

BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT

EPHESIANS 6:10

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 26, 2018

Prelude

"Voluntary in C Major"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Henry Purcell

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship (Based on Colossians 1:3-5)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us thank God, who sent our Lord Jesus Christ;

People: For we have received the gift of faith.

Leader: Let us praise God, who established the church;

People: For the love that we share in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us honor God, who sent the Holy Spirit to bear witness;

People: For the hope laid up for us in heaven.

Leader: Sending God, Savior God, Spirit of God—receive our worship!

Procession of the Light of Christ

Gathering Hymn *(Please stand if able.)*

"God, Reveal Your Presence"

No. 412

Call to Confession (Psalm 82:3-4)

Leader: What does the Lord say to those who seek his favor?

People: "Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked!"

Leader: Bearing in mind this call to obedience, let us confess our sins before God.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Chapel
10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Will resume on
September 12, 2018



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Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain, we confess that we often shut our eyes to keep from seeing things as they truly are. Grant us the strength to face the reality of our world, and give us the courage to bring your light to those who walk in darkness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures, and our own faults, God; lead us in the footsteps of Jesus, who reveals your glory through his life, his teachings, and his love. Help us see others as you see them. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Congregational Response "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

No. 441

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

First Reading

Psalm 84

(Pew Bible Page 588; Large Print 861)

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

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

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Solo

"He's Always Been Faithful"

arr. Tom Fettke

Douglas McFalls, baritone

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

(Pew Bible Page 1,177; Large Print 1,781)

Sermon

"Shopping in God's Closet"

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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Hymn of Response

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

No. 269

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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

“Aria”

Flor Peeters

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 *(Prayer for Justice and Peace, Iona)*

We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“When Peace Like a River”

No. 840

(Please stand if able.)

Benediction

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

“Bell Symphony”

Henry Purcell

Today's Floral Offering

Given in honor of my mother, Daisy Angell, by Jann Angell.

KICKOFF SUNDAY & CHICKEN DINNER THE POWER OF CONNECTION: SEP. 9, 2018

THE POWER OF CONNECTION



8:30 a.m.
Worship Service, Chapel



10:30 a.m.
Worship Service, Sanctuary
& Children's Sunday School
(third floor)



11:30 a.m.
Chicken Dinner celebration
(outside tent)



Learn about upcoming programs for all ages, register for classes, and collect some giveaways! All are welcome!

FALL CONFIRMATION CLASS



Confirmation class will begin this fall. If you have an eighth grader or older student who has not yet been through confirmation and would like to, please contact Pastor Drew. This class will meet on Sunday mornings starting in September and will run through April. Students will walk through the Bible and explore their faith through conversation, study, and reflection.

WPC FALL RETREAT

Join us for our annual Women of Peoples Church Fall Retreat. We will gather at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, September 21-23, 2018, for a workshop on *Practicing Peace: Developing Spiritual Practices that Foster Peaceful Living*. We have a variety of guests who will work with us throughout the weekend. Come for the whole weekend or drop in on sessions as you are able. For more information, please contact Loretta Johnston or Jenn Worthington at wpc@thepeopleschurch.com. **Registration begins TODAY!**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Cecil Mackey on **Saturday, September 1, 2018**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with reception to follow.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Wednesday Night Live! will resume on **September 12, 2018** with new fall programming. Pastor Case will be leading a discussion based on his book, *Hard Questions People Ask About the Christian Faith*. In this study, Pastor Case will look at some of the difficult questions that people ask about the Christian faith and help answer them.

In October Pastor Drew will be leading conversations as we prepare for our national election. Following a model from the National Institute for Civil Discourse, Pastor Drew will help facilitate intimate conversations about what is happening around our elections. Our hope for this time is to find a space that we can hear and understand one another even if we don't agree. Join us Wednesday's (starting September 12, 2018) in the Robertson Room.

HAPPENING TODAY!

Douglas McFalls, a PhD student in Educational Policy and Informal Learning at MSU, will be giving a presentation on the current and expected future developments of his non-profit ADEA (African Development through Economics Education and the Arts) in Tanzania and Kenya. Douglas has been active in East Africa for over 15 years. He is now wrapping up his time in Michigan to return to his work in Africa to focus on efforts to improve public and cultural education. Douglas has been regularly attending The Peoples Church since 2013. Join Douglas in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service to hear about his latest efforts.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Plan to be with us on **September 16, 2018**, as the Pastoral Search Committee conducts an in-depth survey. More details to come in the bulletin and in the *Portal*.