

SUNDAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 17, 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
Dance 149

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
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.

Jodi Cook, Chairperson
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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.

ASL Interpreted Service

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



MAKE A GIFT

Please note, we have a new link for online giving (below):

<https://onrealm.org/thepeopleschurch/Give>

See back page for more information on **REALM!**

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during service. 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. Kathi Mitchell, 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.

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Prelude

"Sonata II: Fuga"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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.

Dance 149

"Keep Making Me"

Sidewalk Prophets

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in this sanctuary seeking God's presence.
We call on the Almighty, who is as near as our next breath.

**People: God is great and greatly to be praised.
Generation after generation, God has been present.**

Leader: Meditate on the wondrous works of our Creator.
Marvel at the glorious splendor of God's majesty.

**People: God hears our cries and responds to our prayers.
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The ways of God are just, for God's steadfast love endures forever.
Let us make a joyful noise and break forth in song!

Gathering Hymn

"The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 49

Procession of the Light of Christ

Abigail Schuette and Jack Fickies, Acolytes

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you are always more ready to listen than we are to pray. You are always more ready to give than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy. Forgive the things we cannot bear to name. Wean us from our thirst for revenge and the love of money. Lead us toward the abundant life promised to us through Jesus Christ, who poured out his life for us in love. Forgive us. Love us. Heal us. Amen.

Time for Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" (verse 1) No. 796
**We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.**

First Reading Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
(Pew Bible Page 624; Large Print 925)

Passing the Peace of Christ *(Please stand if able)*
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

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

Anthem "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" William Mathias
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading Luke 20:27-38
(Pew Bible Page 1,054; Large Print 1,602)

Sermon "One Love" Rev. Dr. Monroe
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Hymn of Response "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 12

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.

Call to Offering

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"
Will Johnson, tenor

arr. Dale Wood

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

God of grace, we dedicate this offering to the work of this church. In this moment, we recommit ourselves and our gifts to your reconciling work in this world. By your Spirit, bless all we say and do in Christ's name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

No. 81

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

"Fanfare on Immortal, Invisible"

arr. Don Wyrzten



**Floral Dedication:
Given to the glory of God.**

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us for Family Game Night on **November 23** from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., here, at The Peoples Church! Everyone is welcome to participate; bring your favorite board games, card games, etc., and come enjoy fellowship, fun, and food! R.S.V.P. to Kathi Mitchell at kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com.

PEOPLES FORUM

On **November 24**, The Peoples Forum welcomes Guillermo Delgado, MSU Professor and Artist on Exhibit. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

HOLIDAY WREATH & POINSETTIA SALE

Stop by the Welcome Desk to purchase a holiday wreath or poinsettia from the Women of Peoples Church. Purchases may be made between worship services or following the 10:30 a.m. worship service at the Welcome Desk. All sales benefit the ministries of the Women of Peoples Church which, in turn, benefit various nonprofit organizations in the Greater Lansing area.



DECK THE SANCTUARY

In preparation for Advent season, our church family will be "hanging the greens" on **November 24**, following the 10:30 a.m. service. Volunteers are needed; if you are willing to help climb ladders and help decorate, please stay after the worship service.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (following the community meal), for adult programming.

MSU HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT

Save the date! The MSU Holiday Brass Concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee, will be held on **December 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the community. Join us for a delightful evening.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Men's Group will be reading and discussing a new book, *Christ In Crisis; Why We Need To Reclaim Jesus*, by Jim Wallis. The group meets each Tuesday morning in the Robertson Room at 7:00 a.m. Join us.

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet on **November 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Our program will be "Share a Favorite Book." For more information, call Katie Slabough at 313.410.1113.

SAVE THE DATE: WPC ADVENT TEA

Save the date for The Women of Peoples Church Advent Tea to be held on **December 8**. This event will take place in the Snider Social Hall from 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Enjoy a delicious buffet, music, and an inspirational guest speaker. Admission is \$8 per individual or \$50 for a table of eight. **Purchase, or reserve a seat, between worship services each Sunday, now through December 1.** You can also email Susan Nowicki to purchase tickets at susan.nowicki@att.net.

DONATIONS OF SOCKS ARE NEEDED

Did you know the most requested item in homeless shelters and the least received item is socks? With winter fast approaching, we are again collecting donations for NEW packaged socks to benefit the City Rescue Mission (which serves the homeless population in the Greater Lansing area). Please place your donation of NEW socks of all sizes in the box located outside of the church office. This collection is ongoing throughout the winter months.

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle is hosting *A Celebration of Christmas Music* with special guest artist, Joe Kennedy, on **December 4**, in the Robertson Room. This program will begin at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us for this special program.

WINTER REFUGEE COLLECTION

For years our congregation has supported the Refugee Services program at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Charities. Even with the significant decrease in incoming legal refugees vetted by the United Nations, the refugees already established in the Lansing area have ongoing needs as they create their new lives. Because needs are so individualized, the decision has been made to again collect gift cards from Meijer or Target. Collection dates will be **December 1, 8 and 15** in the Northwest Entrance. St. Vincent Refugee Services sends a huge thank you for your generosity.

BIBLE EXPLORATION

PCYG Bible Exploration will start back up on **December 15** at 9:30 a.m. in the youth den. Email Joe at: jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com with any questions.

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

You're invited to help the children at Edgewood Village enjoy a wonderful Christmas. **On November 24 and December 1**, a Christmas tree with gift ideas will be in Friendship Hall. Select one of the ornaments from the tree, purchase the item listed and return the new, unwrapped gift by December 15 so it can be wrapped and delivered before Christmas morning! If you can assist with gift wrapping on Tuesday, December 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room, please sign up below and put in the offering plate.

YES! I CAN HELP WRAP GIFTS FOR EDGEWOOD VILLAGE! PLEASE CONTACT ME.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

You're Invited

to attend a service of ordination for
David Forsberg, a member of The Peoples Church,
on **November 17** at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

All are welcome to attend a reception immediately following
the service in the Robertson Room.



David served as a licensed United Church of Christ minister in Pastoral Care at The Peoples Church for more than two years. He also preached and led adult Sunday School and worship services. David did his seminary internship at our congregation.

David went on to work as pastor at First Congregational UCC in Union City. He will be installed, in January, as Pastor and Teacher at Imlay City First Congregational UCC. David has been serving as the church's pastor since February.

