

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 4, 2018

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## 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

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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.*

## 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.

The Stewardship form can be found on the back of this bulletin. Be sure to get it filled out and returned to the church office asap!

## 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](http://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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 4, 2018

**Prelude** "Gregorian Prelude" Leslie Betteridge

**Choral Introit** (10:30 a.m.) "Praise to the Lord" No. 615  
*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.*

**Call to Worship** Sam Mellor, confirmand (10:30 a.m.)

**Leader:** In the flood, in the wilderness, in exile; in certainty and doubt, abundance and scarcity; God's promise is true to the thousandth generation.

**People:** **We see the rainbow, we hear our names, we learn the commandments, we look up for our help, we know in our hearts: we love because God first loved us, we follow because God first came to us, we can be faithful because God is faithful.**

**Leader:** Come, let us worship God together!

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

**Gathering Hymn** "Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice" No. 211

**Lenten Prayer for Forgiveness** Rev. Drew Filkins

**O Lord, listen to our prayer of confession. We confess that we haven't always done what is right; that some of our attitudes and actions have hurt others and ourselves. Forgive us. In your mercy, look deeply into our hearts. Examine our thoughts and our actions. Test our motivations. Bring to light all the things in our lives that dishonor you. We want to follow you with integrity, to obey the commandments you have given us, and to walk in ways that bring honor to your name. 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.

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

*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.*

## **Lenten Communion Hymns**

"Come and Seek the Way of Wisdom"

No. 174

"Seek Ye First"

No. 175

"I Will Come to You"

No. 177

## **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 17:1-7

(Pew Bible Page 543; Large Print 783)

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

"To Your Table We Come"

Stan Pethel

*Youth Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed*

## **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 18:12-27

(Pew Bible Page1,085; Large Print 1,647)

## **Sermon**

"It Ain't Me, Babe"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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## **Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

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

"Jesus, Son of Life, My Splendor"

G. F. Handel

### **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 God, As we journey down this Lenten road, grant us the courage to make peace; Peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our communities. 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**

"We Come as Guests Invited"

Emma Lou Diemer



**Please pray for Rev. Betsy Aho and our Campus Ministry team as they travel to Peru for their mission trip this week. Be sure to follow their travels at#TPCPeru.**

## PEOPLES 101

Have questions about The Peoples Church? Want more information? You are invited to attend Peoples 101 **TODAY, March 4**, in the Robertson Room immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship. Peoples 101 is an informal discussion with a Pastor and members of the Welcome Ministry. It lasts 20-30 minutes. Join us!

## SPRING REFUGEE COLLECTION

A collection is underway for new bathroom towels and diapers of all sizes for the St. Vincents Refugee Services. Please place your donations in the collection box located in the Northwest entrance. Collection dates are **March 4 and March 11, 2018**.

## #DIVERSIFEST

Meet at All Saints Episcopal Church on **Monday, March 5** from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for a huge Diversity Festival! This event is supported by the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing, City of East Lansing and numerous MSU student groups and many other community organizations. Join us for music, food and entertainment as we strive to celebrate the diverse and unified community we live in!

## THIS WEEK AT WNL!

The discussion through 2 Timothy continues this week. Join Pastor Drew in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. The study of 2 Timothy will continue each Wednesday through March 14.

## THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, March 11**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Michelle Haskell from Samaritas Refugee Youth Services who will talk to us about the Refugee Lansing Storytelling Project. Plan to join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.



## STYROFOAM RECYCLING

As of **March 1, 2018**, The Peoples Church will no longer collect Styrofoam to recycle. However, starting on March 8, 2018, you can recycle your styrofoam at the East Lansing Department of Public Works located at 1800 E. State Road in East Lansing.

## LENTEN PRAYERS AND CHILDREN

Beginning February 21 and continuing each Wednesday through March 21, children age 3 years through 5th grade can experience interactive prayer experiences on the events of Holy Week during the Lenten season. Children will meet from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. following the *WNL!* meal at 5:30. Each week we will focus on a specific event and there will be prayer experiences in the classroom. They will also bring home a prayer activity you may do as a family. To register your child for this event, please email Julie Bills at [jbills@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jbills@thepeopleschurch.com).

## 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:

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Phone:

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E-mail:

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# A CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE!

A celebration of gratitude for Rev. Andrew Pomerville's ministry is planned for 11:30 a.m. on **Sunday, March 11** in the Snider Social Hall. All are encouraged to wear plaid and come enjoy food, fellowship and a farewell program.

Andrew begins his new position as Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Life at Alma College on March 16!

## ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 18-22, 2018**

**SIGN UP TODAY IN  
FRIENDSHIP HALL!**



## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION



Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PLEDGE INFORMATION

After prayerful consideration, I/we have discerned what I/we are able to share with my/our Peoples Church family in 2018. I/We are grateful to be a part of this family of faith and thankful to share this gift.

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