

# Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church

The Lord's Day, Sunday August 29, 2021

*But now Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you. Psalm 39:7*

## 9:45 AM Sunday School

## 10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

## 11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude		B.J. Lyle
Welcome		Pastor Paul
Prayer		Pastor Paul
*Praise Songs	<b><i>"I'll Fly Away" – "Sanctuary"</i></b>	
Scripture Reading	Genesis 2:18-24	Pastor Paul
Ministry in Music	<b><i>"All in All"</i></b>	Madeline & Mollie Chandler
Scripture Reading	Revelation 19:4-9	Pastor Paul
Hymn #688	<b><i>"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"</i></b>	
Pastoral Prayer	vv. 1,2,4	
Sermon	Water and Wine	Pastor Paul
*Hymn of Invitation #423	<b><i>"The Bond of Love"</i></b>	
	vv. 1,2	

“\* ” indicates the congregation should stand.

You are welcome to use the church wi-fi! The password is– psqvcvk4xr3cf5

## Sermon: Water and Wine

**Scriptures:** John 2:1-12; Matt. 26:26-29; Heb. 9:13-15; Heb. 10:11-14; Matt 27:24; John 19:34-35; Psalm 116:1-7

Jesus performed this miracle, first and foremost to reveal his glory. Glory means: Excellencies, majesty, and power.

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It is fitting that Jesus would choose a wedding ceremony first his first miracle. In attending the celebration, He was blessed it. Just as He, the Father and Holy Spirit had blessed marriage at the creation of mankind and will do at the end of the age.

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Water and Blood represent the two covenants. The Old Covenant of law (as represented in the jars filled with water), and the New Covenant of grace (the jars filled with the best wine!).

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A religious ceremony cannot save a person for eternity. Only the blood of Jesus can.

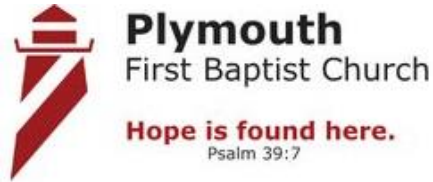
The theme of water and blood is seen throughout the Bible: For Instance:

The plagues of Egypt: (Exodus 7)

Pilate Questioning Jesus: (Matthew 27)

The Piercing of Jesus side by the Soldier. (John 19:34-35)

Jesus revealed His glory by changing the water into wine. It should lead to worship. The same Jesus who was attentive at the wedding, with his mother- and all throughout his ministry, is the one living in us, as believers, today. In a world where everything good seems to be running out. He will always provide- here in the temporal- but also in the eternal.



## Concerning the Miracle in Cana by St. Augustine\*

When we understand what God is always doing, we have no difficulty believing the miracle that our Master Jesus Christ did when he turned water into wine. What He did at the wedding feast is the same as He does year by year in the vineyards. What the servants poured into the jars was changed into wine by the same operation of the Master: What the clouds pour down is transformed into wine by the same master. We do not think that what happens every year in the vineyard is a miracle; we have seen it too often; yet it is really a very much greater miracle than what happened in the water jars.

When anyone really thinks of what God does in the world of nature, how He directs and controls every process, *they* cannot help but be overwhelmed by the wonder of the miracle they see. They hold a little seed in their hand- what force is latent in that little grain!

It is stupendous- terrifying.

Most *people* are so busy with other things that *they* have lost the power of seeing God in His works, and consequently the desire to worship the Creator every day. That is why God sometimes does things which are out of the ordinary course of nature. He wants *people*, heavy with sleep, to wake up and realize that HE IS THERE.

\***Saint Augustine** (October 31, 0354- August 19, 0430) Bishop of Hippo, Algeria. He was a Latin philosopher and theologian from the Africa Province of the Roman Empire and is generally considered as one of the greatest Christian thinkers of all times. His writings were very influential in the development of Western Christianity. (Good Reads)

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