

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 23, 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

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes

Peoples Church Youth Group

Campus Ministry Bible Study

Yoga Class



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.

SAVE THE DATE! CROP WALK

The Lansing area 2018 Crop Walk will take place on **Sunday, October 14, 2018**, at 2:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church (located at 1900 Boston Blvd in Lansing). You can join our walk team or sponsor a walker by logging on to crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi and search for The Peoples Church team or you can sign up in the North entrance at the Welcome Desk.

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Pastor Betsy is leading Vespers at Burcham Hills this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during the service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to the 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 | SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

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

Leader: Worker God, whose hands built the earth, molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky.

People: **We gather in your presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds.**

Leader: Meet us here, Worker God;

People: **Strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you in the building of a world filled with justice and peace. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

No. 1

Procession of the Light of Christ

Jack Fickies and Piper Williams, Acolytes

Call to Confession

Lord of compassion, mercy and justice, many have come to you seeking compassion and you have graciously shown it to them. We too come seeking your compassion, mercy and forgiveness. Hear us as we offer our confession to you, our Lord and our God.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of grace, you call us to be different from the world,

People: **but the world is seductive, and so we come here to be strengthened.**

Leader: God of vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life,

People: **different priorities, different loyalties, different values.**

Leader: But we know that the world is not only seductive but powerful,

People: **and so we are drawn in to following its priorities, accepting its values, showing loyalty to its gods.**

(continued)

Leader: God who blesses the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful,

People: forgive us when we lose sight of these qualities, when we misunderstand their role in the world.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Rejoice and be glad! God is gracious and God offers blessings. God calls us to life in the world. God offers us the chance to explore how to live out God's vision. We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Congregational Response "Do Not Be Afraid" (chorus only)

No. 76

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Chosen and beloved, you are my own.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

(Pew Bible Page 1,188; Large Print 1,798)

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.

Baptism

Rev. Betsy Aho & Rev. Drew Filkins

Grace Helen Jenkins
Born September 24, 2017

Sophie Frances Jenkins-Siegford
Born October 10, 2008

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.

Baptismal Hymn

"Come Thou Fount"

No. 475

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Tell It Out"

G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed and featuring our section leaders: Michaela Larsen, Christine Roberts, Will Johnson and Peter Boylan

Second Reading

Genesis 39
(Pew Bible Page 41; Large Print 59)

Sermon

"Seats of Power"
 @Connect2TPC #TPCsermon

Rev. Drew Filkins

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

"Adagio" from *Occasional Oratorio*

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

Creator God, for the works of our hands, for the fruits of our labors, for the satisfaction of a job well done, we give thanks. May our time, talents and treasures offered in this place be used to further your justice and compassion worldwide. It is through Christ we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

No. 36

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

"March" from *Occasional Oratorio*

G.F. Handel



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

SERMON PREPARATION GROUP:

The Sermon Preparation Group is meeting again! Everyone is welcome to join us as we talk about the upcoming week's texts and possible directions for the message. We meet **Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Fischbach Library** (note the updated time and place). For more information, contact Pastor Case.

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Family Bible Study has been postponed until **October 21, 2018**. Please stay tuned for more details in the October *Portal*.

EDGEWOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Edgewood Village tutoring and mentoring programs are starting up soon. Tutors for K-5 are needed Monday through Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. This is a one-on-one or small group setting. Usually tutors sign up for one day a week. Mentors are also needed for young women and young men on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This is a group setting with various activities and purposeful discussions led by the Edgewood Village staff. Contact Mimi Burpee, 517.349.0806 or mimiburpee@gmail.com for more information.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, September 30, 2018**, The Peoples Forum will host Brian Philson, Director of Camp Highfields. Mr. Philson will talk to us about the importance of developing boys into men. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



VISITATION TEAM

The Peoples Church Visitation Team will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 9, 2018**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Rev. Case Van Kempen will be our guest speaker.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Join Pastor Case, Wednesdays, in the Robertson Room, as he leads a discussion based on his book, *Hard Questions People Ask About the Christian Faith*. This discussion will tackle some difficult questions that people ask about faith and provide some answers. Join us at 6:30 p.m. (after the community meal at 5:30 p.m.).

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

Rebekah-Hannah Circle will meet **September 26, 2018**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Our speaker is Christine Histed, who is the Evidence Based Program Manager at Tri-County Office on Aging. Please join us for information that relates to older adults and persons with disabilities. Refreshments will be served.

CHURCH-WIDE FIRE DRILL

On **Sunday, October 7, 2018**, we will be conducting an all-church fire drill immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Be sure to stay afterward for fire trucks and a hot dog lunch!



UNDIE SUNDAY THANK YOU

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote once a year but when you volunteer you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." ~ Marjorie Moore. Thanks to all who "voted" in this year's Undie Sunday project enabling us to provide new appropriately sized underwear for a very large number of school children.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

On **Wednesday, October 3 and Sunday, October 7, 2018**, there will be a New Members class that will take place in the Centennial Room and will last about 90 minutes. Child care is available. Contact Diane Shafer at 517.388.0437 or dmschafer2001@gmail.com with questions or to set up child care.

Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series 2018

Faithful Witness In a Wailing World

Featuring **Rev. Traci Blackmon**

Executive Minister of Justice and Witness
Ministries, United Church of Christ



8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Worship Services,
Rev. Traci Blackmon, Preacher

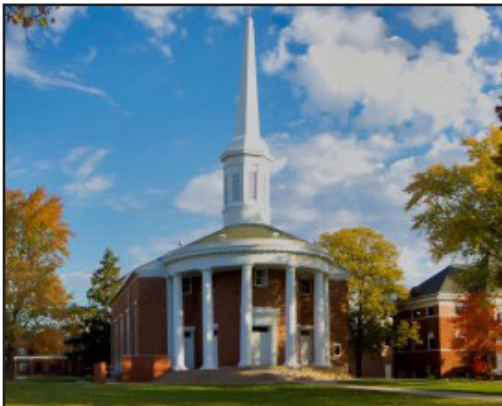
Noon Luncheon
Snider Social Hall
(Free Will Offering Collected)

October 28, 2018

The Peoples Church
200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Presentation,
Rev. Traci Blackmon

You are cordially invited to join in celebrating the
Installation of
The Reverend Dr. Andrew Pomerville
as Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Life at Alma College



Sunday, September 30, 2018

4:00 p.m. Installation Service
Dunning Memorial Chapel

5:00 p.m. Dinner
Van Dusen Commons, Tyler-Van Dusen Campus Center

R.S.V.P. for dinner to 989.463.7081
by September 24, 2018



PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

WEEKLY PCYG PROGRAMS

SUNDAYS

9:30 a.m. Bible Exploration for 6th - 12th graders in the Youth Den
Confirmation Class

10:30 a.m. Worship for everyone

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group for 9th - 12th graders in the Youth Den

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 p.m. Community Meal for everyone

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group for 6th - 8th graders in the Youth Den



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AND LUNCH & LOUNGE

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service in the Main Sanctuary.

11:30 a.m. - Lunch & Lounge
Lunch & Lounge takes place following worship throughout the school year. We gather for lunch (FREE!) and a variety of discussions and activities in The Lounge.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Dinner and Bible Study.
Peoples Church Campus Ministry gathers in The Lounge in the church's lower level for conversational Bible Study

GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP



OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 29, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Pastor Betsy leads this covenant group through an eight-week class that moves participants toward closure of unresolved grief as a result of death, divorce or other losses.

This group is an 8 week commitment, with consistent attendance appreciated. The group will meet on Thursdays from October 4 - November 29 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (no class on Nov. 22).

Space is limited, and registration is required by contacting Pastor Betsy at eaho@thepeopleschurch.com or 517.332.6074. The cost is \$15, which covers the cost of The Grief Recovery Handbook. Checks payable to The Peoples Church with Grief Recovery in memo.