

# Sanctuary Service

## January 22, 2023



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823

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### Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School is held after the Children's moment.

Nursery Care is provided for Children Under 3.

A Nursing Room is available for those who need it. Ask an usher or the Welcome Desk for directions.

### W@PC

Wednesdays @ Peoples Church is a weekly community dinner followed by programming. Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall!

### ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

### Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get overstimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.

## 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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**Rev. Penny Swartz, Minister Emeritus**

### COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Diane Shafer, 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, dial (844) 933-0517 and follow prompts.

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# Order of Service | January 22, 2023

**Prelude**

Vigil  
Judy Kabodian, organist

Eugene Butler

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

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Come into God's house, you who are weary and heavy burdened.  
Come in a spirit of reverence, for something holy is happening.

**All: The days have been long and the nights have been hard.  
We gather here in the hope that the Spirit will draw near.**

One The living Christ is in this place because Jesus has called us together.  
Listen, for the Word will be proclaimed in this hour.

**All: We stand in need of your presence, Holy God.  
Fill us with hope and joy as we praise your holy name!**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! (v. 1-4)

no. 305

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us  
through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the  
vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In  
bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed  
o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Text: Brian Dill (1988)

Music: John Darwall (1770)

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## *Prayer of Confession*

**Almighty God, trusting in your mercy, we confess our sins before you. We confess that we worship many false idols. We are attracted to money and power and fame. We prefer being entertained to being engaged. We follow the path of least resistance and lower our expectations. The message of the cross seems like foolishness and we seek power and success instead. Forgive us for our inconsistent faith. Give us the strength to choose the way that leads to life, to peace and to You. Amen.**

## *Moment of Silent Reflection*

## *Assurance of Pardon*

### *\*Confession Response*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (v. 3)

no. 93

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.**

## *Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

## *Children's Message*

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## *Anthem*

Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord  
Sanctuary Choir, directed By Dr. Jonathan Reed

Z. Randall Stroope

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." O house of Israel, bless the Lord. O house of Aaron, bless the Lord. House of Levi, house of Zion, bless the Lord. O bless the Lord. I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." Goodness and mercy shall follow me. Though I walk through valleys, even death, I will dwell, I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen. I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord. I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house." I was glad. I was glad.

## *First Scripture*

Isaiah 9:1-4

## *Second Scripture*

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

## *Sermon*

"In This Sign, Conquer?"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **Hymn of Response**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 1-4)

no. 223

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns composed so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

When I survey the Wondrous Cross  
Text: Isaac Watts, 1707  
Music: Lowell Mason, 1824  
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## **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**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**



*To make a gift online, please scan the QR code.*

## **\*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***

**O God, we dedicate this offering to your work through this church. May all our gifts be used to bring justice to the oppressed, welcome to the outcast, and love to the broken hearted. Once again, we commit ourselves to walking with Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## ***\*Sending Hymn***

Lead On, O King Eternal!" (v. 1-3)

no. 269

*Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; hence-forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fear, for gladness breaks like morning where e'er your face appears; your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!*

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff (1888)

Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1835)

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## ***\*Benediction***

## ***\*Benediction Response***

## ***Postlude***

Go, My Children, with My Blessing  
Judy Kabodian, organist

arr. John Ferguson



## ***Floral Dedication***

Today's Floral arrangements are a gift from the Brogan family

*In memory of Pat Brogan.*

## ***PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH***

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP:** After the service, please join us in Friendship Hall for freshly brewed coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship!

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Campus Ministry will meet after church today in the Campus Lounge.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** PCYG will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. tonight in the Youth Den.

**TAIZE SERVICE:** This month's Taizé Service is tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Services consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, Scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. This service is inter-denominational and all are welcome.

**ACHE:** Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that will meet on January 26th. To keep up with events, follow ache\_thepeopleschurch on Instagram.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** We meet on the second Thursday each month at Crunchy's to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world.

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group meets in-person on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room and Wednesdays on Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88178100531>. This week's scripture is Micah 6:1-8.

**WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH:** A community dinner is hosted every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by your choice of dance aerobics with Shawnthea Monroe, or Faith & the News bible study in the library. We hope you can join us for Wednesdays @ Peoples Church!

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP:** The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* by Dallas Willard. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

**MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP:** Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of John Pavlovitz's book "A Bigger Table".

**CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST):** In January, CHICs (Connected Hearts in Christ) Women's Small Group is reading *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, contact Beth Lundy at [lundybb@comcast.net](mailto:lundybb@comcast.net) or (610) 246-0029.

**VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY:** On Sunday, February 5th, Cheryl Ronk will present 'The Borrowing Brilliance of Lung Transplantation' in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The 2023 Congregational Meeting is a chance for members to review, discuss, and approve the budget for 2023. The meeting will be held during 10:30 worship on January 29th.

**ORGAN RECITAL:** Judy Kabodian will be giving an organ recital at Edgewood United Church of Christ on Sunday, January 29th at 3:00 p.m. This is an Organ Rededication Concert in memory of Bob Hubbard.

**CHILDREN'S OUTREACH PROJECT - VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS & COOKIES!:** For the 3rd year in a row, we are hoping to surprise members of our congregation who are elderly or homebound with deliveries of homemade cards and treats. This is a wonderful way to teach our children about acts of service and warm the hearts of many. We will create cards and drawings during Sunday School, or your children can make their own at home. We just need all art by Monday, February 13th at noon so there is time to sort and create the goody boxes. **We are also in need of treats and delivery helpers!** If you would like to assist, please email Kathi Mitchell at [kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com).

**REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE MEETING:** We will gather for lunch and fellowship at Coral Gables on January 25th at 12 p.m.

**KNITTING PEOPLE:** We will meet on January 26th from 1-3 p.m. in the Robertson Room to bless completed items and work on baby blankets, mittens, hats, slippers, shawls, and other current projects to give to people in our community. Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us for fellowship and the sharing of patterns, yarn, and good ideas.



# EMPTY BOWLS CHILI COOK-OFF



Sunday, February 12 | After the 10:30 Service | Snider Social Hall

Join us for the 2023 Empty Bowls Chili Cook-Off! Members of the Lansing Potters Guild have generously donated some of their best hand-crafted bowls, which will be sold to benefit the hungry in the Greater Lansing Area. We'll have a friendly competition of homemade chili tasting, complete with prizes for each of three winners in two divisions: Youth and Adult (18+). We seek chili chefs, servers, event volunteers, and of course, tasters! If you are interested in making chili, please reach out to Julie Pierce ([Juliep2315@gmail.com](mailto:Juliep2315@gmail.com) or text 517.897.0943). If you would like to volunteer, reach out to Robin Matheson ([Matheso4@msu.edu](mailto:Matheso4@msu.edu) or text 517.290.3223).