SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 16, 2022





THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. - in the Sanctuary & Livestream on YouTube

Sunday School will not be held until we feel it is safe to return

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Our community meal outreach program continues. Individually prepared meals can be picked up between 5:00—6:00 p.m. in the Northwest entrance of the building. For more details, check out The Peoples Church Facebook page.

ASL Interpreted Service

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

THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and Sunday mornings. Phones are monitored from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Bev Mason, Chair (elders@thepeopleschurch.com)

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.

JOIN US REMOTELY!

To join the online livestream of the worship service, click

here!

To join the worship service via telephone, please dial (844) 933-0517 and follow the prompts.

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Order of Service | January 16, 2022

Prelude

O Holy Spirit, Enter In Judy Kabodian, Organist

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 36)

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, One your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, ΑII your judgments like the great deep;

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! One We take refuge in the shadow of your wings ΑII and are overwhelmed by your abundance.

In you is the fountain of life. One Your light illuminates our being.

As we join together in worship, ΑII pour out your steadfast love upon us!

*Gathering Hymn

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (v. 1 & 2)

no. 408

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." **Refrain.**There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Text and Music: Doris Akers (1962)
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Prayer of Confession

God who unites us in the Body of Christ, you have created us to rely on one another, but often we are inclined to act alone. Help us to recognize that alone we are less: less knowledgeable, less capable, less creative. Forgive us when our words and actions lead to division; for the times we have used the gifts of the Spirit for self-glorification rather than service. Teach us to celebrate our diversity and embrace our differences. May our worship and witness reflect unity and faithfulness as we bear your love and light into the world. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

*Confession Response Spirit of the Living God

no. 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

Children's Moment

Anthem Be Filled With the Spirit Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, speak to one another with hymns, speak to one another with spiritual songs. Sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord. Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks to God, giving thanks in all things, giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sermon "Everybody Can Be Great" Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

Hymn of Response God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (v. 1-3) no. 716 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Text: Robert L. Edwards (1961) Music: The Sacred Harp (1844) Copyright: 2013 C1#: 1698862

Pastoral Prayer and 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

*Act of Praise

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy Spirit, you honor each of us with unique spiritual gifts. We acknowledge that these gifts are to be used for your glory. Help us to offer our time, talents, and treasures in ways that better our community, that others may also be compelled to share abundantly. We offer these gifts to your service, praying in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 700

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me Text and Music: African American spiritual Copyright: 2013 CLI#: 1698862

*Benediction

Postlude

*Benediction Response

March

George Frederic Handel

WFFKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PEOPLES FORUM: Next Sunday we will hear from Christy Crandell of The Willows! Join us online via zoom, or masked in the Robertson Room from 9:30—10:15 a.m. To join online, click here, or manually enter the Meeting ID: 843 6791 4516. When prompted enter passcode: 907964.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry has started bible study at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights! Theology on Tap will be held at Crunchy's, **January 24th**, at 7 p.m.!

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: To ensure each others safety, PCYG will not be meeting in January; the lock in scheduled for the end of the month is canceled. We plan to meet in February, and will reach out through email and Facebook to schedule an outdoor event! I look forward to seeing you soon! - *Elisha Smith, TPC Youth Director*

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday morning men's group is reading *Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology* by R.C. Sproul. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.**

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: The sermon preview group will meet again **Wednesday**, **January 19th at 9 a.m.**, as we look at Luke 6:17-26. Join us on zoom by clicking <u>here</u>, or enter the meeting ID into your zoom app: 813 6414 0406.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: We have resumed our group and have begun the study of *If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk,* by John Pavlovitz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 17th** in observance of MLK Day. The Peoples Church invites you to reflect on the spirit of the day, and the witness of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."
- Martin Luther King Jr.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Pledge envelopes are available for those who have requested them. They can be picked up at the reception desk in the main office.

TPC TALENT SHOW

Our TPC Talent Show has been reschedule for May 1, 2022!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet **Thursday**, **January 20th** in the Robertson Room from 1:30-3 p.m., to discuss *Even As We Breathe*. For more details about this book, and details on how to join virtually, please view the E-Blasts or Events at The Peoples Church section on our website: www.thepeopleschurch.com.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church, or simply want to know more about this remarkable community of faith, consider joining our next New Members Class on **January 23rd at noon.** Please contact Robin Matheson at matheso4@msu.edu or 517-290-3223, to register or get more information. To join this class via zoom, click here, or manually enter the Meeting ID: 849 4875 7712.

REBEKAH/HANNAH

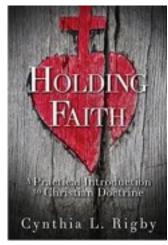
Rebekah/Hannah Circle will meet for fellowship and conversation on Wednesday, January 26th at noon in the Centennial Room. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. Pastor Devon will be our guest—and others are welcome to join us! If you have questions, please call Gretchen Rosenbrook at 332-5132, or Joan Wright at 349-1074. Circle attendees: Please do NOT bring Shellfish or Fish in your bagged lunches. Todd Smith, TPC Hospitality Coordinator, has an extreme airborne allergy to these food products. Thank you! - TPC Office Staff

ANNUAL MEETING

The Peoples Church will hold our annual meeting on **Sunday, January 30th** following service. In this meeting we will review the annual report for 2021 and approve the budget for 2022.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are working on printing our new Peoples Church directories! If for any reason you do not want your information and picture included in the physical directory, please contact Beth Lundy at blundy@thepeopleschurch.com or 517-908-4452. If we do not hear from you before **February 14th**, you will be automatically included in our new directory. We will also include member information for those who were unable to get their picture taken.



CHiCs (Connected Hearts in Christ) Women's Group is starting a new book in February. CHiCs meets on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. both by zoom and/or in person. For more information about CHiCs and to join the group you may contact Beth Lundy at Lundybb@comcast.net or 610-246-0029.

The new book we are reading and discussing each week starting in February is *Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Doctrine* by Cynthia L. Rigby. Join us as we discover how various understanding of particular doctrines play out in relation to the way we live our lives.

The Community Lenten Devotional Needs YOU

We are putting together a Community Lenten Devotional booklet and we need your help. Each day of Lent will be assigned a short Bible passage and we want individuals to write a brief (one paragraph) reflection for the day. You can write about the passage or about Lent or your faith or something else that is on your mind. Pastor Devon and Pastor Shawnthea will add short prayers to each day's offering. Then we will take all the daily reflections and put them into a small booklet that you can use as your devotional for the season of Lent. We will also post the daily devotionals on our Facebook page.

This is a wonderful way to mark the season of Lent and get to know one another better. No special skills are required – just a willingness to write a short reflection before **February 16th**. So don't delay! You can pick up an envelope in the office with a piece of scripture and helpful hints for writing a reflection.