

# SUNDAY WORSHIP OCTOBER 1, 2017

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**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.**

Coppertones Rehearsal  
Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry  
Dance 149

**6:10 p.m.**

Youth Choir

**6:30 p.m.**

High School Youth Group

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## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!**

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.**

Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Children's Education K-5

**6:30 p.m.**

Adult Formation Classes  
Middle School Youth Group  
Yoga Class  
(Childcare for infant/  
preschool)

**7:30 p.m.**

Clarion Ringers



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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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.*

## SAVE THE DATE!

PROFESSOR DAVID STOWE

"Song of Exile: The Enduring Mystery of Psalm 137"

Don't miss the chance to hear Professor David Stowe speak, here at The Peoples Church, in October as he leads us through the journey of the mystery surrounding Psalm 137.

Be sure to join one of the following lively discussions:

**October 18** at WNL!

**October 22** at Peoples Forum & during worship



# MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

[ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE](https://ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE)

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following Communion during service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Julie Bills, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor; please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | OCTOBER 1, 2017

**Prelude** "Give Me Jesus" arr. Emma Lou Diemer

**Choral Introit** (10:30 a.m.) "Standing on Holy Ground" Judy and Marc Hafso  
*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Andrew Pomerville

*Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.*

**First Reading** Exodus 3:1-16 Rev. Betsy Aho  
*(Pew Bible Page 57; Large Print 83)*

### Call to Worship

Leader: God called us in the past,

**People: And we are thankful for the Lord's presence.**

Leader: God call us today,

**People: And we are here.**

Leader: God calls us into the future,

**People: And we will go to the holy ground in front of us.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

**Gathering Hymn** "Though I May Speak" No. 693

**Procession of the Light of Christ** Maddox Guerrant and Katie Palsrock, Acolytes

### Prayer of Confession

**God of our mothers and our fathers, who was, is and ever will be, at times we are afraid of your presence. We worry about living up to your standard. We forget**

(continued)

**you are a God of compassion and forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ, help us remember who you are, what you are, and why you are so good. Unite us in grace, now and forevermore. In the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

**Congregational Response** "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

**No. 458**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way, still you're right there beside me.

Nothing will I fear, as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

### **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Rev. Drew Filkins

*(All people, of all ages, and all backgrounds are welcome at the Lord's Table! We celebrate Holy Communion each week at the 8:30 a.m. service, as well as the first Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. service. Children are invited to participate in this celebration as their families feel led. There is no specific age a child should first take communion. That decision is left up to the family of each young person. This is a moment of mystery, faith, and community and is meant to be approached with wonder, grace, and hope. Take this time to speak with the young people who are with you and help them understand how you know and experience Communion.)*

### **Communion Hymns**

"Come to the Table of Grace"

**No. 507**

"Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"

**No. 511**

### **Passing the Peace of Christ** *(Please stand if able)*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Anthem** (10:30 a.m.)

"Standing on Holy Ground"

Judy and Marc Hafso

*Jim Phelps, string bass*

### **Second Reading**

Exodus 4:10-17

(Pew Bible Page 59; Large Print 85)

### **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.**

**Sermon**

“Who Is Your Aaron?”

 @Connect2TPC #TPCsermon

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Be Not Afraid”

*Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano*

Craig Courtney

**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 (Galatians 6:9)**

**In the offering of our gifts, may we not grow tired of doing what is right, but instead let us commit to speaking up for the voiceless, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, and practicing your mercy for all people. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 450

**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**

“At the Name of Jesus”

George Brandon



**Today’s Floral Offering**

*Given to the glory of God.*

## ÓSCAR ROMERO DISCUSSION GROUP

On October 4, you're invited to join a discussion group, which will read *The Violence of Love*, a selection of Romero's sermons. We will also view the film, *Monseñor, the Last Journey of Óscar Romero* (2010). While learning about Romero's life, times and ideas, we will consider what applications there are for us in the present moment—how we can also find the courage and inspiration to speak and act for justice. Join us for this series in the Centennial Room on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Join us today at 11:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room (located in the lower level inside the Snider Social Hall) to learn more about becoming a member at The Peoples Church. Classes last about 90 minutes.

## FIGHTING HUNGER: CROP WALK

Save the date to fight hunger in this community and the world! The 2017 CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. at Lansing STEM Academy (2600 Hampden Drive, Lansing). More information available at [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) and from Loretta Johnston who will be signing up walkers and accepting CROP Walk donations in upcoming weeks.



## BARISTAS ARE A BLESSING

**Thank you** to the following baristas who served us during Fellowship Time in September: Susan Coopes, Mary Culham, Shirley Fisher, Jane and Dave Ledebuhr, Jan Perron, and Matthew Rick. To join in the fun of serving while connecting, go to CONNECT on The Peoples Church website and sign up under Coffee Fellowship, or contact Jane Ledebuhr at [jledebuhr@yahoo.com](mailto:jledebuhr@yahoo.com).



## NYAKA MOVIE SCREENING

On October 5 at 6:00 p.m., our international mission partner, Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project, will be holding a screening of a documentary on the work of Nyaka in Uganda at Studio C!. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at [nyakaschool.org](http://nyakaschool.org). Funds will help to support the grandmothers and children of Uganda.

## THE PEOPLES FORUM

On Sunday, October 8, The Peoples Forum will welcome a local fire chief to discuss fire safety and preventative measures. Fire Safety and Prevention week is nationally recognized and runs from October 8 - 14. The Peoples Forum welcomes a different speaker each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room; don't miss it!



## MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join us each Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room as Pastor Drew leads us in discussion and exploration of Luke and Acts—the wonderful gospel set in two parts.



## LET'S PLAY: PARENTS & KIDS GROUP

After a summer break, let's meet up again! On Sunday, October 8, in the sweet spot between services at 9:30 a.m., let's get together in the gym on the lower level for some fun. Kids can run (or crawl) around and parents can chat and enjoy a warm drink! This group is geared toward families with infants through preschoolers; older siblings are welcome, too! For more information, contact Margaret Tassaró at: [mtassaró@gmail.com](mailto:mtassaró@gmail.com).

## SERMON PREP

Join Pastor Andrew for a preview of Sunday's scripture readings. This dynamic group helps prepare Sunday sermons and offers wonderful opportunities to dive deeper into scripture. All are welcome to attend at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Robertson Room.

## FLU SHOT CLINICS

The Peoples Church will hold two flu shot clinics on the following days:

**Thursday, October 12**, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

(Robertson Room)

**Sunday, October 15**, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Snider Social Hall)

No appointment necessary. Bring insurance card and be prepared to pay any deductible.

## CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING

On Saturday, October 7, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., we are offering CPR/First Aid Training to staff and congregants free of charge. The training includes instruction on how to use the defibrillators used in church. Please contact Andy Mayville, Facility Director, to register.

## STREET CLOSURES & FIRE TRUCKS COMING!



At long last, the demolition project to the immediate east of the church is underway! October 5-8, Abbot Road will be closed in both directions from Grand River north to Albert. The two north lanes of W. Grand River will also be closed westbound from Abbot to Evergreen all three days. Please find creative routes to church if needed!

Also be aware that next Sunday, October 8, our 10:30 a.m. worship service will end with an all church fire drill! We will evacuate the building and enjoy hot dogs, fire trucks, fire prevention tips and fun for all ages.



## FALL YARD DAY CLEANUP

*Many hands make light work ...*

On October 28, join members of the Building & Grounds Ministry for our annual Fall Yard Day clean up from 9 a.m. to Noon. Help to make our church campus beautiful and make a new friend or two along the way. Questions? Contact Matt Gosselin at [mattcatgosselin@comcast.net](mailto:mattcatgosselin@comcast.net) or 517-484-6813. See the sign-up form on back of bulletin.



# Fall Cleanup

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

**I WANT TO HELP ON FALL YARD CLEAN UP DAY | 9 A.M. - NOON ON OCT. 28**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring my own:  Rakes  Trimmers  Blower  Hedge Trimmer

Ext. Cords  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Matt Gosselin at 517.484.6813 or [mattcatgosselin@comcast.net](mailto:mattcatgosselin@comcast.net)

## A GARDEN JOURNEY WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH FALL RETREAT 2017



**OCTOBER 13** (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)

**OCTOBER 14** (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

**Cost is \$40** and includes bus transportation to Meijer Gardens, admission, guided tour, tram ride, and lunch.

Jessica Eyselinck, 646.244.2102 or [jessica@eysselinck.com](mailto:jessica@eysselinck.com) to register!

 *Women*  
of Peoples Church