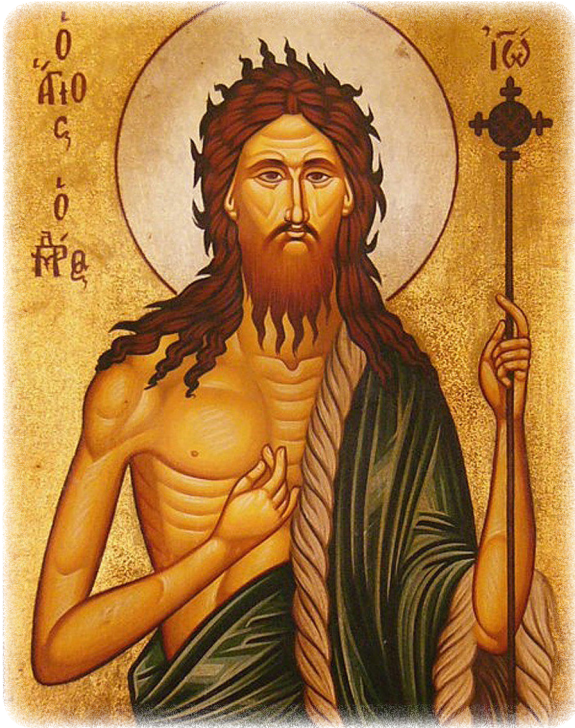


SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 12, 2017



*"I tell you, among those born of women
there is no one greater than John;
yet the one who is least in the
Kingdom of God is greater than he."*

+ Luke 7:28 +

SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Carol Choir Rehearsal
Confirmation Class
PCYG Bible Exploration
Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Coppertones Rehearsal
Dance 149

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Kids Serve | Children's Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS | Our Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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hope
family
IN CHRIST

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2017

CAMPAIGN UPDATE: 65 PERCENT

A sincere "thank you" to the 179 households who have submitted their 2017 pledges. As of Feb. 9, \$470,721 has been pledged toward our \$720,800 goal for this year's annual campaign. That puts us just above 65 percent of the way toward our goal to balance our general fund budget. We look forward to hearing from those who have yet to make their pledge in days to come.

*PLEASE RETURN PLEDGES BY FEB. 19.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL GENEROSITY.*



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ONLINE**

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ALL ARE WELCOME | *Whether you are young or old, rich or poor, doubtful or hopeful ... no matter where you are in your faith journey, YOU are welcome here. For those with children, be assured that noises and wiggling are signs of a church that is alive and growing; your entire family is welcome in worship.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Prelude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Robin Milford

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord" **No. 635**
Sanctuary Choir directed by Leah Brzyski

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 146)

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth —

People: for God keeps faith forever!

Leader: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

People: God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and widow.

Leader: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help —

People: for God keeps faith forever!

Gathering Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" **No. 96**
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Healing God our Father, Creator of all, in these few moments of worship, we come to you with the words and works, the desires, and hopes, and fears, that dominate our everyday lives. We come to give thanks in all things; to seek new perspective, to find new strength.

Jesus Christ, Son of God, help us today to find our hearts burning – with a fiery love and devotion to you, so that, kneeling at your feet, we hear the tender whisper of your call.

Eternal God, Creator, Redeemer and Comforter, hear us as we confess our wrongdoings. Often we wear ourselves down with a pretense of righteousness. Today, we throw off this attempt, simply admitting our failure to live in the way of Christ. Amen

Congregational Response

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

No. 103

First Reading

Psalm 146: 1-10
(Pew Bible Page 625; Large Print 927)

Celebration of Holy Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "The House of the Lord (The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Man)" Annker
Carol Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Passing the Peace of Christ (Please stand if able.)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Children are dismissed to participate in Sunday School at this time. (10:30 a.m.)
You may pick up your child in the McCune Chapel following the worship service.*

Solo (8:30 a.m.)

"Give Me Jesus"
Jonathan Walker Vankuren, tenor

arr. Moses Hogan

Second Reading

Luke 7:18-35
(Pew Bible Page 1,034; Large Print 1,572)

Sermon

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

 [#Connect2TPC #TPCsermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC)

Prayers of the People

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"In the Sweet By-and-By"

arr. Howard Helvey

Act of Praise

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father,
Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Giver of the most expensive gift of all, help us to learn from you. May we who are so adept at catering for our own wants, make ourselves more vulnerable to the needs of others. Let us live unselfishly and more sensitively, that we may spread love's fragrance wherever the odor of cynicism and despair hangs in the air. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen!

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 610

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Postlude

"Toccata in F Major"

Dietrich Buxtehude

Today's Floral Offering

Given by Joan Wright in memory of the birthday of William Charles Wright.



CONNECT

PARENTS & KIDS GROUP | TODAY

Parents and caregivers with children age 5 years and younger are invited to gather as part of a monthly fellowship group. We will gather again at 2:30 p.m. today in the gymnasium. Questions? Contact Margaret at mtassaro@gmail.com.

FREE CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING

The Peoples Church will host free first aid training from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 25 (bagels and fruit provided) and 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Feb. 27 (pizza and salad provided). Attendees will be trained on basic first aid, CPR and Automatic Emergency Defibrillator use. Those who successfully complete the training will receive a CPR/First Aid Certification card from the American Heart Association. Contact Andy Mayville at 517-908-4444 or amayville@thepeopleschurch.com to register. Space is limited.

OFFER STUDENTS RIDES TO WORSHIP

As temperatures drop, the less pleasant it is for our college students who walk or ride a bike to worship. If you don't mind picking up a couple of local students on your way to the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, please give me a call at 517-332-6074 or e-mail me at eaho@thepeopleschurch.com.

NEW EXHIBIT: 'INLAND SEAS'

The Fine Arts Committee invites you to view and enjoy a new exhibit, "Inland Seas," featuring the creative talents of an East Lansing resident and printmaker, Petrus (Pete) Martens, in the Northwest hallway of the church.



SHARE

ACCEPTING DONATIONS: WPC JEWELRY & MORE SALE

The Women of Peoples Church will host their annual Jewelry & More Sale on May 20 and 21. Donations are needed. We are in search of old, new, estate, costume, collectible and broken jewelry. We also will accept jewelry boxes, scarves, handbags, art, CDs and DVDs, wallets, MSU items, puzzles and games, watches and silver items. Donated items can be dropped off at the Church Office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ask your friends and family for donations as well. Tax receipts available.

RECYCLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Earth Stewardship Committee is in need of volunteers to deliver Styrofoam collected as part of our Sunday Recycling Program to Dart Container in Mason. Are you interested in joining our team? Contact Facility Director Andy Mayville at 517-908-4444 or amayville@thepeopleschurch.com.



SUNDAY FLORAL DEDICATIONS

Sunday Floral Dedications offer members weekly opportunities to celebrate and remember loved ones. Dedications may be reserved with a gift of \$85 to benefit the Sanctuary Fund. Reserve a Sunday using the notebook at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office at 517-332-5073.





GROW

WNL!: HERMENEUTICS | FEB. 15

To be human is to be hermeneutic or interpretive. Reality is only accessible to us through interpretation. This week, Pastor Drew concludes his three-part study in hermeneutics. Join us as we examine the global understandings of knowledge, how interpretation influences us and the location of meaning. We gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Come early for our weekly community meal, served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

READING PEOPLE | FEB. 16

The Reading People will gather at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 19 in the Robertson Room to discuss "Longbourn" by Jo Baker. Questions? Contact Joanne Keith at 517-349-5977.

PEOPLES FORUM | FEB. 19

Next Sunday, the Peoples Forum welcomes Peoples Church Youth Group director and teen novel author Jacob Gates. Join us at 9 :30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



DORCAS CIRCLE | FEB. 21

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21. Our program will focus on Health, Wellness, and Aging. Questions? Contact Phyllis Gaulden at 517-482-0930.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join us for our ongoing study of the Book of Revelation at 11 a.m. each Monday in the Robertson Room. All are welcome.



REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE | FEB. 22

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 1 p.m. on Feb. 22 in the Robertson Room. Sue Mills will share with us about the "Work of the Fine Arts Committee." Questions? Contact Joan at 517-349-1074 or Gretchen at 517-322-5132.

WNL!: RYAN APPLE IN CONCERT | FEB. 22

On Feb. 22, classical guitarist Ryan Apple will join us for a special concert. Ryan last encouraged us with his music in November 2015 and he is excited to come back. Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall and Ryan's concert at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome.



TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Join us at 7 a.m. each Tuesday in the Robertson Room for great morning fellowship and wonderful faith-focused discussion. Our current topic is "The Book of Forgiving: The Four-fold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World" by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP

Join us at Noon each Wednesday in the Fischbach Library for a lively discussion with friends. We are currently reading "The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why" by Phyllis Tickle as part of our continued study of the growth of Christianity during its first centuries.

BURCHAM HILLS BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Andrew leads a weekly Bible study from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. each Thursday, on the fourth floor at Burcham Hills, 2700 Burcham Dr. in East Lansing. All are welcome.



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SNOW PANTS

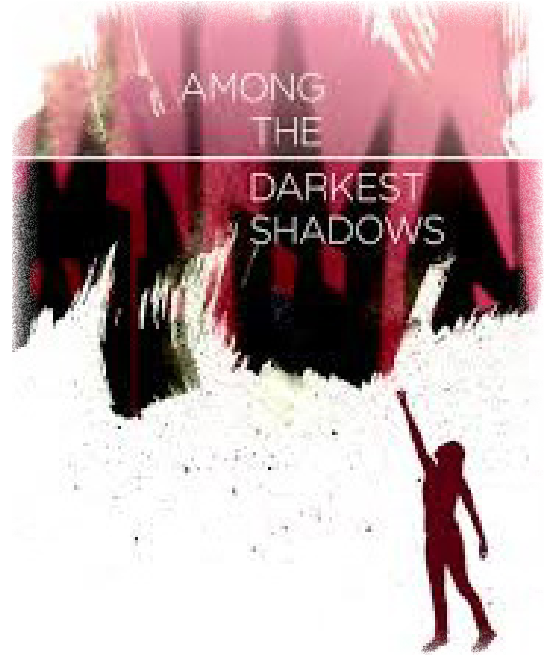
Snow pants are often badly needed for children in grades K-6. Our Community Engagement Ministry is collecting new or gently used snow pants, or funds to purchase them. Donations may be dropped off in the box outside of the Church Office. Questions? Contact Lary Hill at 517-339-2502.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Be a Habitat for Humanity volunteer! Caroline Jacobs, Faith & Community Engagement Director with the Habitat for Humanity Capital Region office will visit the Peoples Forum on Mar. 19. Contact her or Volunteer Program Coordinator Sami Chau at 517-374-1313 to learn more about how you can help out.

BUILDING & GROUNDS WISH LIST

Our two seven-passenger vans are about 12 years old with more than 80,000 miles each, and are getting very expensive to repair. In the last few months we will have spent between \$3,000 and \$4,000 in repairs in order that they are safe to drive and can pass required inspections. Our hope is to replace them with two 10 passenger vans as soon as financially possible, replacing one each year would be great and we are working hard to develop strategies that would make that possible. But we would welcome any help if someone in our Church family is so inclined.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS PERFORMANCE AT WHARTON | FEB. 19

"Among the Darkest Shadows" is a new dance and theatre piece commissioned by The Wharton Center. This innovative merger of poetry, symbolism, dance and striking visuals, will tell the important and often hidden story of modern day slavery and human trafficking. The Peoples Church has purchased a block of tickets for the 1 p.m. performance on Feb. 19 available to you for the discounted price of \$10 per ticket. Contact Betsy Aho by Feb. 15 (or while supplies last) to purchase tickets. *NOTE: This performance will be in The Wharton Center's Pasant Theatre and has a running time of about 65 minutes with no intermission. Due to the difficult subject matter, it is not recommended for our youngest theatre-goers. More information is available online at WhartonCenter.com or by calling 1-800-WHARTON.*