



"...that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."

1 Corinthians 1:10

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 26, 2020

### Prelude

"Aria"  
Judy Kabodian, organ

Eugene Butler

### 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.*

### Call to Worship

One: Come, all who have known anguish and sorrow.  
Come, all who have struggled with doubt and despair.

**All: We enter God's house bearing wounds and scars.  
We know what it is like to feel lost and forsaken.**

One: God is our light and our salvation.  
God is our stronghold; we have nothing to fear.

**All: Through the gift of grace, we are made whole.  
In Christ Jesus, we are saved by God's all-unending love.**

One: In Christ, we are one family and one body.

**All: Let us sing and praise our God!**

### Gathering Hymn

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 35

### Procession of the Light of Christ

Ida Filkins & Jonah Selby, acolytes

## 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 YouthGroup  
Yoga Class

### ASL Interpreted Service

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



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## ***Prayer of Confession***

**All:** Holy God, we confess that we have been too busy to pray, and too proud to kneel. We have trusted in our own plans and not relied on your mercy. We have separated ourselves from one another and sought advantage over our neighbors. Rather than proclaim the truth of the Gospel, we have fallen silent on issues of faith. Forgive our sins and loosen our tongues for we long to be true disciples. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## ***Moment of Silence and Reflection***

## ***Assurance of Pardon***

**Congregational Response** "Restore in Us, O God" (verse 1)  
**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

**First Reading** Psalm 27:1-9  
(Pew Bible Page 550; Large Print 795)

**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.**

**Solo** (8:30 a.m.) " 'Tis Winter Now" Nancy Grundahl  
*Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano*

**Anthem** (10:30 a.m.) "A Two-Part Alleluia" Jay Althouse  
*Youth Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed*

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
(Pew Bible Page 1,142; Large Print 1,732)

**Sermon** "Spreading Good News" Dr. Monroe

**Hymn of Response** "We All Are One in Mission" No. 733

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

## ***Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer***

**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.

## ***Invitation to Give***

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

"Psalm 84: Sing for Joy!"  
*Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

Theodore Morrison

## ***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 glory, we dedicate this offering and all our gifts to the work of this church. May our ministry heal divisions among your children. We ask all this in the name of Jesus who makes us whole and makes us one. Amen.**

## **+Congregational Meeting+** **Robert Cantrell, Chair of Council Presiding**

- I. Declaration of Quorum**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Financial Report and Presentation of the Budget**
- IV. Congregational Response/Members' Moment**
- V. Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

***Sending Hymn***

"Go to the World"

No. 295

## ***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***

"Joyful Praise"

Eugene Butler



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

## 2020 EMPTY BOWLS CHILI COOK-OFF

The Empty Bowls Chili Cook-Off is back on **February 9** following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Snider Social Hall! Members of the Greater Lansing Potters Guild have generously donated some of their best hand-crafted bowls for sale with proceeds benefiting the hungry in the Greater Lansing Area. We need chili entries, volunteers, and of course bowl buyers and tasters! Prizes will be awarded for the top three vote-getters in two divisions: Youth and Adult (18+). To sign up to be a volunteer, go to The Peoples Church website (homepage), click on the Chili Cook-Off news event and sign up. Don't miss this fabulous event!



## THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **February 2**, The Peoples Forum welcomes Aram Kabodian, who will lead a discussion on Stephen Ministry. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Join us each Wednesday night for a community meal at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall, followed by adult programming in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

## MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join Pastor Drew for Monday Morning Bible at 11:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room as we continue to study John's Gospel. All are welcome!

## THE JERICHO EFFECT

The Women of Peoples Church are happy to welcome Rev. Case Van Kempen on **February 18** for a presentation on his new book, *The Jericho Effect: What if We Tried it God's Way for a Change?* Join us for light refreshments at 10:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



## SERMON PREVIEW BIBLE STUDY

Join Dr. Monroe on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room for a lively discussion and study of the scripture text for the upcoming sermon. Text this week is Micah 6: 1-8. All are welcome!

## PERSONAL NEEDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Please consider becoming a shopper for our Personal Needs Closet. Shoppers buy specific items, deliver to the church as supplies run low, and are reimbursed through the church office. Minimal time is required, yet your effort could affect over 200 families in need this year. Please contact Mimi Burpee at: [mimburpee@gmail.com](mailto:mimburpee@gmail.com) for more information.

## LEANING INTO LENT

The season of Lent is just around the corner. During this time, people often give something up or take on new habits. We are encouraging people to join small groups during the season of Lent this year and are looking for people to host small groups—6-10 people, for 6 weeks and facilitate the conversation. We will be using April Yamaski's book, *Lent: Christ is for Us*. There are readings that go along with the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday and questions to help encourage conversation. If you are interested in hosting or attending a group, please contact Pastor Drew. Look for a sign-up sheet in next week's bulletin.

## SAVE THE DATE: TPC CARNIVAL!

Come one, come all on **February 23** for our family fun event—The Peoples Church Carnival! Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, join us downstairs in the Snider Social Hall for lots of carnival games, food, and FUN! Everyone is welcome and bring your friends!



## KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **January 30** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome to join us and help to knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, slippers, hats and mittens for church members, friends, and local missions.

## 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.*