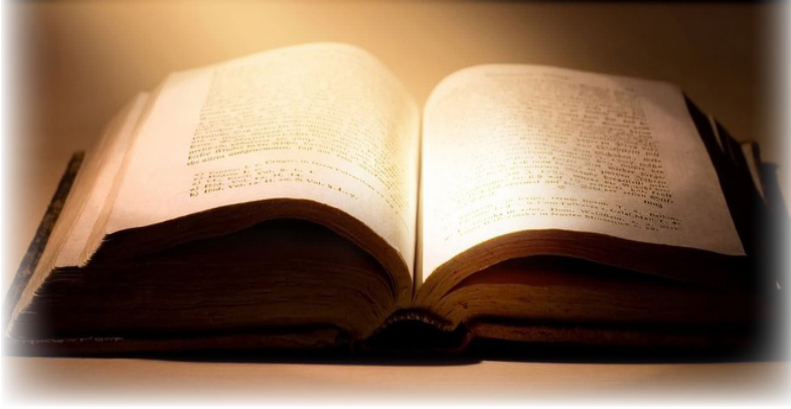


4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

"I give thanks to my God
every time I think of you."

Philippians 1:3



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

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



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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.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU to all who have returned their Stewardship forms thus far. Your gift is appreciated and will do great things here at The Peoples Church.

Don't forget you can make a gift online at ThePeoplesChurch.com/give.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

To see all of our opportunities, please pick up the most recent *Portal* newsletter, available at the **Welcome Desk**, in the office, or at ThePeoplesChurch.com.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 11, 2018

Prelude "Scotland the Brave" Traditional
Duncan Petersen-Jones, bagpiper

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "Praise to the Lord" No. 615
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed
Vicki Walker, pianist

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.

Call to Worship (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses:

**People: 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,**

Leader: Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

Procession of the Light of Christ Evie Laxton and Maya Canady, Acolytes

Gathering Hymn "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" No. 12

Lenten Prayer for Confession Rev. Drew Filkins

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of people just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God. Amen.

Lenten Congregational Response "Sign Us With Ashes" (refrain only) No. 433

Sign us with ashes, merciful God, children of dust,
as to dust we return. Sign us with ashes, merciful God.
Mark us and make us your own.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(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.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"A Lenten Love Song"

Helen Kemp

Carol Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

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

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

(Children are dismissed at this time and can be picked up after service on the third floor)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

First Reading

John 18: 28-40

(Pew Bible Page 1,085; Large Print 1,648)

Solo

"Song of Devotion"

John Ness Beck

Michaela Larsen, soprano

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

(Pew Bible Page 1,178; Large Print 1,783)

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Ye Shall Go Out With Joy"

John Ness Beck

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Sermon

"One Last Time"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

 [@Connect2TPC#TPCSermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC#TPCSermon)

Sermon Response

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 35

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Monte Pride

Monte Pride, guitar

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

Jack Meadows Waller
Born November 19, 2017

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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.

Closing Sacramental Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

No. 1

Dissolution of Pastoral Call

Rev. Betsy Aho

The church of Jesus Christ is constantly changing. Our church is changing as well. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends die. Newcomers join our community and our church. Others leave, moving on to new places and new opportunities. It is important that we recognize these times of change.

On May 22, 2011, our congregation called the Reverend Andrew Pomerville to serve with us as our senior pastor. This morning we say farewell as that call comes to an end.

Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:

For work begun but not completed, **Lord, have mercy.**

For expectations not met, **Lord, have mercy.**

For wounds not healed, **Lord, have mercy.**

For gifts not shared, **Lord, have mercy.**

For promises not kept, **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:

For work completed with enthusiasm and joy, **thanks be to God.**

For expectations met, wounds healed, gifts given and promises kept, **thanks be to God.**

For friendships made, for joys celebrated and for times of nurture and growth, **thanks be to God.**

For our communion in Jesus Christ and God's love which has sustained us, **thanks be to God. Amen.**

Question to the Congregation (10:30 a.m.):

Do you, the members and friends of The Peoples Church of East Lansing, release The Reverend Andrew Pomerville from service as your senior pastor?

We do, with thanks to God.

Question to Rev. Pomerville (10:30 a.m.):

Do you, Rev. Pomerville, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

I do, with thanks to God.

(Continued...)

Let us pray:

Loving God, Alpha and Omega, you are both beginning and end. Our endings and our beginnings are rooted in your love. Whether near or far, we are held close by your love, and kept safe from any lasting loss. Let our time together end with your blessing. Touch all memories with your grace and peace. Help us to live with courage and gladness in the future you present us. In every time and place, may we offer you our highest and our best, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Representing The Peoples Church of East Lansing, I witness these words of thanksgiving, forgiveness, and release. We rejoice with you in the ministry you have shared.

With thanks to God for the ministry of this congregation and the ministry of God's servant Andrew, and with hope for God's abiding grace in the years to come, this pastoral relationship is now dissolved. Amen.

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

Recessional

"Skye Boat Song"

Duncan Petersen-Jones

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.**



Today's Floral Offering

Given by Margaret Bates in memory of her husband, Jack Bates.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE!

Join us **TODAY** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for a celebration of Rev. Pomerville's ministry here at The Peoples Church. The festivities begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Snider Social Hall.

SPRING REFUGEE COLLECTION

Be sure to place your St. Vincent Refugee Services donations, for new bathroom towels and diapers of all sizes, in the collection box located in the Northwest entrance. Today, March 11, 2018 is our last collection.

THIS WEEK AT WNL!

The discussion/study through 2 Timothy continues this week. Join Pastor Drew in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, March 18**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Charlie Booher, MSU Senior and an active Campus Ministry member. Charlie is studying fisheries and wildlife conservation and public policy. He will be presenting some of his findings from the RECaP (Research on the Ecology of Carnivores and their Prey) Laboratory. This bright young talent is the future of our conservation policy in Michigan and the world, so come hear what he has to share with us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



VBS: ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

Registration for Vacation Bible School is going on now. Your child will experience the ride of a lifetime with God as they venture through the Rolling River Rampage this summer! Be sure to sign up now. The ride begins June 18-22! Contact Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com with questions.



THE READING PEOPLE

Reading People will meet **Thursday, March 15**, in the Robertson Room from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 pm. Mary Anne Larzelere will lead the discussion of the book, "The Greatest Prayer," by John Dominic Crossan.

EASTER LILY DEDICATION



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,
MARCH 26.**

HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Help families in the greater Lansing area have a wonderful meal on Easter Sunday. Volunteer drivers are needed to help deliver Easter Food Baskets on **Saturday, March 31, 2018**. Interested? Sign up below!

**YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER EASTER
FOOD BASKETS ON MARCH 31, 2018.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



Gratitude

THANK YOU

**Pastor Andrew for seven years of
your leadership, your faithfulness,
and your heart.**

**May God bless you with an abundance
of peace and happiness as you start your
new chapter at Alma as Chaplain & Director
of Spiritual Life!**

You will be dearly missed.