

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 30, 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.

2018 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

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 30, 2018

Prelude

"Praeludium II"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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 (L. Penrose, United Church of Christ)

Leader: We gather to worship together,

People: Different people, different lives, different histories,

Leader: Yet all children of the same Parent,

People: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

Leader: We gather to reconnect with one another,

People: Different people, different lives, different histories,

Leader: Yet all disciples of one Teacher,

People: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

Leader: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....,

People: Different people, different lives, different histories,

Leader: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

People: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

Gathering Hymn

"Make a Joyful Noise to God"

No. 54

Procession of the Light of Christ

Kate Gronowski and Brendon Wells, Acolytes

Call to Confession (Psalm 14:1-2)

Leader: We often try to hide our pain, our brokenness, and our mistakes from each other. The God who created us, however, knows our true stories and loves us anyway. God has been dreaming a story for us since God knit us together in our mothers' wombs, and invites us to live into that whole story, the good chapters and the difficult ones. We come to confession in worship because God wants us to know and tell the whole story, not just our favorite chapters.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know that in our own hearts, we are inclined to remember the troubles of yesterday, and to dwell on the cares of tomorrow. Give us grace to throw off fears and anxieties, as our Lord has made possible, so that today and every day we may live in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (based on I Timothy 1:15a, 17)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

People: **To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. 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

Exodus 14:5-14

(Pew Bible Page 69; Large Print 99)

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.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"He Watching Over Israel"

Felix Mendelssohn

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

(Pew Bible Page 70; Large Print 100)

Sermon

"God Goes Public"

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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Responsive Hymn

"When Israel Was Going Forth"

No. 58

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

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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

"Sonata III: *Andante tranquillo*"

Felix Mendelssohn

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 (Discipleship Ministries, United Methodist Church)

Generous and loving God, you give and give to us and hold nothing back. In response, we often give meekly, worrying whether we will have enough to meet our needs and wants and falling short in our ability to trust in you. Help us to live more wisely and to give more freely, fully aware of your providence and trustworthiness and more in tune with your desires for our lives. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

No. 329

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

"I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength"

Benedetto Marcello



There will be a Flu Shot Clinic on **Wednesday, October 10** in the Robertson Room from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. TPC members are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to get ready for the 2018 Flu Season. Bring relevant insurance cards and the shot will be billed directly.



Today's Floral Offering

Given in memory of Pat Finch and her love of fall and football. ~Anonymous

TPC IS HIRING!

The Peoples Church of East Lansing is looking for an energetic and engaging Children's Christian Education Director. Our Children's CE director works with families, volunteers and the children in our multi-generational and ecumenical church. This part-time position has flexible hours and competitive pay. Please contact Rev. Drew Filkins at dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com or 517.908.4448 to apply. A full job description is available upon request.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, October 7, 2018**, The Peoples Forum will host Joe Kennedy, PCYG Director. Joe will talk to us about the plans and importance of PCYG. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

They say that the two things you don't talk about in polite conversation are religion and politics. Well, we are going to do both. In October, Pastor Drew will be leading conversations as we prepare for our local and national elections. 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, Wednesdays in October, for this thought-provoking series.

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!



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Have you thought about joining The Peoples Church? Come to one of our next New Members Classes for more information. You have your choice of **Wednesday, October 3** at 6:00 p.m. or **Sunday, October 7** at 11:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room (located in the lower level inside the Snider Social Hall). Classes last about 90 minutes. If interested, please call the church office at 517.332.5073 to register and request child care if needed.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

**November 11, 2018 is the
Congregational Meeting and
Stewardship Kickoff Luncheon!
Details to follow soon.**

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



Do you love to make music? The Peoples Church Sanctuary Choir and the Clarion Ringers are always looking for new members.

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and we sing most Sundays during the school year. Join us this Thursday and help us make a joyful noise!

Clarion Ringers rehearse each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Ring with us!



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.