

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

"Let light shine out  
of darkness"

2 Corinthians 4:6



## 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

**\* OFF THIS WEEK**

## 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



## 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.*

## 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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

**Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. S.C. Campbell Lovett to our pulpit; he serves as the Conference Minister with the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ.**

### **Prelude**

"Toccata in G Major"  
Judy Kabodian, organ

William Walond

### **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: Even as we enter into this new day,

**People: We rest in the shelter of the Most High;**

Leader: We abide in the shadow of the Almighty;

**People: We find refuge under the wings of our Holy Parent.**

Leader: We trust that the angels of God,

**People: the words of God,**

Leader: the people of God,

**People: and the hands of God,**

Leader: will somehow bear us up.

**People: And so we come to call on God who has promised to answer.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

"God, Reveal Your Presence"

No. 412

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

Anna Harvey and Sam Calabrese, Acolytes

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: We need to confess, God of Abraham, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.**

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**Forgive us, God of reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.**

***Assurance of Pardon***

**Leader:** This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins.

**People:** **God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**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** Luke 21:5-6  
(Pew Bible Page 1,055; Large Print 1,603)

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

**Baptism** (10:30 a.m.) Amelia Gracellen Moore  
Born July 29, 2019

**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 of Every Blessing" No. 475

**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.) "O Clap Your Hands" John Rutter  
*Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

***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.**

## **Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
(Pew Bible Page 1,159; Large Print 1,756)

## **Sermon**

"The House of Peoples"  
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Rev. Dr. C.S. Campbell Lovett

## **Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

### **Offertory** (10:30 a.m.)

"Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord"  
*Peter Boylan, baritone*

Craig Courtney

### **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 give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, and your creation. Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

No. 320

### **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**

"Toccata in Seven"

John Rutter



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

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S OFFERING

All month long, the children of our congregation have been collecting packages of NEW underwear to benefit Love Clothing Center of Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Lansing. During the Children's Moment, TODAY, we welcome your child to bring their donation forward. Thank you to all who have donated!

## HARVEST FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 20!

Join us on **October 20**, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, for our inaugural Family Harvest Festival! There will be lots of food and fun activities for all ages! This event will take place in the Snider Social Hall and in the gym.

Volunteers are needed for this event! If you are interested in helping out with the festival, from set up, to manning an activity, or with clean up, contact Kathi Mitchell at [kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com).



## PEOPLES FORUM

On **October 6**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Clark McCreedy at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us!

## DON'T FORGET!

Grab a copy, or two, of the latest issue of our BLOOM Magazine and share them with friends and family who are curious about The Peoples Church. You can find them located at the Welcome Center, in Friendship Hall, and in the church office.



Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (following the community meal), for our month-long series on *Women of the Bible*. Kate Jones leads our discussion where we will learn and explore the stories of women throughout scripture.

## MIDYEAR FINANCIAL & BUDGET UPDATE

As you may recall, the 2019 Peoples Church Budget as approved had a projected deficit of \$63,000. In lieu of making any reductions, it was agreed that the mid-year financial statements and the budget would be reviewed, and a determination was made as to whether any budget reductions were appropriate.

I am pleased to report that a review of revenues and expenditures through August 31, 2019, and a review of recent personnel changes (and their corresponding budgets) indicates that projected church revenues and expenditures should not require any budget reductions. The congregation's financial support to date and expected continued support through year-end is an important component in this decision.

Thank you for your support to date and please continue to fulfill your 2019 stewardship pledges, helping us achieve a balanced budget for the year. As we welcome a new senior pastor in October, this will be important in planning for 2020 and beyond.

## TPC 24/7: ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!

*REALM*, our new updated online program, keeps us connected 24/7: Anytime, Anywhere!, and offers more ways for you to support the church and to stay informed! You'll be able to update personal info, search the church directory, give online, view giving history, and more. See the ad on the next page to learn how to get the app and watch the weekly bulletin and monthly *Portal* for more information.

# ~ HARVEST FESTIVAL ~

## OCTOBER 20!

Snider Social Hall & Gym

following the 10:30 a.m. service

**Everyone is welcome to join us  
for food, games, crafts, and fun!**



This year our mission partner, Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project, is showing an exciting new documentary, *Victors*. This documentary showcases how our support in Uganda contributes to the building of a civil society through education and advocacy.

Studio C! is once again hosting this exciting event/fundraiser on **October 10**, at 6:30 p.m. The church has purchased a block of tickets for our members so that we can have a great show of support. Tickets are \$25 each. Call Barb Dunlap at 517.285.0824, or email her at [bdunlap1953@gmail.com](mailto:bdunlap1953@gmail.com), to reserve your spot.

The creators of the documentary will be on hand to share their experience. Plan to join us for this fundraising event and help support the grandmothers and children of Uganda, while enjoying a movie! Popcorn and drinks are included!

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Android: search for "Connect Our Church" in the Google Play store

use code: thepeopleschurch when prompted



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## *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*



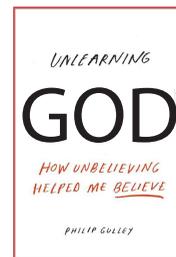
**Featuring Philip Gulley**

**Quaker Pastor, Author and Speaker**

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.—Worship Service

Noon—Luncheon, Snider Social Hall

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Presentation,  
Philip Gulley



You're invited to read his book, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*, in preparation for this event.