

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 20, 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

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.

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Prelude

Contemplation on “*Ubi Caritas*”
Clarion Ringers, Directed by Elizabeth Reed

Catherine McMichael

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 all you who thirst, come to the waters.
You who have no money, come and buy and eat.

**All Our souls thirst for God in a dry and weary land.
We seek God’s power and glory in this sanctuary.**

One Listen carefully to God and eat what is good;
Delight yourselves in the rich food God provides.

**All Our souls are satisfied with God’s bountiful feast.
We will unite our voices and praise God!**

One Bless the Lord as long as you live!

All We will shout with joy and sing God’s praise!

***Gathering Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (v. 1-3)

no. 65

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Text: William Williams (1762)
Music: John Hughes (1907)
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Procession of the Light of Christ

Theo and Gabe Eysselinck, Acolytes

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that are closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands in praise but our feet have walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have not practiced the tenets of the faith. Forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Make us whole and heal our hearts. We pray all this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response*** Hear the Good News of Salvation no. 441

Hear the good news 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!**

Anthem

Awesome God
Youth Choir, Directed by Elizabeth Reed
Elisha Smith, Guitar

Rich Mullins

Children's Moment

Anthem

Kyrie from "*Requiem*"
Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Maurice Duruflé

Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-9

Sermon

"Care and Feeding of the Soul" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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

Be Thou My Vision
Clarion Ringers

arr. Eugene Butler

****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 all life, bless this offering that we share today. Let the Spirit you bestow on your church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Blessed Assurance (v. 1-3)

no. 839

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain.

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach



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



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 the February *Portal*.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PEOPLES FORUM: Our speaker **Sunday, March 27** is Dr. Morgan Shipley, Spiritual Director at Michigan State University. 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.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no Sunday School **March 27th** due to Spring Break!

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!

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP (PCYG): Spring break is closely approaching! Today, any PCYG student who attended church to sing with the Youth Choir can join Elisha for lunch at Crunchy's! In the evening, confirmation class will be from **5:30-6:30 in the Youth Den**, and then we will be **bowling from 7:00-9:00 at Sparetime Entertainment!** Transportation is available – contact Elisha Smith for more details (esmith@thepeopleschurch.com). There is no PCYG or confirmation on March 27th due to spring break.

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 **Wednesday, March 23rd at 9 a.m.** to review **Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32.** 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 meet in the Robertson Room as 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: 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.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE

We invite you to join us in the Robertson Room, March 24th from 1-3 p.m. as we knit and crochet baby blankets, prayer shawls, hats and mittens. Please bring completed items for blessing! New people are always welcome. Questions? Call Mary Anne at 517-214-1487

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](#)



PEOPLES 101

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:

April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th

THEOLOGY ON TAP Is scheduled for **March 28th at 7 p.m.** We'll meet at Crunchy's. All are welcome!

The entire talent show announcement is framed by a pair of vibrant red curtains with gold tassels and ties. The background is white, making the text and graphics stand out.

The logo for the talent show features the words 'Show Us YOUR TALENT' in a mix of red and yellow fonts. A microphone on a stand is positioned behind the text, and five blue stars are placed above the word 'YOUR'.

PEOPLES CHURCH TALENT SHOW

Show us your talent on **Sunday, May 1, 11:30 a.m.** in the **Snider Social Hall!** Welcome Ministry is looking for talent of all kinds: *singing, dancing, poetry, juggling, instrument playing...you name it!* Acts are limited to **5 minutes** and we need a **minimum of 10 performers** to hold this event. Please sign up **no later than Sunday, April 24** by emailing Diane Shafer at dmschafer2001@gmail.com.

The **entire congregation** is invited to enjoy a soup and salad lunch during the show. We can't wait to see you!

USED BOOK & JEWELRY SALE REMINDERS

The Used Book and Jewelry Sale is slated for **May 21-22nd!**

Jewelry donations are accepted **year round** and can be dropped off in the Main Church Office.

The Library Committee is collecting used books in good condition for the sale. Donations can be placed on the **stage in the Snider Social Hall**. *We ask that you do not donate text books, magazines, encyclopedias, or special interest sets!*

Prayers for Ukraine



The wall display case near the church office contains a special Lenten display honoring the people of Ukraine. It features a collection of “Pysanky,” the type of decorated eggs that are unique to the Ukrainian people. The motifs “drawn” on these eggs with wax include prayerful symbols of hope, faith, and peace. Ancient legend says that as long as Pysanky are made, goodness will prevail over evil. This display offers prayers of hope and peace for the people of Ukraine.

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