

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017



“Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue,” + Luke 16:24 +

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.

Out of the Shadows | Adults
Kids Serve | Children's Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Deborah Discussion | WPC
Yoga Class



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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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HOLY WEEK 2017

WORSHIP AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 9

8:30 a.m. - Chapel (with Communion)

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 13

6:30 P.M. - Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 14

6:30 P.M. - Sanctuary (with Choir)

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 16

7:00 a.m. - Chapel

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary (with Communion)

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary (with Communion)



**MAKE A
GIFT
ONLINE**

ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE

COVER ART | The Rich Man Pleading with Abraham from the Pictorial Bible of the Abbey of St. Bertin France (St. Omer), ca.1190-1200. The Hague, Koninklijk Bibliotheek.

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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 26, 2017

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Meditation" William Melton
Coppertone Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

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

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Inspired by Hebrews 10:19-25) Matt McMahon, Confirmation Student

Leader: We gather together to worship,
knowing that God is already here among us;
knowing that there is nothing that separates us
from the presence of our Lord.

People: Wherever we are, wherever we go, God is near.

Leader: So let us enter into this service of worship with confidence and hope,

**People: knowing that God is already with us and stands eager to meet us
and bless us with grace and love.**

Gathering Hymn "Come! Live in the Light!" **No. 749**
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession (Written by Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick)

**Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things,
other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two
masters, Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our
time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.**

**Forgive us, gracious savior, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve other
gods and worship them. Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, to take
up our cross and follow you. We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.**

Lenten Congregational Response “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” (Verse1) **No. 423**

***Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.***

First Reading

Hebrews 10:19-25
(Pew Bible Page 1,211; Large Print 1,832)

Celebration of Baptism (8:30 a.m.)

Clara Kathryn Finland
Born on April 25, 2016
Daughter of Amanda Holmstrom & Bradley Finland

**We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity,
unselfishness and service which he exemplified to the world.**

Solo (8:30 a.m.)

“Alleluia, Lullaby”
Leah Brzyski, soprano

J. Bert Carlson

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

Praising God in Music and Movement (10: 30 a.m.) *Dance 149 directed by Jodi Cook*

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.*

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Dan Forrest

Second Reading

Luke 16:19-31
(Pew Bible Page 1,049; Large Print 1,594)



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.)

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

arr. Ronald Kauffmann

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

Lord, knowing that many voices clamor and compete, we pray that these offerings given may become symbolic of our decision to serve you, our one true master and one true God. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

No. 839

(Please stand if able.)

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

"Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"

J.S. Bach

Today's Floral Offering

*Given by Patty Brookover to family and friends celebrating birthdays this month
in memory of Edna & Wilbur Brookover*

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES | MAR. 29 & APR. 2

Have you ever thought about joining The Peoples Church? Would you like more information? Come to an upcoming New Members Class at 6:30 on Mar. 29 or 11:30 a.m. on April 2, both in the Centennial Room. The class last about 90 minutes. Childcare is available upon request. Contact the Church Office at 517-332-5073 to register. Questions? Contact Diane Shafer at 517-388-0437 or dmshafer2001@gmail.com.

VBS 2017 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Children who have completed Kindergarten through the fifth grade are invited to attend "Hero Central," our 2017 Vacation Bible School program June 19-23 at Woldumar Nature Center. We have space for 140 campers. Friends and neighbors are welcome. Cost for the week is \$25 (pre-camp or post-camp care is available for additional costs). Reserve your child's space online at ThePeopleChurch.com. Questions? Contact Children's Christian Education Director Julie Bills at 517-908-4447 or jbills@thepeopleschurch.com.

VBS SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

This year we are offering Hero Central Vacation Bible School at a steep discount to our families and our community (\$25). For us to accomplish this, we are relying on the generosity of our congregation. Community Engagement Ministry has offered a \$2,500 matching gift to all donations for VBS scholarships. Please consider donating to this wonderful program that offers an amazing camp experience to more than 100 children. Questions? Contact, Pastor Drew Filkins.

PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE | APR. 2

From 2 to 4 p.m. on Apr. 2, The Peoples Church is partnering with Congregation Shaarey Zehek and the Islamic Center of East Lansing in a community pilgrimage for peace, hope and unity. We will begin with prayers in reflections at Congregation Shaarey Zehek, 1924 Coolidge Rd. at 2 p.m.

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.

DONATIONS NEEDED: USED BOOK SALE

Donations are being accepted for the annual Fischbach Library Used Book Sale and may be dropped off on the stage in the Snider Social Hall until May 18. Do not leave books in the Church Office or at the Welcome Center. Please, no magazines. The sale takes place during the East Lansing Art Festival, May 20-21.

HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS

We will help families in the greater Lansing area have a wonderful meal on Easter Sunday. We need volunteer drivers to deliver food baskets on March 26. Drivers are asked to be at Market Fresh Foods at Jolly Road and MLK Blvd. in Lansing at 9 a.m. to pick up baskets.



Out of the Shadows



This Lenten season, our *Wednesday Night Live!* adult formation series “Out of the Shadows” will explore the topics of sexual assault, sexual abuse and human trafficking in our world. These topics make us uncomfortable but need to be brought *out of the shadows and into the light*.

MARCH 29 | Susie Finkbeiner, author. Her first novel, “Paint Chips,” tackled the tough issues of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Susie will present on the difficulties and experience of writing a novel on these topics.

5:30 p.m. | Community Meal, Snider Social Hall

6:30 p.m. | Out of the Shadows, Robertson Room

SIGN UP | Return form to Offertory Plate on Sunday or the Church Office during the week.

EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

___ Yes, I (We) would like to help the sanctuary come alive with Lilies on Easter morning. Please accept my gift of \$20 in support of the Sanctuary Decoration Fund.

- In Memory of In Celebration of In Honor of To the Glory of God

Dedication (Please Print): _____

Given By (Please Print): _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, APRIL 10

YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS ON APRIL 15 AT 9 A.M.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

SCIENCE, FAITH & TECHNOLOGY

Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series



By the Waters of Babylon

SINGING THE LORD'S SONG
IN THE 21ST CENTURY

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

8:30 & 10:30 A.M. | WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. James B. Miller, MDiv, PhD
Guest Preacher

11:30 P.M. | LUNCHEON

Snider Social Hall

**12:30 P.M. | SESSION I
OUR FOREIGN LAND
AND HOW WE GOT THERE**

Snider Social Hall

**2:30 P.M. | SESSION II
SINGING THE LORD'S SONG ANEW**

Snider Social Hall

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



Rev. James B. Miller, MDiv, PhD
*President of the Presbyterian Association
on Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith*



The Henry and Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series is being established in 2017 to honor their interest in continuing education on topics of international interest and theological thought. Henry and Annabel moved to East Lansing in 1938 where Henry was a new faculty member in the college of Agriculture at MSU. They promptly joined The Peoples Church and became deeply involved in the church community as well as in greater Lansing where

they were active in a great variety of civic activities. Henry and Annabel were world travelers who were always building bridges of hope and understanding. Our desire is that these lectures will inspire and strengthen us to serve with compassionate love as we strive to build a more just and peaceful world.



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