

SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 13, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

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

Nursery Care is available for children under 3

Sunday School begins after the children's moment

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 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, dial (844) 933-0517 and follow prompts.

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Order of Service | February 13, 2022

Prelude

Arabesque

Louis Vierne

Judy Kabodian, Organist

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 Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord.
They are like trees planted by streams of water: in all they do, they prosper.

**All We delight in your law, O God of creation.
We celebrate your presence and praise you!**

One Do not follow the ways of the sinful or sit in company with scoffers.
Strive to follow the ways of Jesus for he will never lead you astray.

**All God watches over the ways of the righteous and blesses the lowly of spirit.
God lifts up the downhearted and gives comfort to those who mourn.**

One May God's spirit be with us as we worship in this hour.

All May our songs and our prayers bring glory to God's name!

***Gathering Hymn**

Sing Glory to the Name of God (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 10

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia! The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing Glory to the Name of God
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Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesang* (1623)
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Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, forgive our vain repetitions. Our actions do not match our words or our faith. We speak words of compassion but fail to correct injustice. We count ourselves among the righteous yet we discount the experiences of those who are different from us. We celebrate the gifts you have given us but we hold back when it is our time to share. Humble our prideful hearts and forgive our sins. In Christ's name, hear our prayer. 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

O How Sweet, O Lord

Healey Willan

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

O how sweet, O Lord, is Thy Spirit; for Thou hast shown Thy sweetness unto Thy children: Thou hast given them most wonderous Bread from Heav'n: Thou fillest the hungry with good things, and the rich Thou sendest empty away.

Scripture

Luke 6: 17-26

Sermon

"Woe is Me"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 707

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; give us the mind of Christ each passing day; teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.

Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own; come thou within our souls and claim thy throne; help us to shed abroad thy deathless love; use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord
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Music: Calvin Weiss Laufer (1918)
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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***

Almighty God, we gather these gifts together and dedicate them to your divine purpose. May the work of this church and the witness of our lives lead people to Jesus, our Savior and our friend. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice! (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 365

God reigns! Let earth rejoice! Let oceans shout God's might! Borne up by truth and righteousness, God's throne is our delight. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

God's fire ignites the clouds with judgement swift and just; the evil find their deeds in vain; God's foes are brought to dust. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

The radiance of God's light beams joy into our days; now filled with God's own peace and love, our hearts resounds with praise. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

To God Be the Glory
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Music: William Howard Doane (1875)
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****Benediction***

Postlude

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

arr. Paul Manz

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PEOPLES FORUM: There will be no Forum on **February 20th** (Presidents Weekend). The Forum will resume **February 27th** with Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe, *“Telling My Story.”*

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Join us on Sundays following service for Lunch and Lounge—a time of fellowship, food and rest. Campus Ministry also meets at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights** for Bible Study! **Theology on Tap @ Crunchys** will be **February 28th at 7 p.m.**

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: We have resumed **in-person meetings on Sunday evenings**. Reach out to Elisha Smith for more details! Confirmation class will begin in March for Middle school aged students, please email Elisha if your child is interested: esmith@thepeopleschurch.

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**.

TOWN & GOWN & GREAT DECISIONS: Town and Gown and Great Decisions will sponsor the upcoming session with Dr. Norman Graham on *“Making Russia and Turkey Great Again?”* **next Tuesday, February 15th**. All presentations are held in the **Robertson Room and over Zoom**. To join online, click [here](#) (online bulletin only), and when prompted enter passcode: Town&Gown. Town and Gown is held from 5-6:20 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. View upcoming presentations [here](#) (online bulletin only). Dr. John Waller, program director, sends a weekly email announcing the Town & Gown speaker and topic, and Zoom information. To register, go to the Age Alive home page: <https://www.agealive.org>. Scroll down half way, and you will see information on the Town & Gown series and how to register to receive weekly notices and the Zoom link for each session.

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: The sermon preview group will meet again **Wednesday, February 16th at 9 a.m.** to review **Luke 6:27-38**. Join us on zoom by clicking [here](#), or enter the meeting ID into your zoom app: 813 6414 0406.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN’S GROUP: We continue our study of *If God is Love, Don’t be a Jerk*, by John Pavlovitz.

CHiCs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST) WOMEN’S GROUP: CHiCs has started a new book! We meet on **Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. both by zoom and/or in person**. For more information about CHiCs or to join the group, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or 610-246-0029.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 (blundy@thepeopleschurch.com or 517-908-4452). If we do not hear from you by **February 14th**, you will be automatically included in our new directory. We will include member information for those who were unable to get their picture taken.

PORTAL DEADLINE

The deadline for the March *Portal* is **February 15th**! Send Submissions to Elizabeth at eprice@thepeopleschurch.com.

REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE


Rebekah/Hannah Circle will meet for fellowship and conversation on **Wednesday, February 23rd at noon in the Centennial Room**. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. Pastor Devon will be our guest—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!***

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care for children under three years of age is available on Sundays! The Nursery is run by Peoples Church Preschool teachers, Ms. Julie and Ms. Michelle. *Our teachers are early childhood professionals with extensive experience and training in child development and early childhood education. They are also certified in CPR and first aid.* Nursery is available from **10:15 a.m. until the end of the worship service**.

FLORAL DEDICATIONS

Looking for a way to honor or celebrate a loved one? TPC offers floral dedications—for \$85 you can receive two floral arrangements that will be displayed on the altar table during Sunday Worship. A dedication is also printed in the bulletin. These fresh arrangements are a lovely and welcome addition to any service! For more information, or to reserve a Sunday, reach out to Elizabeth at eprice@thepeopleschurch.com.



Community Lenten Devotional

Thank you to all those who have signed up to write for our Community Devotional! As a reminder we want individuals to write a **brief (one paragraph) reflection**. 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. **Your brief reflections are due February 16th.**



Every Wednesday in February, Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell invites you to walk the labyrinth in the **Snider Social Hall from 4-7 p.m.** She will have resources for you to participate and options for guided meditation. Just bring yourself, an open mind, and an adventurous spirit! We hope you will join us. For more information about Praying the Labyrinth Way, view our February *Portal*.

Floral Dedication

In honor of Karen Flory's mother, Jane McComb's 105th birthday.
In memory of our parents, Max McComb, and Dr. Clyde & Miriam Flory.

- *Karen & Clyde Flory*

