

SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 8, 2018



*"Because you have seen me, you have believed;
blessed are those who have not seen and yet have
believed."*

John 20:29



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

LIVE!

This schedule returns

April 11, 2018.

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.

Jennifer Nagel, Chairperson
elders@thepeopleschurch.com



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 Interim Senior Pastor Search Committee has continued to meet weekly and has been making excellent progress. From a group of 11 profiles submitted by our four denominations, the committee has narrowed the pool to four very accomplished candidates. Each of these individuals has specific interim pastor training and experience, as well as having served as a permanent senior pastor during their ministries. The committee will begin the interviewing phase of our process during the first week in April with the goal of recommending a final candidate to the Council of Elders at their April 24 meeting.

Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with any questions you may have. The committee members are: Cal Kerr (Chair), Emily Anderson, Wayne Budde, Alan Canady, Wes Reedy, and Lew Worthington.

For regular updates on the Interim Pastor Search, please refer to the Sunday Bulletin or the monthly *Portal*.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | APRIL 8, 2018

Prelude

"Le Tic Toc"
Neill Campbell, organist

Francois Couperin

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

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.

Rev. Betsy Aho

Call to Worship

Christine James

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: We have not seen the risen Christ,

People: But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

Leader: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

People: But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

Leader: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

People: But we have been called to bring healing to the wounded of the world.

Leader: Christ is risen! Now what?

People: Now we come together to wait for him.

Leader: May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe.

Procession of the Light of Christ

Piper Williams and Anna Harvey, Acolytes

Gathering Hymn

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

No. 260

Prayer of Confession

Loving Jesus, you call us to be people of faith, yet we are often people with doubts. We doubt that love can grow again in relationships where anger and bitterness reign supreme. Help us to love faithfully. We doubt that peace can come where hatred and violence reign supreme. Help us to be faithful peacemakers. We doubt that there can be enough in places where despair and famine reign supreme. Help us to be faithful givers. You specialize in impossibilities—you walk on water, you heal nations, you forgive sins, you set the captive free. Set us free from our doubt and help us respond to you in faith. Amen.

Congregational Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (repeat)

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 145: 13-22

(Pew Bible Page 625; Large Print 926)

Anthem

"My Master From a Garden Rose"

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Eleanor Daley

Second Reading

John 20:19-31

(Pew Bible Page 1,088; Large Print 1,652)

Sermon

"Peace Be With You and You and You..."

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Rev. Betsy Aho

Hymn of Response

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

No. 286

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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"Prayer of Christ Ascending"

Olivier Messiaen

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

O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

No. 817

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

"Antiphon"

R. Vaughn Williams



Today's Floral Offering

Given in memory of Paula Telder in celebration of her birthday, by Dee Przybylski and family.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

Thinking about joining The Peoples Church? The next New Members Classes will take place on **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.

THIS WEEK AT WNL!

Wednesday Night Live! is back on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**, and The Peoples Church Campus Ministry students will give a presentation about their mission trip to Peru. Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

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.



USED BOOK SALE

The Peoples Church Fishbach Library annual used book sale will be held in conjunction with the WPC Jewelry Sale on **May 19-20, 2018**. Donations of gently used books (both children and adult genres) are being accepted and can be turned in to the church office. All proceeds from this sale will go to supporting The Peoples Church Library.



PCYG LASER TAG

TODAY PCYG will be having 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 today at noon and the cost of \$15 covers the laser tag and pizza. A shuttle bus from the church will take us to Spare Time. Meet here at the church by 11:30 a.m. to get the shuttle bus.



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 19, and Sunday, May 20, 2018**, to explore, browse and find just the right items!



LEARNING TO USE MY BIBLE

Learning to Use My Bible is a six-week, hands-on, fun way for children ages 7 through 5th grade to explore their Bible through games and other interactive ways. It will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **starting April 11** and ending on May 16. Contact Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com with any questions.

THANK YOU: EASTER FOOD BASKETS

The Holiday Food Basket Committee of the Ministry of Community Engagement thanks our congregant donors and drivers for their time and generosity. Your support (past and present) in providing a fresh food Easter meal for many needy families in the Greater Lansing Area is sincerely appreciated.

THANK YOU!

2018 EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

The Lilies on the Cross were gifted by Renate Carey in loving memory of James Carey

IN MEMORY OF...

Kenneth and Mildred Moore, Allen Woolsey, Grace Woolsey Garfield by the Woolsey Family
Donald H. Huldin by Lois Huldin

Bud Minkel by Phyllis, Jeanette, Tom, Sandy, Lorraine, Joanna, and Theresa Minkel

Robert N. Thomas by his wife Dorothy and sons Scott and Bob

Julie, Bob, David and Reilly by Audrey Martin

My mother Ruth Eddie by Kim Warren Eddie

Our grandparents Jack and Polly Reed and Tom DeSimone by Hallie and Christopher Reed

Curt and John Liechty, and our parents Hilda and Larry Gardner, and Mildred and

Byron Wagner by Lana and Steve Wagner

Lyn J. Babbitt by Paul C. Babbitt

My parents, Harold and Vivian Laser and sister Marlene Laser Stemen, by Sandy Laser Draggoo

Curt and John Liechty by Mary Liechty and family

Marilyn Cornelius, loving wife, mother, grandmother by Gene, Julie, Anne, Kate,
Marilyn and our families

Craig and Kim Hale by mother, June Hale Marsh

Richard Heisey by the Heisey Family

Our granddaughter Sara Guenther by Betty and Mike Moore

Don and Caroline Peterik by Kary Devereaux

David Van Looy by Chip, Denice and Dorothy VanLooy

In loving memory of George and Libby Kohl by Linda and Rachel Kohl

Robert Keith, husband, father and grandfather by Joanne Keith and Julie and Rob Keith

L.D. Gieseler, Rosie and Joe Perron by Ray and Janet Perron

In loving memory of my precious wife, Peggy by Dr. Randy Wirth

Our parents Norris and Jean Bryson and Clarence and Irene Coffman by Carol and
Sandy Bryson

Thomas H. Vaughn and Steward B. Hoffman by Merrilyn Vaughn-Hoffman

Stanley and Doris Brower and Marie Brower by David Brower

Ev and Rita Lothrop by Sue Lothrop

Claude and Norma Raak by Bruce G. Raak

Carol O. Ekern by Fran Ekern

Our parents Edna and Wilbur Brookover, Laura and Ernest Hillman Jr. by Patty and
George Brookover

Ruth and Wilbur Wright by Dr. Joan Wright

Kevin Alan Kelly, our loving husband and father, by Jamie, Daniel and Michael Kelly

In memory of my parents Kathryn and Hugh and brother Fred by Kenneth C. Beachler

2018 EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

IN MEMORY OF CONTINUED...

Helen and Forest Watson, Lila and Paul Schramm by Matthew and Bob Watson
and Kim Schramm

James and Nelwyn Hadaway, my wonderful parents by Kerry Petty

Frank McKowen by Jeanne McKowen

Gregory E. Hilton by Suzette E. Hilton

Mary Dalley by her daughters

Our parents by Bill and Lydia Erickson

Wilbur, Marie, and Michael Pierce by Julie Pierce

Howard and Daisy Angell by Jann Angell

SGT. Paul C. Stroup (USA 1980-2018) by Dad

Donna Mae, I miss you, sweetheart by Phil Lintz

Mark and Grace Rollinson by Cheryl Rockwell and Bryan Copple

Albert and Elma Ferris and John and Minnie Schnitzer by Jake and Maxine Ferris

Charles Louis Moore and Nicholas Peyton Moore by Roger, Ella and Julia Moore and
friends and family

IN CELEBRATION OF...

Family and friends who share March birthdays by Patty and George Brookover

**Our dear family, Michael, Jena, and Caitlyn Traviglia, Joshua, Anna, and Olivia Traviglia
and Sonny-Boy** by Paul Traviglia and Jennifer Hood

Whinnie, beloved pet by Sarah Moreno and family

Family and friends throughout the years by Gary and Sandra Wegenke

Our grandchildren by Susan and Rich Patterson

IN HONOR OF...

Dr. Walter Scott by Rev. Barbara Scott

Shirley Guider with love, by Linda, Mark, Seth, and Adam

TO THE GLORY OF GOD...

By Richard and Kay Comstock

By Jim and Lisa Kost

