

SUNDAY WORSHIP NOVEMBER 5, 2017



REFORMATION SUNDAY



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

THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings.

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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.

THE NOVEMBER PORTAL IS OUT!

Be sure to check out the *Portal* each month for the latest information on all of the happenings here at The Peoples Church. The *Portal* is a monthly newsletter that is emailed, mailed, posted on The Peoples Church website and hard copies are available in the church office. Email Rev. Betsy Aho at eaho@thepeopleschurch.com to be put on the email/ mailing list if you are not already signed up.



MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

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 | NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Prelude "The Skye Boat Song " Traditional Scottish
Duncan Pertersen-Jones, bagpipes

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "I Will Sing Unto the Lord A New Song" Bob Burroughs
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 1 Kings 19:11-18
(Pew Bible Page 355; Large Print 505)

Call to Worship (Hebrews 12:1-2)

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely.
And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" No. 275

Procession of the Light of Christ Kate Dana & Evie Laxton, Acolytes

Prayer of Confession

Our heavenly Father, do not let us bury ourselves into the bunkers of this-is-how-it-always-has-been. Lord Jesus, give us courage to look for reformation when we've become too set in our ways. Do not let us be too afraid of change. Holy Spirit, please give us courage and faith to give room for you in our lives, in the lives of our families, and ultimately, in the life of our Church. Amen.

Congregational Response "Christ Is Alive!" (verse 1)

No. 246

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing! The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall
never die.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Rev. Betsy Aho

(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

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

No. 523

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

No. 525

"Eat This Bread"

No. 527

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.)

"The Lord Reigneth"

Paul Manz

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-2, 14-17

(Pew Bible Page 1,213; Large Print 1,835)

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

"Reformation vs. Reunification"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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Responsive Hymn

"Savior of the Nations Come"

No. 102

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"Lord God of Abraham" from *Elijah*
Peter Boylan, baritone

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Dear Lord, we ask that you use these gifts we have given, that they might serve in your community, both here and across the world. We ask that you use your children to make your community reflect your kingdom. Help us provide for those who need your grace and we ask that all may see your love through our service. Amen.

Induction of New Members Mitzy Henriksen
Sandy Phillips

Statement of Faith

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.

Sending Hymn

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 35

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

"Stuart Douglas Lament"

Duncan Petersen-Jones



Today's Floral Offering

*Given in recognition of our outstanding staff from Emily Anderson
on behalf of the Personnel Committee & Council of Elders*

FINE ARTS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NEW EXHIBITION

The Fine Arts Committee invites you to view and enjoy a new exhibit, "Intimate Views" in the Northwest Hallway and the Thomsen Case across from the Library. This exhibit features the creative talents of Bobbi Kilty, M.F.A., a water media and encaustic artist. Please pick up a catalog of the exhibit by the NW entrance to the church. For more information on the Fine Arts Committee, contact Sue Mills, Chair, at 517-881-5807 or suemills@comcast.net.

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING TODAY!

If you joined our church in the last year, you and your family are invited to the home of Pastor Andrew and Rachell Pomerville from **1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. today** for refreshments and fellowship! This gathering, sponsored by the Welcome Ministry, is a wonderful chance to connect with other new members. We hope you can come!

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, November 12**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Tim Daman, CEO, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. We all read about many of the 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. Mr. Daman will enlighten us as to its impact on our region. The Peoples Forum welcomes a different speaker each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



RACIAL INEQUALITY: "13TH" SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Please be part of an important discussion on racial inequality in the American prison system. LaShawn Erby, Executive Director of Action of Greater Lansing, will facilitate the discussion and a panel presentation on **Sunday, November 19** from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. As a springboard for this discussion, you are encouraged to watch the documentary, "13th: From Slave to Criminal With One Amendment." The movie will be shown at the church on Thursday, November 16 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and can be streamed free through most online providers. The screening and discussion will be held in the Robertson Room.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The fall Congregational Meeting of The Peoples Church will take place within the 10:30 a.m. worship service on **November 12**. We will be voting on new Elders, Denominational Representatives, and Nominating Committee Members as well as other church business. Biographical information on the nominees is available at church beginning October 29.

RE-MEMBER ANNUAL BANQUET

The Peoples Church will host the Re-Member annual meeting on **Saturday, November 11**. The evening will feature 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!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

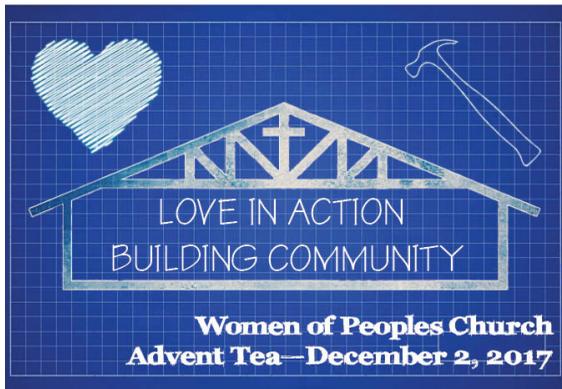
Gerri Lynn Nichols, our fantastic Hospitality Coordinator, is looking for some help with clean up during *Wednesday Night Live!* from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Interested in helping? Contact Gerri Lynn at gnichols@thepeopleschurch.com. Thanks for lending a hand!

THIS WEEK AT WNL!

Join us in the Robertson Room **this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.**, as we welcome Justin Sundberg, PCUSA Nicaragua, who will provide us with a Missionary Report; The Óscar Romero discussion group will also continue.

WPC ANNUAL ADVENT TEA

Tickets are on sale starting **TODAY** for the annual Women of Peoples Church Advent Tea. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 2** from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and join us!



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. Purchase your tickets in Friendship Hall between worship services and after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Tickets are \$8 for one, \$15 for two, and \$40 for eight (a full table).

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Remember you can access videos of sermons, up-to-date editions of *The Portal* Newsletter, worship bulletins and much more on our website; be sure to check it out!

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.

POINSETTA & WREATH SALE

The Women of Peoples Church Annual Christmas Poinsetta and Wreath Sale is going on now! Place your orders on Sundays near the Welcome Desk through November 26. Order pick-up is in the gym on Saturday, December 2 following the Advent Tea or Sunday, December 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



A BIG THANK YOU FROM PCYG!

The PCYG Cake Auction was a HUGE success, raising more than \$2,600! **THANK YOU** to each one of you who helped with the auction, baked a cake or bought a cake!

#EmbodyGratitude

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE RIGHT HERE! | NOVEMBER 20

On November 20, at 7:00 p.m., The Peoples Church proudly hosts the premier event of the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing—The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Clergy from a diverse range of faith traditions gather in a spirit of gratitude as we, together, explore this year's theme, "Embody Gratitude." You will not want to miss the service, the interfaith choir directed by our own Dr. Reed, and a feeling of unity and mutual respect across faith lines. A reception will follow for all in Snider Social Hall. Please join us and post about your experience using #embody-gratitude.

WANT TO GIVE BACK BUT SHORT ON TIME? NO PROBLEM!

The following volunteer opportunities are perfect for people with busy schedules. This could be just what you've been looking for!

Holy Grounds Coffee Fellowship: help provide coffee service between worship services and after the 10:30 a.m. service. Contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com to learn more and sign up.

Personal Needs Closet Ministry: This ministry provides over 300 families each year with personal needs not covered by food assistance. They need help with shopping, calling, packing and distribution. Contact Mary Heiderson at 333.9396 or maryheiderson@gmail.com.

Sunday Morning Greeters: Welcome our Sunday worshipers with a smile and a handshake before the worship service begins. You sign up for Sundays that are convenient for you. Contact Julie Pierce at juliepierce2@earthlink.net or under the "connect" menu at ThePeoplesChurch.com.

Visitation Team: Connect with a homebound member of our congregation once a month to keep that member connected to their church family. You make the connection when you are able to, and visits can be very rewarding! Contact Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517.332.5132 or Pat Brogan at pbrogan500@aol.com if interested.

Flower Delivery: Deliver Sanctuary flowers to a homebound church member after worship on Sunday. You sign up for Sundays that are convenient for you. Contact Pat Brogan at pbrogan500@aol.com to volunteer!

