

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 15th, 2022



Sunday Schedule

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

Sunday School is available after the Children's Moment

Nursery Care is available for Children Under 3

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.

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool kit is reserved for those 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

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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

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Order of Service | May 15th, 2022

Prelude

Fantasia in G Major
Judy Kabodian, Organist

J.S. Bach

Acolyte

Parker Wells

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: Beloved children of God: hear this news!
When we stumble and our faith falters, God's faithfulness bears us along.

All: **When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong,
God's faithfulness lifts us to new heights of devotion.**

One: When our lives become a blur of duties and distractions,
God's faithfulness pierces the fog to guide us back to faithfulness.

All: **God's faithfulness endures forever! We lift our hearts in praise!
All glory and praise be to God, now and forever!**

***Gathering Hymn**

Come, Great God of All Ages (v. 1,3,4)

no. 309

Come, great God of all ages; make your earthly mission known; speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask; fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call; through the moving of your presence; let redeeming love recall ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds; challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God; in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see; place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1987

Music : Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

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Prayer of Confession

God of wonders, we confess that we have a hard time believing in your promise of new life. Even when we are unhappy with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are different from us, but we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love one another, but some people are hard to love. O God, melt our defenses so we can accept your love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage to embrace new life in Christ Jesus. 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!**

Induction of New Members

See Insert

Anthem

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Ben Clements

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in-a my heart, in-a my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian, in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian, in-a my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving, in-a my heart, in-a my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving, in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord I want to be more loving, in-a my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy, in-a my heart, in-a my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy, in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy, in-a my heart.

Scripture

Acts 11: 1-8

pg. 1674

Sermon

“God’s Low Standards”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

O For a World (v. 1-3, 5)

no. 372

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

O for a World

Text: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser, 1828

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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***

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the blessings we have received from you. We dedicate ourselves and this offering to your work of reconciliation. May we be united by a sense of common purpose and uncommon hope. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

In Christ There Is No East or West

no. 318

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ There is No East or West

Text: John Oxenhan, 1908

Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

Judy Kabodian, Organist

Floral Dedication



From Susan Godfrey: In memory of my parents, Marion and Roy H. Heil

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH



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

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP (PCYG): PCYG meets **6:30-7:30 p.m. on Sundays for dinner, followed by regular PCYG from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** Confirmation Sunday is today, with a Confirmation Party in the Youth Den 5:30-8:00 p.m. to celebrate. Contact Elisha Smith for more details on any of the events planned for this month at esmith@thepeopleschurch.com!

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, May 18th at 9 a.m.** to review the upcoming scripture. 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 in person.** For more information about CHiCs or to join the group, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or 610-246-0029.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PORTAL SUBMISSIONS: Submissions for the June/July Portal are due **today!** Submissions should be emailed to zaho@thepeopleschurch.com.

READING PEOPLE: The Reading People will meet on Thursday, **May 19th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Robertson Room.

JEWELRY AND BOOK SALE/ VOLUNTEERS: The Women of Peoples Church will be continuing their Books, Jewelry, and More Sale! Sale dates are **Saturday, May 21st from 9-5 p.m. and Sunday, May 22nd from 9-1 p.m.** Small trinkets, handbags, jewelry boxes, scarves, costume and fine jewelry, framed art, mirrors, knick-knacks, and similar items in good shape will be accepted as donation for the sale. **If you would like to volunteer to help with the sale or have questions, contact Jessica Eysseleinck at 646-244-2102 or Jessica@eysselinck.com.**

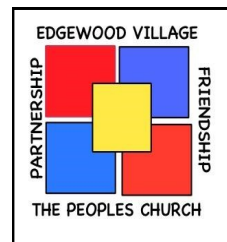
PCYG CAKE AUCTION FUNDRAISER: Join PCYG at our annual Cake Auction on **May 22nd directly following the service** as we raise money for our PCYG kiddos to travel to Milwaukee, WI, this summer for a week of service! This is the first mission trip PCYG has been able to take in over 2 years, and we are thrilled to have this opportunity! Your support is greatly appreciated.

TOWN AND GOWN: The next session of Town & Gown is **May 17th at 5p.m.** Join Age Alive as we hear from Professor Shanelle Foster on electric motors and additive manufacturing. Presentations are held in person in the Robertson Room and are also accessible through Zoom. To join online, visit <https://msu.zoom.us/j/93436186072>, and enter passcode Town&Gown.

GRADUATION SUNDAY: On **Sunday, June 12th**, we are recognizing all of our college and high school graduates! If you or a loved one is graduating, let us know. We will list all graduates in the bulletin and celebrate those who are present. Send information to zaho@thepeopleschurch.com.

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

You are invited to the Senior Scholars Recognition Banquet! For many years, Edgewood Village resident students in grades 6-12 have had the opportunity to be involved in the Scholar's Program, meeting regularly with volunteer leaders who help them prepare for education after high school, including college and/or trade school. We are pleased to once again host their Scholar Banquet, a dinner and program to honor the two Edgewood Village Scholar graduating seniors and recognize all of the students involved in the Scholar Program! We invite you to celebrate with us on **Thursday, May 26th at 6 p.m.** in the Snider Social Hall. The cost of dinner is \$11 and will be prepared by our fine kitchen crew. If you are interested in attending, please email Kim Gools, Committee Chair, at kgools@yahoo.com. We welcome your kind support!



INTERFAITH SERVICE

Welcome the Stranger: An Interfaith Service of Song and Story

The Interfaith Clergy Association will revive its annual interfaith service on **Monday, May 16th, at 7 p.m., at The Peoples Church.** We will offer scriptures and songs from many faiths that emphasize the importance of welcoming and tending to newcomers in our midst.

ALL are welcome. Together we can form one single community of friendship and mutual



Vacation Bible School

Join us **June 13-17 for all day Vacation Bible School!** Our unique VBS is half a day of Bible stories, crafts and activities and a half day of nature camp! For 4 days we will be exploring the amazing Woldumar Nature Center. One day we will be at the church enjoying a naturalist presentation, ice cream social and more!

Registration is open for:

- Campers (finished Kindergarten to 5th grade)
- CITs (finished 6th or 7th grade)
- Crew Leaders (finished 8th grade and at least 14 years old)



For more information, scan the QR code, or click [here](#). Contact Kathi Mitchell

Insert—CONFIRMANDS



Quincy (Quinn) Guthaus (he/they)

Why I am joining...I feel very welcome and at home here. This church is the place I want to continue to learn and grow in my faith! We have a wonderful community, not just within the youth group, but in the whole church. My spiritual gift is mercy.



Xander Guthaus (he/she)

I am in sixth grade. Becoming a member is exciting to me! I am joining because of the community and the supportive people.



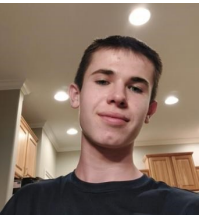
Abby Lindley (she/her)

I'm Abby Lindley and I'm joining church because of the relaxed view on everything and the music in the service. I love bells, choir, and hanging with my friends. I'm looking forward to joining the church. My highest spiritual gift was administration.



Brendon Wells (he/him)

I am joining to fill all of the holes of the mystery that is life. My name is Brendon Wells. I am 13 years old. I love sports. I hope to contribute to this church. My spiritual gift is administration.



Zach Wells (he/him)

My name is Zach Wells. I am choosing to join this church because I love how this church welcomes people with open arms. I also want to be part of a bigger community. My highest spiritual gift was discernment. I can't wait to spend more time with this church.



Piper Williams (she/her)

I want to join the church for community. My highest spiritual gift is mercy which helps me be compassionate and care for other people. I am so excited to be a member of the church.

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Induction of New Members

Elder: Let us, the members of The Peoples Church, express, our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: **We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Profession of Faith

We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness, and service which Christ exemplified to the world.

NEW MEMBERS

Ben Drobney

Lis Raduazo

Bobbi Kilty

Win Stebbins

James Bell

Lexa Bell