

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 25, 2018



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



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.

Jennifer Nagel, 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.



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.

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.

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Prelude (8:30 a.m.)	"Allegro"	William Boyce
Prelude (10:30 a.m.)	"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" <i>Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed</i>	arr. Barbara Kinyon
Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.)	"Sing Praises to God's Holy Lamb" <i>Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Sandra Snow</i> <i>Neill Campbell, organist</i>	Hayes/Parker

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

Call to Worship Carter Kelly, Confirmand (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips. We will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

Leader: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

People: We wave palm branches in anticipation. We lay our love before him to cushion his walk.

Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes—modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Procession of the Light of Christ Anna Harvey and Morgan Manolakoudis, Acolytes

Gathering Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 196

Lenten Prayer of Intercession Rev. Betsy Aho

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own.

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.

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

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

Psalm 24

(Pew Bible Page 548; Large Print 792)

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

Carter Kelly

Rev. Drew Filkins

Born June 6, 2003

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.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"God's Holy Lamb"

Hayes/Parker

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.

Second Reading

John 12:12-24

(Pew Bible Page 1,078; Large Print 1,637)

Sermon

"Knowing is Half the Battle"

Rev. Drew Filkins

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Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Coronation"
Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

arr. Kevin McChesney

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 rejoice, O God, that the earth and all who live in it are yours. We who live in the world count this as a privilege beyond all others. We therefore ponder the question, "who can stand before you?", for we know that we do not always have clean hands and pure hearts. Yet we also know that you have reached out to us in Jesus and have reconciled us to you and to one another. So we lift up our heads and praise you for coming into our hearts through the risen Christ and the power of your Spirit. May this time of worship here today, and the gifts we bring, leave no doubt that you are the King of glory, not only in our hearts and lives but also in our witness to those around us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

No. 197

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

"Fanfare"

R. Mark Otterstad



Today's Floral Offering
Given to the glory of God.

SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Council of Elders is accepting nominations of active members for the Senior Pastor Search committee! To be considered, please submit your name, phone number and email address with a short paragraph indicating what perspective or experience you would bring to the committee. You may also nominate others in the church that you feel may serve the committee well. In that case, please submit their name, phone number and e-mail address so that we may reach out to them. We are looking for nominees that reflect the diverse membership of our church. Submissions should be made to elders@thepeopleschurch.com.

THIS WEEK AT WNL!

On **Wednesday, March 28, 2018** and **Wednesday, April 4, 2018** there will not be any *Wednesday Night Live!* programming due to Holy Week and Spring Break. Be sure to join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. when *WNL!* returns on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, April 1, 2018**, there will not be a Peoples Forum due to the Easter holiday. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room on **April 8, 2018**, when the Peoples Forum resumes with special guest, Kelly Arndt, from East Lansing Prime Time Seniors.



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.



NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

Have you thought about joining The Peoples Church? Come to one of our next New Members Classes for more information. You have your choice between **Wednesday, April 11, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. (during *WNL!*) and **Sunday, April 15, 2018** at 11:30 a.m. Both are in the Centennial Room (located in the lower level inside the Snider Social Hall). Classes last about 90 minutes. Please call the church office at 517-332-5073 to register and request child care if needed.

REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah-Hannah Circle will meet **Wednesday, March 28, 2018**, at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and conversation at Coral Gables Restaurant in East Lansing (2838 E. Grand River). Please join us!

MOANA MOVIE SHOWING

TODAY, at 4:30 p.m. PCYG will be showing the movie *Moana* in the Youth Den. This is open to all high school students within the congregation and their friends. A regular youth group session will follow the movie. Join us!

PCYG LASER TAG

Save the date! On **April 8, 2018**, PCYG will be hosting an afternoon of laser tag fun at Spare Time Entertainment Center in Lansing. All middle school and high school kids are invited and welcome! The fun starts at noon and the cost of \$15 will cover the laser tag and pizza. A shuttle bus from the church will take us to Spare Time. Email Joe Kennedy to know if you will be attending: jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com.

WPC JEWELRY SALE

Looking for just the right necklace or earrings? Perhaps you will find a bright, colorful scarf or purse for that one-time event. Linens, puzzles, pictures (frames) and those odds and ends that you thought were gone forever might be found! Come and join the Women of Peoples Church on **Saturday, May 25, and Sunday, May 26, 2018**, to explore, browse and find just the right items!



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.



EASTER BASKET DRIVERS NEEDED

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: _____

(Please Print)

Phone: _____

Email: _____



HOLY WEEK 2018

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 25

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary



*Maundy
thursday*

MAUNDY THURSDAY | MARCH 29

6:30 P.M. - Chapel (with communion)

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 30

6:30 P.M. - Sanctuary (with choir)



*easter
SUNDAY*



EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 1

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service in Chapel

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary (with brass)