

SUNDAY WORSHIP OCTOBER 22, 2017



“By the waters of Babylon we sat and wept...”

(Psalm 137)



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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

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

CHURCH OFFICE

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Alan Canady, Chairperson
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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.

WELCOME PROFESSOR DAVID STOWE!

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

Today, The Peoples Church welcomes Professor David Stowe from MSU, who will be deliver our sermon and lead us through the journey of the mystery surrounding Psalm 137.



MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment 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.

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Prelude	"Cantilena" (8:30 a.m.)	Eugene Butler
	"Just As I Am" (10:30 a.m.) <i>Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed</i>	arr. Page
Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.)	"I Will Sing Unto the Lord A New Song" <i>Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed</i>	Erickson

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

Ephesians 4:1-6
(Pew Bible Page 1,175; Large Print 1,778)

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come together as one.

People: One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

Leader: We will worship together as one.

People: One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.

Leader: We are being empowered as one by One.

People: One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,

Leader: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People: one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.

Leader: Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.

People: One people, giving witness to the power of Jesus.

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

Vivian Rose Barron-Petersen, born October 4, 2016
Child of Steven Barron and Paul Petersen

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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.

Baptism Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount Every Blessing”

No. 475

Procession of the Light of Christ

Abby Lindley and Jack Filkins, Acolytes

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

Children’s Moment (10:30 a.m)

Children are invited to participate in Sunday School at the conclusion of the Children’s Moment

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

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

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.

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 I 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)

Second Reading

Psalm 137


(Pew Bible Page 620; Large Print 919)

Solo (8:30 a.m.)

“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”

arr. Mark Hayes

Will Johnson, tenor

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)	"Super Flumina Babylonis"	Giovanni Palestrina
Sermon	"Little Ones Against the Stones"  @Connect2TPC #TPCsermon	Dr. David Stowe
Hymn of Response	"By the Babylonian Rivers" (Psalm 137)	No. 72
Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts		
Offertory	"The Shepherd's Psalm" (Psalm 23) <i>Marissa Olin, flute</i> <i>Joe Kennedy, narrator</i>	J. Wayne Kerr
Act of Praise		
<p>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.</p>		
Prayer of Dedication (Galatians 6:9)		
<p>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.</p>		
Sending Hymn	"Be Thou My Vision"	No. 450
Benediction (Please stand if able)		
Benediction Response		
<p>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.</p>		
Postlude	"Toccata in A Minor"	Jan Peter Sweelinck



Today's Floral Offering
 Given in honor of Dick Heisey with love from Ann Heisey and family.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, October 29**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Tim Daman, CEO, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce who will enlighten us on the impact the Chamber has on our region. We all know of the many exciting and vital ways The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce impacts our community; from business networking to stimulating speakers, to influencing regional decisions. Under the dynamic leadership of Tim Daman, the Chamber has grown into an organization envied by many other mid-sized Midwest cities. Don't miss the chance to hear this success story! The Peoples Forum welcomes a different speaker each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



PCYG ANNUAL CAKE AUCTION

Join us in the Snider Social Hall on **October 29** after the Youth Sunday service for our annual cake auction. This year, not only will we be auctioning off delicious cakes presented by our PCYG members, but we will also be hosting a **FREE LUNCH** for the congregation. All proceeds from the cake auction go towards aiding our PCYG mission efforts as we return to work with the Re-Member Organization in South Dakota. Can't wait to see you there!



REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 25** at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and conversation at Coral Gables Restaurant in East Lansing.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE

Join us for our next gathering on **October 26** from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome!

FALL YARD DAY CLEANUP

Don't forget to sign up to help the Building & Grounds Ministry with their annual Fall Yard Day clean up from 9 :00 a.m. to Noon on **October 28**. Help to make our church campus beautiful and make a new friend or two along the way. Contact Matt Gosselin at matcatgosselin@comcast.net or 517-484-6813. See the sign-up form on back of bulletin.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Gerri Lynn Nichols, our fantastic Hospitality Coordinator, is looking for some help with clean up during *Wednesday Night Live!* from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Interested in helping? Contact Gerri Lynn at gnichols@thepeoplechurch.com. Thanks for lending a hand!

THIS WEEK AT WNL!

Don't miss another rumble in the Robertson Room **this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.**, as all three pastors discuss faith, gun violence, and the continuation of the Óscar Romero discussion group.

MEET OUR METHODIST MISSIONARIES

Meet our United Methodist missionaries, Delbert and Sandy Groves, tomorrow, **October 23** at 11:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room! Lunch will be served and a free will offering collected to support their Zambia mission projects.

GREAT DECISIONS

Join us on **October 26** from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room as Dr. Matt Zeirlar, Associate Dean, MSU Honors College, presents "The Future of Europe, Coping With Crisis." It's sure to be a discussion you won't want to miss!

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Have you been to a New Members Class and are ready to take the next step by joining The Peoples Church? Our next round of New Member inductions takes place on **Wednesday, November 1** at 6:00 p.m. during *Wednesday Night Live!* and **Sunday, November 5** during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Contact Diane Shafer at 517.388.0437 or Robin Mathe-son at 517.290.3223 for more information.

COLLABORATIVE BOOK FOR LENT

Calling all creative minds! If you have any art work, designs, drawings, original poems, a favorite scripture creatively designed, short stories, photography, paintings, or any other visual art that relates to the Lenten Season, Pastor Drew and Susan Reedy would like to talk with you! Your contribution will be a part of a congregational book designed for Lent. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of something big!



HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE FELLOWSHIP NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers provide coffee service between worship services and after the 10:30 a.m. service, but many of the volunteers have been brewing, serving, and cleaning up coffee for years and they're ready to pass the carafe! Help keep this wonderful time of fellowship brewing! Contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com, or sign up in Friendship Hall today!

WPC ANNUAL ADVENT TEA

The Women of Peoples Church Advent Tea is set for **Saturday, December 2** from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Look for tickets on sale soon! This year's theme is Love in Action—Building Community with guest speaker Caroline Jacobs, the Faith & Community Engagement Director from Capital Region Habitat for Humanity. Stay tuned for more details.

CHILDREN'S PALLIATIVE CARE COALITION

On **Friday, November 10**, The Peoples Church will host the 4th annual Pediatric Palliative Care Conference. The new Children's Palliative Care Coalition of Michigan strives to make pediatric palliative care and bereavement support for families who have lost children more available across our state. The conference welcomes doctors, nurses, social workers, and all interested in healthcare for seriously ill children. The events are participative and interactive and the panels of involved parents have proved to be a highlight of the conference. For more information or online registration, go to childpalliative.org/events.htm or call 517.763.4413. The Peoples Church is proud to host this conference, originally organized by the Art for Charlie Foundation.

RE-MEMBER ANNUAL BANQUET

The Peoples Church will host the Re-Member annual meeting on **Saturday, November 11**. The evening will feature musical guests, *The Pine Ridge Flute Society*, updates, a silent auction, and a delicious meal! Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at re-member.org. We are also looking for volunteers to help with set up and serving of the banquet meal. Contact Andy Mayville at amayville@thepeopleschurch.com to sign up!

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

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS



The Community Engagement Ministry looks forward to helping families in the greater Lansing area have a holiday meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are looking for drivers to help deliver this year's baskets. If you are interested in being a driver, fill out the form below and return it to the church office or give to Joan Wright.

YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I will help with: Thanksgiving Baskets
November 18 Christmas Baskets
December 23

Questions? Contact Joan Wright at 517.349.1074.