

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 2, 2017



“Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

+ Luke 19:9-10 +

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

**Off this week*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

*Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

*Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

*Adult Formation

*Kids Serve | Children's Education

*Peoples Church Youth Group

*Deborah Discussion | WPC

*Yoga Class

**Off this week*



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.

Alan Canady, Chairperson
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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 (with Communion)

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

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



**MAKE A
GIFT
ONLINE**

ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE

COVER ART | "Zacchaeus in His Tree," by Maria Laughlin

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 | APRIL 2, 2017

Prelude "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling" arr. Dale Wood

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 on Luke 19:1-10) Raleigh Canady, Confirmation Student

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

People: Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!

Leader: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

**People: Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.
Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!**

Gathering Hymn "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" **No. 796**
(Please stand if able.)

Procession of the Light of Christ Maya Canady & Abigail Lindley, acolytes

Prayer of Confession Betsy Aho

O God, sometimes we cannot see you. We search for you and have to strain to hear your voice. And yet you come to us where we are, in our sinful lives. You forgive us and change our hearts through the grace of your son, Jesus and his liberating love. Forgive us again, as we thank you for your presence in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 11:1-3
(Pew Bible Page 1,211; Large Print 1,832)

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

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

Celebration of Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Tyler Timothy Casby
Born on August 25, 2016
Son of Kristen & Michael Casby

**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.**

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.)

"Be Thou a Smooth Way"

Ralph M. Johnson

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.**

Second Reading

Luke 19:1-10
(Pew Bible Page 1,049; Large Print 1,594)

Sermon

"Zacchaeus: Hero or Cautionary Character?"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour"
Jonathon Walker VanKuren

arr. Dale Wood

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

We bring these offerings as symbols of our commitment to continue the search for peace with justice locally, nationally, and internationally. We offer these gifts because we know that change is possible. Like Zacchaeus, we know that God's love can work through us, transforming and enabling us to live in God's way. We offer these gifts for the transformation of ourselves and our world for the good of all. Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

No. 837

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

"Temples Eternal"

F. Melius Christiansen

Today's Floral Offering

Given by Michael & Betty Moore in memory of their granddaughter, Sara Violet Guenther

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES | TODAY

Have you ever thought about joining The Peoples Church? Would you like more information? Come to our New Members Class downstairs in the Centennial Room following today's 10:30 a.m. worship service.

PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE | TODAY

The Peoples Church is partnering with Congregation Shaarey Zedek 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 Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Rd. at 2 p.m. today.

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. Cost for the week is \$25 (pre-camp or post-camp care is available for additional costs). Register at ThePeopleChurch.com. Questions? Contact Children's Christian Education Director Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com or 517-908-4447.

VBS SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

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

BOY SCOUTS PANCAKE BRUNCH | APR. 9

Make sure to bring your appetite to church next Sunday. The Peoples Church's Boy Scouts Troop 2 and Venture Crew 2 will host their annual Pancake Brunch on Apr. 9 beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Snider Social Hall.

PEOPLES FORUM | APR. 9

Next Sunday, the Peoples Forum welcomes Darwin of Theodore Roasters in Owosso. The Peoples Church serves Theodore Roasters fair trade coffee each Sunday during our fellowship hour. Darwin will bring with him some varied coffee roasts we can sample for the purpose of choosing a Peoples Church Blend! Join us at 9 :30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

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 at 9 a.m. on April 15. We meet at Market Fresh Foods at Jolly Road and MLK Boulevard.

IN SEARCH OF WELCOMING VOLUNTEERS

The Peoples Church Welcome Ministry is always happy to embrace New Volunteers! Help serve up Coffee Fellowship on Sunday mornings or help with hospitality at our Welcome Desk. Interested? Learn more and sign up at ThePeopleChurch.com Look under CONNECT. Questions? Contact Diane at dmschafer2001@gmail.com or Robin at matheso4@msu.edu.

VOLUNTEER WITH TROOP 2

Boy Scouts Troop 2 is looking for a volunteer to serve as its chartered organization representative to serve as "liaison between the church and the troop." The time commitment would involve one 2-hour committee meeting each month as well as arranging facility and van use with the church. Other suggested tasks could be helping select leadership for the troop, promoting the program at the church, and suggesting service projects for the church. Someone with previous scouting experience would be desirable, but is not necessary. If you are interested or have questions please contact Cheryl Leece at leececm44@gmail.com or 517-410-1313.

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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