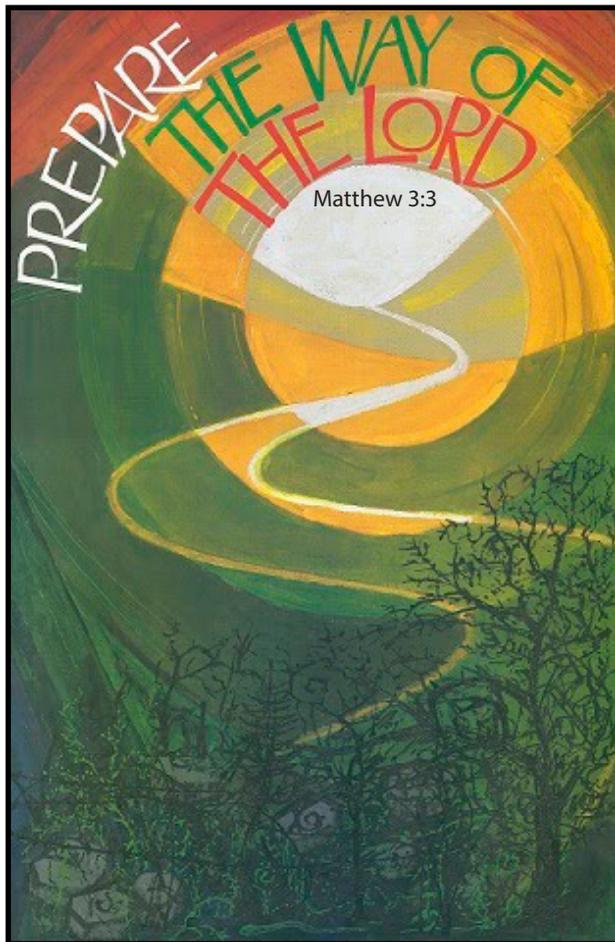


# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## January 13, 2019



## 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

**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

**6:30 p.m.**

Adult Formation Classes  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Campus Ministry Bible Study  
Yoga Class



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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.*



**Don't miss out on weekly happenings, here, at The Peoples Church.**

**Sign up, today, for our Friday email by going to [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com) and enter your email address toward the bottom of the homepage.**

## ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 13, 2019

## **Prelude**

"Sarabande and Interlude"  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

Herbert Sumsion

## **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.*

## **Pastoral Search Update**

Dr. Jim Kelly

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

**People: What have we done to deserve God's love?**

Leader: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

**People: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God;**

Leader: God's love never vanishes from us.

**People: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us. Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

No. 619

## **Procession of the Light of Christ**

Evie Laxton, acolyte

## **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your Spirit in our lives. Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you.

**People: Lead us home, O God, when we wander lost in wildernesses of our own making. Like errant children, we stray from the safety of our heavenly parent. We hear your voice calling, but go our own way. We remember your teachings, but instead follow the foolish desires and whims of our hearts. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us home, where we will follow your paths and do the work you have for us. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: God is our deliverance! God is our redeemer and our guide! God's love sustains and empowers us on life's journey. Praise God who gives us direction!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Congregational Response** "Great God of Every Blessing" (verse 3)

No. 694

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,  
Transforming broken people into the holy church.  
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:  
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**First Reading**

Deuteronomy 1:19-33  
(Pew Bible Page 176; Large Print 249)

**Communion** (8:30 a.m.)

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

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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

"Turn Back O Man"  
*Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

arr. Gustav Holst

**Second Reading**

Matthew 3:1-17  
(Pew Bible Page 967; Large Print 1,470)

**Sermon**

"Worship In the Wilderness"  
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**Hymn of Response**

"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

No. 163

**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**

"My Life Flows On"  
*Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano*

arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

***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***

**We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation; weaving a tapestry of compassion and action, faith and fellowship, hope and wholeness. We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation, and we affirm our lives within it. Amen.**

***Sending Hymn***

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

No. 309

***Benediction***

Congregational response: **"Jesus is Lord!"**

***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***

"Trumpet Finale"

Francesco Manfredini



**Floral Dedication:**

**In memory of Celia Wycoff Marxer and Carol Turner, by Frank Marxer**

## FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Join us, **TODAY**, for lunch and fellowship at Beggar's Banquet after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. No need to RSVP! The Welcome Ministry has tables reserved for The Peoples Church. All ages welcome.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30, Wednesdays, in January as Pastor Drew leads a discussion from the iconic book, *God in Search of Man: A Philosophy of Judaism*, by Abraham Joshua Heschel.

## THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **January 20**, join members of the Council of Elders & Finance Ministry who will present information and answer questions. The focus is on the 2019 church budget, which is voted on the following week during our Congregational Meeting. Meet us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY: JANUARY 20

Students and young adults of Peoples Church Campus Ministry will lead both worship services next **Sunday, January 20**. Special guest, Christine James, seminary student, will be preaching. Following worship services be sure to wander Friendship Hall where students will be on hand for conversation, there will be treats to share, and a fun timeline and trivia display to be seen. We will have our Wall of Blessings fundraiser set up as well which will help fund our spring break trip with Habitat for Humanity in St. Lucie County, Florida.

## DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet on **Tuesday, January 15** at 7:00 pm in the Robertson Room. Our program will be "The Pine Ridge Reservation" with Loretta Johnston. For more information, contact Phyllis Gaulden at 517.482.0930.

## SOCKS NEEDED!

Thank you to everyone who has already donated socks this winter. The City Rescue Mission is still in need of new socks for babies, children, women and men. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday they deliver socks to those in need. Please consider a donation of **NEW** socks so feet can stay warm and dry during the cold winter months and beyond.



## GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP



Pastor Betsy leads this covenant group through curriculum and discussion that moves participants toward closure of unresolved grief as a result of death, illness, divorce or other losses. This group is an 8 week commitment, with consistent attendance appreciated. The group will meet on Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **January 24 - March 21, 2019** (no meeting on March 6). Space is limited, and registration is required by contacting Pastor Betsy. Whether you are dealing with recent loss or loss from a long time ago, this group has something healing to offer you.

# TALENT SHOW!

**February 3, 2019**

"We Hunger For Your Talent" Talent Show and Empty Bowls fundraiser is coming live to The Peoples Church Snider Social Hall on **February 3, 2019** following the 10:30 a.m. service! Seeking talent of all ages and all kinds! The congregation is invited to enjoy Gerri Lynn's famous chili, make donations for handmade empty bowls to fight hunger, and be bowled over by the talent on stage! Sign up by January 27 by emailing Pastor Betsy at [eaho@the-peopleschurch.com](mailto:eaho@the-peopleschurch.com).



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting held on **January 27** during the 10:30 a.m. worship service to vote on the 2019 budget.





## Winter Retreat February 8-10, 2019

PCYGG students, middle and high school aged, are participating in Winter Fest at the United Church of Big Rapids the weekend of February 8-10. Students will ski, snowboard, craft, and participate in a weekend mission project with other progressive church youth programs throughout the state! Cost is an all-inclusive \$80, with scholarships available if needed. Contact Joe Kennedy at [jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com) with questions or to sign up.



### Enrichment Retreat March 1-3, 2019



Save the date for a Couple's Enrichment Retreat **March 1-3, 2019**.

Whether you have been together for one month or sixty years, there are always things to work on and a need to get away.

Details are still being finalized, but if you are interested contact Pastor Drew at [dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com).