

Sanctuary Service, February 4, 2024



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SERVICE INFORMATION

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

Sunday School will take place after the Children's Moment.

Professional 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.

Please join us after the service in our front lobby for coffee hour and fellowship!

LISTENING DEVICES

We now offer listening devices that amplify sound from stage microphones, which are available upon request.

ASL INTERPRETED SERVICE

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome American Sign Language interpreters for our Sunday worship services

SENSORY TOOL KIT

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get over-stimulated 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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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. John Lindley, 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, you can find **The Peoples Church of East Lansing on YouTube!**

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

Prelude

Choral
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Louis Vierne

Acolytes:
Theo & Gabe Eysselinck

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

All We come to this place in need of healing and hope.

One Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

All We come seeking guidance and strength.

One Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

All Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully. AMEN.

***Gathering**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission (v. 1-3, 5)

no. 298

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This, my body; this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heaven-ward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that purpose with renewed integrity: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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Prayer of Confession

Rev. Haley Hansen

Merciful God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to you and unloving to those around us. When those in need have cried out for help, we have turned our backs upon them, and in so doing have shut the doors of our hearts to your love for them through us. Have mercy, forgive us, and help us to change. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

***Confession Response**

Lord Jesus, Think on Me (v. 1)

no. 417

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Do You Know?

A. Nichols

Carol Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed

Do you know? Do you know? Do you know who made the sky, who made the clouds, the sun, the stars, And all that forms the heavens that round us lie? It is God. It is God. It is God, our Father, God who reigns on high. Do you know? Do you know? Do you know who made the earth and sea, who made the plants and trees, and all that makes the world, who gave it birth? It is God. It is God. It is God, our Father, God who reigns on high. Do you know? (*Do you know?*) Do you know? Do you know? Do you know who made us all, who gave us families to love, And all the people in the world to dwell? It is God, (*It is God*), It is God, (*It is God*), It is God, our Father, God who loves us all.

Children's Moment

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Choir Anthem

O Clap Your Hands

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir directed by Jonathan Reed

O clap your hands together all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: Sing ye praises with understanding. O clap your hands, clap your hands together, all ye people, clap your hands, all ye people.

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

The Good Samaritan

The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel

Hymn of Response

The Church of Christ in Every Age (v. 1-2, 4-5)

no. 320

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

The Church of Christ in Every Age
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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



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***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**

God of grace, we surrender these gifts and trust them to your purposes. As the body of Christ, we strive to be a force for good in this world. May these gifts be used in ways that bring comfort and healing to those most in need, and may you bless all we say and do in Christ's name. Amen.

Invitation

Prayer of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, who has given us these elements of bread and wine as a living remembrance of our Savior, open our hearts and minds to receive this sacrament. Grant that in receiving it we may receive Christ as a living presence and be strengthened in our fellowship one with another to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 1-4)

no. 761

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Music: John Zundel, 1870

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****Benediction***

The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel

Postlude

Toccata
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Eugene Butler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH TOUR: The next Peoples Church 'Talk 'n Tour' will take place **today following the 10:30 a.m. service.** If you are interested in learning more about our beautiful building and the history of our church, please meet at the front of the Sanctuary after the service.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: If you are interested in joining The Peoples Church and would like to learn more about how to become a member and what being a member of the church entails, our next new members class will be **Sunday, February 11 at 11:45 a.m.** New members classes are informational only, and do not obligate you to become a member. To RSVP for the class, please email our membership coordinator, Beth Lundy, by emailing Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com. Childcare is only available upon request.

NEW ADULT CLASS: Join Rev. Dr. Monroe for a six-week course designed to reignite your love of scripture. The class will use Adam Hamilton's book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* as its text, and will meet on Sunday mornings, 9:20 – 10:20 a.m. during Lent. Hamilton's book can be purchased on Amazon, at Schuler's, or at a bookseller near you.

SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING: On **Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m.,** The Peoples Church will host a service of Hope & Healing in recognition of the first anniversary of the MSU shooting. This service of collective mourning and prayers of healing and remembrance is open to both members of the church and the wider community.

ASH WEDNESDAY: On **Wednesday, February 14** there will be opportunities to observe Ash Wednesday. **Beginning at noon,** those participating in traditional Ash Wednesday rituals can come to the church for the imposition of ashes in the chapel. Then **at 6:30 p.m.** there will be a prayerful and meditative Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. All are welcome to participate in these rituals and services.

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to make Panera Bread deliveries to Edgewood Village. Volunteers would pick up bread from the Okemos Panera Bread on Wednesday evenings at 9 p.m. and deliver it to Edgewood on Thursday. Several volunteers are needed so that each person only needs to do the pick up once a month, or less frequently. If you are willing and available to assist with this endeavor, please reach out to Cheryl Leece by calling 517-410-1313, or by emailing her at leececm44@gmail.com.

CARDBOARD PROPHETS FEBRUARY DONATIONS: In 2024, The Peoples Church will be collecting a specific item each month to donate to Cardboard prophets, a Lansing-based group that provides help to the homeless. We are not asking for new items, but items that are donated must be laundered and in good repair. If you have gently used and clean items, please place them in the large blue plastic storage bin located near the church office on the east side of the sanctuary. **In February** we are collecting pillows.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: ACHE is joining Campus Ministry **TODAY** for a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. The plan is to leave **after the 10:30 a.m. service** and remain at the museum until it closes at 5 p.m. Transportation and food will be provided. For more information about ACHE and to RSVP for these events, email Pastor Haley at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

CHICs: 'Connected Hearts In Christ' (CHICs) is back! CHICs will meet in the Robertson Room on the **second Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** CHICs is a women's group that meets for devotionals, discussion, and fellowship. To learn more about CHICs, please email Traci Dudley at tracidudley@gmail.com, or Susan Godfrey at s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: TODAY Campus Ministry and ACHE are making a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. The plan is to leave **after the 10:30 a.m. service** and remain at the museum until it closes at 5 p.m. Transportation, tickets, and food will be provided. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads a **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81926804577>. This week's passage is Mark 9:2-9.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will have their regular gathering **tonight at 6:30 p.m.**, but D&D Club will meet earlier, **2-5 p.m.**, and Coppertones will rehearse at **5:15 p.m.** followed by youth choir rehearsal at **6 p.m.** For more information about PCYG, contact Elisha, by emailing esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

PORCH OF HEAVEN: Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Telder Room.** It involves reading scripture, silence, mindfulness and sharing. Visit Porch of Heaven tomorrow evening, or email Tom Schaberg at tschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology is a once a month gathering at Crunchy's to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. The next Pub Theology gathering will be **this Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Men's group meets at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.** The group is currently reading 'Meeting Jesus for the First Time,' by Marcus J. Borg.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S GROUP: Join the men's Wednesday discussion group that meets **every Wednesday at noon in The Robertson Room** for good conversation and donuts. The is currently reading a book called 'The Christian Agnostic' by Leslie D. Weatherhead.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in Snider Social Hall for a community dinner! At **6 p.m.** Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym, and Pastor Haley leads a Bible study at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!