encouraged to fill out a "stick-on" tag.

Advent Workshop is right around the corner on December 2nd and ALL are invited to participate! We are collecting special donations to make Random Acts of Kindness bags to be distributed to people in need throughout our community during the cold winter months AND donations for the Food Pantry to hand out holiday food bags to the families it serves. Please take one (or more!) tags from the Advent Giving Tree at the back of the Sanctuary. Your tag(s) has your list of items to donate. There will be a collection box next to the tree in the back of the sanctuary. Please bring all donations by **Sunday, December 2nd**. If you want to make a contribution but can't donate items, you can write a check to Plymouth Church with "Food Pantry" or "Random Acts of Kindness" written in the memo.

The Food Pantry needs additional volunteers. We are looking for subs on Monday afternoon 2-4 to help out when regulars are unavailable. We are also looking for individuals willing to pick up and drop off food from various locations to the church at any convenient time. Please contact Cyndi Signorelli 315-727-5671 or Maurine McTyre-Watts 315-395-5212 if you can help. We are also seeking donations of hearty soups, canned tuna and chicken, hamburger helper, ravioli/meat and pasta, spaghetti sauce and crackers. Please leave your donations in the basket in the back of the sanctuary.

☞ Plymouth Runs On YOU ☞

GREETERS: Laura Masiucca and Charlotte Vallejo **LITURGIST:** Ann Badger

USHERS: George Bain and Cindy Perrine **ACOLYTE:** Adena Giroux

COMMUNION SERVERS: Funmi Afelumo, George Bain,
Juliet Giglio, Christine Richardson

COMMUNITY TIME: Juliet Giglio

FLOWERS given by Peggy and Larry Kinner in celebration of James Leighton

OFFERING COUNTERS: Audrey Kane and Sarah Whitton

You can volunteer for many of these ministries via the Plymouth website www.plymouthsyr.org. Go to the "Get Involved" page and click on the link above the choir photo.

Hospitality Ministry – Please consider serving as a host for Community Time. There is a sign-up chart in the bell tower entrance. It's easy and we'll help you!

Flowers – Make our worship space even more beautiful for the glory of God and in honor of whatever you choose. A sign-up sheet is found in the bell tower entry. The cost is \$25, but plans for larger or multiple arrangements can always be made.

Accessibility: Individual listening headsets are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please contact one of the ushers for help. An elevator and ramp are available. **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.**

Welcoming Children in Worship: Children of all ages have a place in worship and in the life of the church. At Plymouth we try to engage people of all ages in different ways. **Worship activity kits** and age-appropriate **children's bulletins** are available at our *worship activity shelf* in the back of the Sanctuary for our young children and youth (and for any adults who feel led to use them!). We hope that these activities will help worshipers connect with the service in ways that are meaningful to them. **PLEASE** return the activity kits with all of the supplies to the shelf at the end of the service.

Nursery Care: Infants and toddlers have a special place in worship, too, and are always welcome. Sound is piped into Memorial Hall next door to the sanctuary for those who would welcome a space apart. We also offer Nursery care for infants and toddlers at 9:45am. There are changing tables in the restroom just off the sanctuary, in the nursery, and in the men's restroom in the basement.

There is ample **free street parking** on the blocks around our church on Sundays, as well as in the lots behind the Catholic diocese building. For those able to walk a short distance, parking here will allow those with mobility impairments or small children to use the spots directly in front of the church.

☞ Music Notes for November 4, 2018 ☞

Today we celebrate All Saints Day (which technically happened on November 1st.)

Franz Schubert's short life (1797-1828) was filled with music making and composition. He wrote over six hundred songs in that short time, sometimes writing one per day. He was never famous in his lifetime – it wasn't until after his death that his brother showed his symphonies to Felix Mendelssohn, who realized that they were on a standard comparable to Beethoven. Our **prelude** was originally a song for All Souls Day with nine verses; here is the first:

*Rest in peace, all souls
who have had done with anxious torment,
who have had done with sweet dreams
who, sated with life and hardly born,
have departed from this world:
all souls rest in peace!*

Our **anthem** is by Ian Higginson, who is a freelance composer, organist, conductor, accompanist, and teacher in Cheltenham, England. The text is by Laurence Binyon (1869-1943):

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.*

In 2004, Carlton Russell retired from teaching music at Wheaton College, MA for 41 years. The **offertory anthem** uses a text by George Eliot (1819-1880):

*O may I join the choir invisible of those immortal dead
who live again in minds made better by their presence.
Live in pulses stirred to generosity, in deeds of daring rectitude,
in scorn for miserable aims that end with self,
in thoughts sublime that pierce the night like stars,
and with their mild persistence urge our search to vaster issues.
So to live is heaven:
to make undying music in the world, breathing a beauteous order that controls
with growing sway the growing life of all.
This is life to come, which martyred ones have made
more glorious for us who strive to follow.
May I reach that purest heaven; be to others the cup of strength in some great agony,
Enkindle generous ardor, feed pure love,
Beget the smiles that have no cruelty,
Be the sweet presence of a good diffused, and in diffusion more intense!
So shall I join the choir invisible, whose music is the gladness of the world.*

Louis Couperin (c.1626-1661) was one of three brothers that were the first members of a family of church musicians that dominated Paris for over two hundred years. The **postlude** is written in *Rondeau* form, where the opening section (A) repeats after each subsequent section in an ABACADA pattern.

✎ About Plymouth ✎

Plymouth was founded in 1853 by a group of Syracusans who wanted to create a Christian abolitionist bulwark in the city. Since then, we have fought against slavery, poverty, and war; for immigrants', natives', workers', LGBT, and women's rights; and sought to be agents of mercy in a hurting world. We believe in beauty, laughter, the struggle for peace with justice, taking risks for God, and the Way of Jesus Christ.

Our faith is over 2,000 years old; our thinking is not!

We are Open and Affirming We believe God calls us to welcome all people and their gifts regardless of gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, physical ability, socioeconomic status, or religious background.

We are Just Peace We covenant to live actively within the holy longing that weds justice with the quest for peace – within us, between us, in community, and across the globe. We covenant to affirm the sacredness of all life and to honor and preserve creation.

We are Sanctuary We provide a space of physical, emotional, and spiritual safety for immigrants without documents, and specifically pledge to the principles of the national New Sanctuary Movement.

We are Immigrant Welcoming We seek to learn, support, and develop practices and programs that facilitate the respectful welcome and inclusion of all immigrants into our congregation and community.

We are Progressive Christians We try to walk in the way of Jesus Christ, our brother and savior. We believe God speaks new meanings for new days, and that She does so not only in the church and the ancient words of the Bible, but through the insights of science, the arts, the revelations of other religions, and the best strivings of the human spirit. We believe God has granted us a purpose, and that life is too short for long-faced religion. Join us!

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Dr. Joseph Downing, Director of Music
Kim Looney, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Kathy Ferro, Church Administrator
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Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm Dm

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is

dream-ings brought here to you in the light of this day.
 his-tory, called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 daugh-ters, call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 shin-ing, now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en,
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty,
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion,
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er,

G *Gm* *Dm* *C* *D* *C/D*

B^b/D *D* *A* *C* *D* *G* *A*

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C D G A

gath - er us in, the blind and the lame;
 gath - er us in, the proud and the strong;
 give us to eat the bread that is you;
 gath - er us in and make us your own;

D A C G Gm

call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en, we shall a -
 give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly, give us the
 nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion lives that are
 gath - er us in, all peo-ples to - geth - er, fire___ of

Dm C D C/D B^b/D D

rise at the sound of our name.
 cour-age to en - ter the song.
 ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 love in our flesh and our bone.