

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 4th, 2022



Sunday Schedule

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School is paused this week for Labor Day.

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.

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for 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,
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Order of Service | September 4th, 2022

Prelude

Choral Song
Judy Kabodian, organist

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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: We have come to worship God,
who loved us before we were born.

All: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

One: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

**All: The Holy One knows us and sustains us,
Even in our moments of confusion and doubt.**

One: Like clay in the hands of the potter
We are shaped into vessels of divine will.

All: We come eager to worship and offer praise for the wonderful works of God.

***Gathering Hymn**

Gather Us In (v. 1-3)

no. 401

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old, who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us a-new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Prayer of Confession

God who shapes us, so often we live as though it is only about us. We take control and fail to recognize that it is you who does the molding. We charge ahead with no regard for the impact our words and actions have on others. We over-consume and waste, pollute and exploit, taking your creation for granted. We come longing for a change of heart, for healing, for the reminder that you are the potter, we are the clay. Forgive us, mold us, and shape us anew. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

no. 469

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Solo

Softly and Tenderly
Nick Kreider, baritone

Arr. Gilbert Martin

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come home, ye who are weary come home; Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home! Pleading for you and for me! Mercies for you and for me! Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home; Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home! O, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me; Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me! Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home; Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Scripture

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Sermon

“Not Yet Fired”

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name. God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane. Through tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain, yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.

In my success I felt secure; how good you've been to me. I said that this is my own work, ascribing all to me. But when you turned aside your face, my life was filled with fears. I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bitter tears.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy. In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy. And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise. You are my God, forevermore. My life shall sing your praise.

Come Sing to God
Text: Fred R. Anderson, 1986
Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. 1784*
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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, bless this offering and the work that this money will support. Help us to be good stewards not just of our money but of our time and talents. May the ministry of this church bring Good News to people far and near. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and Blessing

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (v. 1-3)

no. 837

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning (Leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning (Leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning (Leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning (Leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning (Leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning (Leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning on the everlasting arms.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Leaning on Everlasting Arms)
Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887
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Benediction 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

Fugue in C Major
Judy Kabodian, organist

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL KICK-OFF: Following 10:30 worship on September 11th, The Peoples Church will host a Ministry Fair and our Annual Chicken Dinner! The Ministry Fair will give the congregation an opportunity to get involved with committees and church groups that will start up in the fall. The Chicken Dinner officially launches our fall activities with a community feast!

PORTAL: The September Portal is out! You can find it at ThePeoplesChurch.com under *Newsletters*. Submissions for the October issue should be sent to zaho@thepeopleschurch.com by September 15th.

VOLUNTEER AT PEOPLES: With Kick-Off Sunday approaching, now is a great time to sign up to volunteer at The Peoples Church on Sunday Mornings! Sign Up links to help with the Welcome Desk, Greeting, Coffee Hour, and Parking can be found on ThePeoplesChurch.com under *Outreach*, or in the weekly e-blast.

ELDER AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: The Peoples Church is looking for members who would like to serve in a leadership role as an Elder or a member of the Nominations Committee. Please consider reading the job description and completing the expression of interest form by clicking [here](#) or by visiting ThePeoplesChurch.com and clicking *About*, then *Governance*. Forms submitted by September 16, 2022 will be considered this fall for a position.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Set aside some time to renew your spirit, renew your faith, and renew your connection with God. Join us for our fall retreat for women at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. The program starts with dinner on Friday night, September 23rd, and ends with a closing worship on Saturday evening, September 24th. The program will feature three sessions led by Anita Smith Buckwalter, prayer, worship, and unstructured time for crafts, writing, or whatever makes your heart sing. The cost is \$105 (double occupancy) or \$120 (single occupancy) and includes four meals and all accommodations. If you have questions, please contact Beth Lundy (blundy@thepeopleschurch.com). Space is limited, so sign up today. Scholarships are available upon request.

CELEBRATE PEOPLES: The 115th Anniversary of The Peoples Church will be held on Saturday, October 1st, from 6 to 8 p.m. If you would like to attend have not already RSVPd, please follow the link: <https://tinyurl.com/celebratetpc115>. Please note that this is an adult only event.

HAL LECTURE SERIES - JOHN PAVLOVITZ: We are pleased to invite you to the sixth annual Henry and Annabel Larzelere Lecture Series on October 22 and 23, welcoming best-selling author and pastor, John Pavlovitz. John will preach at our Sunday morning worship service, and in the afternoon he will lead a lecture/discussion on Living a Life of Sustainable Compassion. The Library Committee will have Pavlovitz's latest book: *If God is Love, Don't Be a Jerk* available for purchase before and after the 10:30 service from September 18 to October 16 in anticipation for this event.

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at our church on *Friday, September 16* in the Robertson Room. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, or call 1-800-733-2767.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: Coffee and Fellowship will start back up on September 11th! After the service, please join us in Friendship Hall for freshly brewed coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship.

A.C.H.E.: Adults Connecting Having Events will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. *There will not be ACHE this week due to the holiday.* For more information about this young adult group, follow [ache_thepeopleschurch](https://www.instagram.com/ache_thepeopleschurch) on Instagram or Contact Pastor Devon at dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* by Dallas Willard. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group will meet Wednesdays on Zoom from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The texts discussed will include passages for up-coming sermons along with other topics of interest. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906921959>. Beginning Monday, September 12th, Engaging the Word will also be offered IN PERSON in the Robertson Room from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Please join us in-person on Mondays or via Zoom on Wednesdays! All are welcome!

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP: We will reconvene on Wednesday, September 14th in the Robertson Room to begin our discussion of the book "Why I Would Have Killed Jesus and You Might Have Too" By David Nelson.



WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Beginning September 14th, a community dinner will be held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by your choice of dance aerobics with Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe, or bible study with Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell. We hope you can join us for Wednesdays @ Peoples Church!

CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST): CHICs will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or (610)246-0029.