

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 6, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823
517.332.5073 | ThePeoplesChurch.com

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.

Reception Desk (517) 332.5073

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe (517) 908.4442

Senior Pastor, United Church of Christ
smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell (517) 908.4448

Associate Pastor, United Methodist
dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com

Jess Beurkens (517) 908.4446

Finance Administrator
jbeurkens@thepeopleschurch.com

Dana Johnson (517) 908.4449

Preschool Director
djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com

Beth Lundy (517) 908.4453

Membership Coordinator
blundy@thepeopleschurch.com

Zack Matthews (517) 908.4444

Facility Director
zmatthews@thepeopleschurch.com

Kathi Mitchell (517) 908.4447

Children's Christian Education Director
kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com

Elizabeth Price (517) 908.4452

Communications Specialist
eprice@thepeopleschurch.com

Elisha Smith (517) 332.6264

Youth Director
esmith@thepeopleschurch.com

Judy Kabodian, Musician in Residence

Elizabeth Reed, Children's Music & Bell Choir Director

Dr. Jonathan Reed, Director of Music

Todd Smith, Hospitality Coordinator

Rev. Penny Swartz, Minister Emerita

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 | March 6, 2022

Prelude

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Wilbur Held

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**

One As Jesus began his ministry to the world,
he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**All We begin our Lenten journey,
asking the Spirit to lead us into unfamiliar places.**

One In that place, for those forty days,
Jesus faced hunger, doubt and temptation.

**All In choosing to follow Jesus,
we too are confronted by uncomfortable choices.**

One Jesus left the wilderness,
having been faithful and obedient to God,

**All As we dig deeper in our path to faithful discipleship,
May we too be faithful and obedient to God.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1-3)

no. 475

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Text: Robert Robinson (1758)
Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second (1813)
Copyright: 2013
CLI#: 1698862

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, forgive us for straying so easily from our connection with you. We wander in the wilderness of our lives and quickly get lost in temptation. We confess that we would rather take the easiest path of discipleship than do the hard work to be transformed. Help us to be intentional this Lenten season, spending time in self-examination, in prayer, and service to others. Thank you for your constant love, grace, and forgiveness. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response*** Hear the Good News of Salvation no. 441
Hear the good new of salvation: Jesus died to show God's Love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above!

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Old Testament Reading Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

Anthem Lonesome Valley arr. Jay Althouse
Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Ben Clements

Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. When we walk this lonesome valley, we won't walk it by ourselves. No, Jesus is there; He'll walk beside us. We won't walk it by ourselves. In the valley I walk in a pasture so green with a river so deep and so wide. A valley more beautiful than I have ever seen. I walk with the Lord as my guide. When you walk your lonesome valley, you won't walk it by yourself. No, Jesus is there; He'll walk beside you. You won't walk it by yourself. I will walk this valley with my Lord.

Scripture Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon "Wilderness" Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

Hymn of Response Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days (v. 1-4) no. 166
Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

(hymn continued on next page)

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days
Text: Claudia F. I. Hernaman (1873)
Music: Day's Psalter (1562)
Copyright: 2013
CLI#: 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 One, we give because you call us to live with a spirit of generosity. We give because you call us to be merciful. Guide our gifts so that they may be multiplied to help those who are residing in the wilderness of uncertainty. Help our giving to inspire others as they journey toward the promise of Eternal Life. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and Blessing

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (v. 1-3)

no. 775

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Text and Music: African American spiritual
Copyright: 2013
CLI#: 1698862

***Benediction and 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

O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High arr. David N. Johnson

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PEOPLES FORUM: Our speaker this coming **Sunday, March 13**, is Peter Sinclair, a Midland based videographer who specializes in environment and renewable energy issues. Presentations are held in the Robertson Room and over Zoom from 9:30—10:15 a.m. If you would like to join online, go to zoom.us, click join meeting, **Meeting ID: 843 6791 4516**, **Passcode: 907964**.

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 is scheduled for **March 29th**.

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 **not meet** on **Wednesday, March 9th**.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: We meet in the Robertson room and continue in our study of *If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk* by John Pavlovitz

CHiCs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST) WOMEN'S GROUP: 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

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Rob Nichols will be held in the Sanctuary, **March 12th at 11 a.m.** This service will be available on the Peoples Church YouTube Page following its conclusion.

PEOPLES 101 TODAY

Would you like to know more about The Peoples Church or have questions you'd like to ask? Stop by Peoples 101 in the **Robertson Room after worship** and meet with a Pastor and Welcome Ministry members for a 30 minute informal discussion on any of these dates:
March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes **begin today, March 6th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** If you know a middle school aged child who would be interested, please reach out to Elisha Smith (esmith@thepeopleschurch.com) or Devon Herrell (dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com).

VBS REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce that [registration](#) is open for VBS this **June 13-17th!** We will have an Adventure on Discovery Island at Woldumar and at the church. We are limited to 100 campers, counselors and C.I.T.'s, so if your child would like to attend, please register as soon as possible! The cost is \$95 for campers and \$40 for C.I.T.'s, with a \$10 discount if you register before May 1st. Scholarships are available. Please contact Kathi Mitchell at kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com with any questions.



Register Here



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Unfortunately, we are not able to use pictures from the last pictorial directory. However, you will be included in the directory even if you did not have a recent picture taken. If you do not want to be included, please contact Beth Lundy at blundy@thepeopleschurch.com, or call 517-908-4453.



Every Wednesday in Lent, 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*.

Dorcas Circle Presents

The Dorcas Circle presents a program entitled "Introduction to The Senior Ambassador Program" for their March gathering on **March 15th at 7 p.m. in the Robertson Room.** The **Senior Ambassadors Program** brings together Greater Lansing seniors and Michigan State University students to form mutually beneficial friendships. The goal is for senior 'hosts' and student 'ambassadors' to feel the warmth of human connection, to exchange wisdom and experience, and to learn from one another within the community. All Circles are welcome to attend and anyone who might be interested in learning more.

Jewelry Sale Reminder

The Used book and Jewelry sale is slated for late May. As a reminder, jewelry donations are accepted year round and can be dropped off in the Main Church Office. Used book donations can be dropped off now, **but are not accepted year round!**

WPC Seeking Board Members

Women of Peoples Church has open positions! For more information about the mission of WPC, what positions are open, or to contact WPC, view our website:

thepeopleschurch.com/women-of-peoples-church