



Palm Sunday

March 24, 8:15am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 11:59am
Worship, Online 10:30am & 11:59am

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 7:00pm, Sanctuary and online
Gather together as we remember Jesus' Last Supper. Infant/toddler care provided.

Good Friday

St. John Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach
March 29, 7:00pm, Sanctuary and online
The *sounding* light chamber choir and Plymouth Choir with guest soloists and a chamber orchestra will offer the complete *St. John Passion* by J. S. Bach. Freewill offering to benefit First-Plymouth's JustNeighbors. Infant/toddler care provided.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

March 30, 5:30pm, Sanctuary
The ancient Church began their Easter festivities on the evening of Holy Saturday with a night of remembrance through scripture, music, baptism, and Holy Communion. Join us, along with the Youth Singers and Te Deum Choir as we continue this ancient tradition for modern times. Infant/toddler care provided.

Easter Day – March 31

7:00am

Worship at sunrise and experience Easter as dawn breaks. Gather in the Chapel, then head outdoors to the Courtyard. A light continental breakfast will be served in Pilgrim Hall following the service.

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Beginning with a solemn procession, the promise of the Easter story is shared in a hope-filled scripture and an inspiring sermon, accompanied by the holy strains of the Plymouth Choir and Orchestra. Infant/toddler care provided.

Helpful tip – the 8:00am has ample seating!

11:00am Family Service

Experience Easter in an interactive worship experience in Mayflower Hall, designed for young children and families.

12:29pm

Celebrate the Easter message along with music from guitarist Daniel Martinez. A worship service without the formalities of the morning services.

Easter Day Livestream, Television and Radio Broadcasts

Digital Worship: Sunday 9:00am

Livestream: Sunday 9:30am

Reach Out & Live Television Broadcast:

Midnight KXVO, & KPTM, 8:00am FOX KFXL, Ch 18. Dish 17 & 51 | 9:00am KPTM Fox 42, Ch 9 | 9:00am KNOP, Ch 2 North Platte | 7:00pm Spectrum Ch 1302

Radio: 9:00am KFOR 1240AM



ESSENTIAL SPIRITUALITY

Join a Lenten Small Group

firstplymouth.org/lent2024

This Lent we will explore the seven steps of Essential Spirituality and connect each step to a passage in the Gospel of Matthew. During Lent, we are holding churchwide discussion groups in homes, at church, and online via Zoom. We encourage people to join a group.

On firstplymouth.org/lent2024 is a list of groups with various times, dates, and locations to suit your schedule. Contact a group leader to let them know you'll be attending. Groups will meet for four weeks starting the first week of March. All discussion materials provided.

If you can't make it to a group, start your own group or discuss with family and friends. If you would like to host a group, contact addie@firstplymouth.org.

When to ask for a Stephen Minister

Life changes are going to happen. Grief, depression, divorce, or a job change will affect you. It is essential to have a confidential person to talk with someone who listens, reflects, cares and prays for you. This is what a Stephen Minister will do; they will meet with you weekly to listen and help you move through life one step at a time. We have male and female Stephen Ministers who are trained to support and encourage you. If interested in knowing more please email Pastor KJ at kj@firstplymouth.org.



Grief Support Opportunities

- Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14, 6:00-7:30pm. Led by Lisa Borchardt, LCSW. Free, but register with addie@firstplymouth.org.
- 2nd Friday, monthly, 3:00pm, Calvert Parlor. Get a reminder by emailing kj@firstplymouth.org.

Soul Care Sunday & Compline Sunday, March 10

Yoga: 6:00-6:50pm, Chapel

Led by Maggie Pleskac, Milkweed Yoga. Bring your own yoga mat. Free.

Compline Worship 7:00-7:30pm, Sanctuary

Ancient Worship for the modern soul.

All are invited to gather in the Sanctuary to experience deep inner peace through Compline. No words are spoken, and worshippers are given an opportunity to light a candle as a prayer. Chanting of ancient music by the Schola Cantorum choir provides the only sound during this half-hour service.

Joys & Concerns

Baptisms

Neleigh Fay Headley

Marcelo Carlos Protti-Schaffer

In Memory

Mark Tallman, a member since 1962, passed away Jan 23

Richard "Dick" Wampler, a member since 2002, passed away Jan 23

Carole Burt, a member since 1987, passed away Jan 27

Barbara Heckman, a member since 1987, passed away Jan 27

Janet "Jan" Gauger, a member since 1975, passed away Feb 14

Welcome New Members

Mark & Lynn Chaulk

Marshal Duke

Sharon Hastings

Mary Herres

Dan & Ginger Klock

Emily Kopetzky

Graciela Caneiro Livingston & Dana Livingston

Jan Lowe

Ina & Sylvan Luhring

Ella O'Gorman

Shawna Payne

Terrance Riordan

Marshall Vogel

Ashley & Rob Wolff



Sponsor an Easter Lily

If you would like to sponsor lilies for the Easter services, complete this form and mail or bring it to the church office by March 20.

Honoree: _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Lilies at \$30 each



Wednesday Night Live

Spring Break March 13 - No WNL

In the midst of your busy week, join us to refuel your body, mind, and spirit with a variety of children, youth, and adult programs.

Schedule

5:00-6:00pm

- Dinner - by Chef au Chef in Pilgrim Hall
Freewill donation. Menu posted firstplymouth.org
- Middle & High School Check-in (Youth Room) with open gym.

5:15-5:30pm

- Check in for FP Kids Choirs (K-5th) (West Entrance)

5:30-6:15pm

- FP Kids Choirs (K-2nd & 3rd-5th)
- 8th grade Confirmation (Mayflower Hall)
- High School Homework (Tower Room)

6:00-6:15pm

- Check in for FP Kids Studio (K-5th) & FP Littles (0-5yo) (West Entrance)

6:15-6:30pm

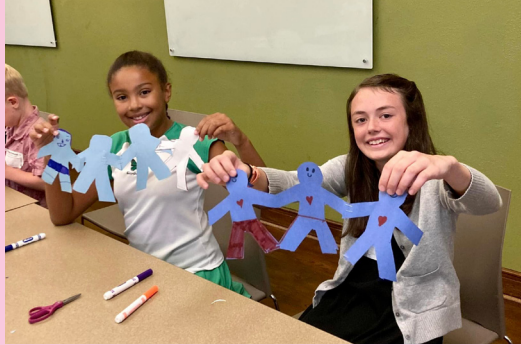
- Worship (Multi-Generational) Sanctuary

6:30-7:15pm

- Adult Programs & Classes
- FP Littles (0-5 years)
- FP Kids Studio (K-5th)
- Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th)
- High School Homework (Tower Room)

7:15pm

- Plymouth Choir Rehearsal



FP Kids Studio (K-5th)

Discover the significance of Lent while participating in activities!

MSYG (6th-8th)

MSYG this month is all about NEW LIFE and how we can face challenges with a new outlook & perspective.

Adult Programs: Contact Addie Vortherms, Program Director, addie@firstplymouth.org.

Year of Hope Data Walk Through Lincoln

Maps of our Neighbors and Community

March 6, 6:30-7:15pm, Chapel. Led by the Year of Hope Steering Committee. Join us as we explore a series of maps and statistics designed to paint a vivid picture of our neighbors' lives. Let's engage in conversations about how we can collaborate to foster a thriving community that benefits everyone.

Religion in America in the 1970s-80s

March 6, 6:30-7:15pm, Pilgrim Hall. Led by Dr. Dan Clanton, Associate Professor of Religion, Doane University. Join us as we explore key events and figures from these years of religion in America.



Yoga

March 6, 20 & 27, 6:30-7:15pm, Mayflower Hall. Led by Jessica Jewell, Heart of Light Yoga. All ages and abilities welcome (including beginners). Bring a yoga mat.

Spirituality & Mental Health

March 20 & 27, 6:30-7:15pm, Chapel. Led by Rev. Juan Carlos Huertas. In this Year of Hope join Pastor JC as he introduces us to some of the latest research on the science of spirituality and its effects on our mental health from *The Awakened Brain: The New Science of Spirituality and Our Quest for an Inspired Life* by Dr. Lisa Miller. Learn why spirituality matters, what effects it has on our brains, and what it means for our daily life and the life of the church.



The Unknown Theology Behind the Genius of Martin Luther King

March 20, 6:30-7:15pm, Chapel. Led by Dr. Jim Keck. A young Martin Luther King went to Boston University to pursue a doctorate under a particular theologian named Edgar Sheffield Brightman. Brightman was the foremost proponent of a school of thought called "Boston Personalism." The amazing themes of this theology were deployed by MLK to help transform our world. Come find out about the set of ideas that helped kill Jim Crow.



The Bible and the Newspaper with Dr. Jim Keck

March 27, 6:30-7:15pm, Chapel. Spiritual discussion of today's current events.

Breakfast Church @ 8:15am

Sundays, February 18-March 17, 8:15am in Pilgrim Hall. Enjoy a continental breakfast and coffee as Pastor Juan Carlos Huertas leads a new sermon series, "Deconstructing & Reconstructing Our Faith."



Not Your Ordinary Bible Study

with Dr. Jim Keck. Now with an Online Option!

A spiritual adventure using the Bible to launch the imagination and catapult us into far-ranging topics of real interest.

- Weekly In-Person: Thursdays, Noon-1:00pm, Choir Room.
 - NEW! Zoom Session: Thurs, March 21, 7:00-7:30pm.
- Visit firstplymouth.org for link.



The Bible With and Without Jesus The Creation Narratives

Sun. March 3 & 10, 11:30am-12:30pm, Tower Room. Led by Leah Cech.
Sessions focused on Biblical passages held sacred by both Jews and Christians.

Tuesday Bible Study Storytelling Techniques in the Gospels

Tuesdays, March 5-26, 9:30-11:00am, Calvert Parlor. Led by Carolyn Zeisset. Explore how Gospel writers get our attention and help us know how to read a particular story.

Perfect Plants for 2024

Find the perfect trees, shrubs, perennials and other plants for your yard, neighborhood or business by browsing the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum website at plantnebraska.org. You'll find trees and more that are drought-tolerant, attractive to pollinators, and more. Submitted by the Climate Action Team



Jacob A. Mason is Awarded Prestigious John R. Lewis Fellowship

First-Plymouth member Jacob A. Mason, son of Todd and Betty Mason and grandson of the late Rev. Gary and Ann Nienkamp, has been awarded the prestigious Congressman John R. Lewis Fellowship by the Faith & Politics Institute in Washington, D.C. The Fellowship is a yearlong program that teaches America's next generation of moral leaders how to affect positive social change by applying the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s principles of nonviolence.

A nearly lifelong member of First-Plymouth who serves as Assistant Carillonneur and baritone in the Plymouth Choir, Jacob is currently a Robert W. Woodruff Fellow and Master of Divinity student at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia. Jacob is a proud graduate of Norris High School and Nebraska Wesleyan University.

With deep family roots in our denomination, the United Church of Christ, Jacob is excited to begin the Lewis Fellowship this summer and hopes his insights will positively contribute to our congregation's religious leadership in the Lincoln community.

FP Family

firstplymouth.org/children-youth

FP Littles, FP Kids & IRL | Sunday Mornings in March, 9:00am & 10:30am

This month FPKids and FPLittles are reflecting on the stories of Lent. We are learning it is important to slow down and REMEMBER what is truly important. IRL for youth (6-12 grade) will be diving into the meaning of being "set apart" this month as we approach Easter Sunday (10:30am only).

Wednesday Night Live

Details for FP Kids (K-5th), MSYG (6th-8th) and Confirmation (8th) on page 3.

HSYG This Month

- March 3, 5:00pm - Ice cream fun night to celebrate what makes you, YOU
- March 24, 5:00pm - Celebrate Holi with color powder FUN!

Murder Mystery Tickets on sale NOW! | March 1 @ 6:30pm

A fun-filled night of mystery, dinner and dessert! Tickets on sale now for our Youth Murder Mystery at firstplymouth.org. All proceeds support Youth Missions.

VBS Registration is Open! Camp Firelight | June 3-7

All kindergarten to 5th graders get ready for an exciting week at "Camp Firelight" where you will learn to connect with & trust God no matter what situation life brings & know that God is always with you. Experience the stories through music, storytelling, games, crafts, science, and snacks. Register at firstplymouth.org/vbs.



FP Families Event | Easter Egg Hunt | March 30, 10:00 AM

Children (age 1-12) join the fun as we hop around First-Plymouth looking for eggs, gathering special treats, and having some eggstra fun! Begin at the corner of 20th & E Street. Parking available in the east and north parking lots. Free donuts and pictures with the Easter Bunny in the courtyard, plus a coffee truck out front.

Bread For The World

Great news! The Governor changed his mind and is opting into the Summer EBT program. This brings \$18 million in benefits to kids to help cover higher food costs families face during the summer months. Your advocacy along with many allies ensures 150,000 kids can access healthy meals this summer. Congratulations to all of you. Your voice does make a difference!



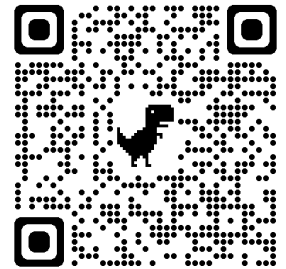
Connecting The Dots

As a parent, are you concerned about connecting with your children and finding your main opponent in this battle is the time spent on screens? If so, or if you're curious, attend one of both of the programs planned at First-Plymouth.

- April 13, 8:30am-Noon: Representatives from HopeSpoke, Lincoln Public Schools, BraveBe (child advocacy center) and a local psychologist will share the wisdom they have gleaned from working with children.
- April 20, 8:30am-Noon: Mandy Berlin-Coyle will guide us through *The Asset Approach: 40 Elements of Healthy Development* which will enable us to better connect with our children.

To register, email Dori Bush at dbush2508@gmail.com. Sponsored by the FP Faith in Recovery team.

Scan to register



Spring Courtyard Cleanup

Volunteers needed:

March 9, 9:00-11:30am

March 16, 1:00-3:00pm

March 29, 9:30-11:30am

All dates, weather permitting. Please bring garden tools. Questions - contact ccrellin@neb.rr.com.

Plymouth Pride

Potluck and Game Night, March 15, 6:30pm, at FP Church.

Save-The-Date for the
Annual Pet Blessing
Sunday June 2, 11:59 service.

Theology On Tap

March 18, April 15, 7:00-8:00pm

The Mill-Innovation Campus
(2021 Transformation Dr)



Deconstructing & Reconstructing Our Faith

Join Pastor JC – himself a survivor of a more conservative Christian tradition – as he walks us through four key themes in our deconstructing – Authority, the Bible, Salvation, and the End of Time – so that we can reconstruct our life of faith. Freedom, grace, and joy in this new season of our lives in God!

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AT FIRST-PLYMOUTH

St. John Passion

by Johann Sebastian Bach

Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.
FREE CONCERT

A complete performance of J.S. Bach's epic *St. John Passion* will be offered on Good Friday by the *sounding* light chamber choir and Plymouth Choir with guest soloists and a chamber orchestra.

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Guest Preacher Weekend Rev. Cean R. James

Senior Pastor, Salt & Light Church

Associate Conference Minister, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, UCC

Saturday, March 16, 5:30pm Chapel

Sunday, March 17, 8:15am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 11:59am

Reverend Cean James is the Senior Pastor of Salt & Light, an interdenominational, intergenerational congregation worshipping and working in Southwest Philadelphia and Mt. Airy. Salt & Light represents the union of churches that have been ministering in Philadelphia for over 160 years. Salt & Light is a rapidly growing congregation that is the rare combination of Pentecostal fire and social justice activism; a congregation that is vibrant in worship in the church and vibrant in working and witnessing on the streets.

Rev. James completed his undergraduate studies at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University with a BS in biology and received his Masters of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia. Pastor James has also done doctoral work at Lancaster Theological Seminary.