

Sanctuary Service

September 25, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday School begins after the Children's Moment.

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.

W@PC

Wednesdays @ Peoples Church is a weekly community dinner followed by programming. Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall!

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 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

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Prelude

The Four Seasons: Autumn
Judy Kabodian, organist

Antonio Vivaldi

Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

One: Deep inside each person, young and old alike,
There is a place of faith, a place of trust and hope and love.

**All: Holy God, draw near and be present in this hour.
Let your peace enter each and every heart.**

One: Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me and do not hinder them.
For to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

**All: Though we are separated by our unique experiences and lives,
In this place, we are all part of God's beloved family.**

One: Children of God, come into God's presence with joy and delight!
This is God's home and you are welcome here!

**All: We will sing and rejoice in God's presence!
Let us celebrate God's mercy and love!**

***Gathering Hymn**

God Is Here! (v. 1, 2, 4)

no. 409

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here, in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in this troubled and troubling world, but it is hard to do. It is easier to isolate ourselves than it is to face the suffering of others. We have our own worries and sorrows. How can you expect us to act with compassion when it is in such short supply? We want to be faithful and loving, but experience has made us wary and suspicious. Bathe our anxious souls in your mercy and soften our calloused hearts with your love so we can return to Christ's work renewed. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

**Confession Response*

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (v. 1)

no. 423

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

Anthem

At the River

Aaron Copland

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jon Reed

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with it's crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river. Soon our pilgrimage will cease. Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God, that flows by the throne of God.

First Scripture

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

Second Scripture

Luke 16:19-31

***Hymn of Response**

Lord of All Good (v. 1-3)

no. 711

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill, tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.

We give our minds to understand your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design; heart with flame of your own love ablaze, till for your glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live; Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

Lord of All Good
Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1962
Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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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

Dear God, everywhere we look, we see your creation groan. May we never tire in our efforts to love others, and may these gifts help us meet the needs of your children far and near. We live and serve in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

A Grateful Heart (v. 1-3)

no. 652

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering. Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the poor with gentle hands. Your word is true, your works are just; in you, O God, the faithful trust.

With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never end.

A Grateful Heart
Text: David Gambrell, 2009
Music: Edward Miller, 1790
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***Benediction**

Benediction Response*

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso
Judy Kabodian, organist

G.F. Handel

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH



**Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
in the Social Hall**

W@PC is a community dinner
followed by programming.

All are welcome!

A community dinner is held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by your choice of dance aerobics with Shawnthea Monroe, or bible study with Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell. Childcare is available on the second floor after dinner, from 6:15—7:45 p.m. We hope you can join us for Wednesdays @ Peoples Church!



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

MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE: Join Pastor Devon in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays for a lively discussion of scripture and current hot-button issues.

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: Held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room, these informative presentations give a voice to various community members on a wide range of topics. For the month of October, the forum has been switched to the second Sunday, October 9th, with guest speaker Megan Hayes Doherty, President of Hayes Electric. All are welcome!

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the College Lounge, and on Mondays at 11 a.m. at Blue Owl Coffee. Today, we are doing Coffee & Canvas from 12-3.

PCYG: Combined middle and high school Youth Group will meet today from 12-3 for Coffee & Canvas.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group meets in-person on Mondays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room and Wednesdays on Zoom from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The text discussed this week is 2 Timothy 1: 1-17 . The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906921959>.

A.C.H.E. (Grad Student Group): Adults Connecting Having Events will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. For more information about this young adult group, follow [ache_thepeopleschurch](#) on Instagram or contact Pastor Devon at dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com. On Sunday, October 2nd, we will take a trip to Uncle John's Cider Mill following worship!

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.

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP: Join us 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAIZÉ SERVICE: Join us tonight in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Taizé Prayer Service. The services consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It offers a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. This service is inter-denominational and all are welcome.

ADULT YOUTH GROUP (ACT YOUR AGE): Do you think it's a bit unfair that all the church's youth get to have all the fun? Join Kathi Mitchell and Pastor Devon for our new Adult Youth Group for people aged 25-99. Called "Act Your aGe" (AYG), our inaugural event is Monday, September 26, 6:00 p.m. We'll meet at Barrio for tacos and then go to Pinball Pete's for some old school fun. Please text Kathi Mitchell, 517-899-4646, to RSVP so she can get a big enough table at Barrio. Don't forget your lunch money & quarters!

AGE ALIVE: TOWN & GOWN: The first session of Town and Gown will be on Tuesday, September 27 starting at 5p.m. in the Robertson Room. The speaker is David Firestein, inaugural president and CEO of the George H. W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations (Bush China Foundation). Firestein is a retired State Department officer and has served in the U.S. Embassies in Moscow and Beijing. He is fluent in both Russian and Chinese. The topic of his presentation is: "Taiwan and the U.S.-China Relationship: Hard Realities and Inconvenient Truths". T&G will continue to be held one to two times each month.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church or simply want to know more about this remarkable community of faith, consider joining our next New Members Class on October 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room. Please contact Robin Matheson at matheso4@msu.edu or 517-290-3223 to register or get more information. Also, please let us know if you will need childcare.

CROP WALK: The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 9th starting at 2:00 p.m. at Grace UMC, 1800 Boston Blvd in Lansing. The walk is a 5K (3.2 miles), and people are welcome to run or walk. Wagons and strollers are okay, but bikes, scooters, and roller blades are not permitted. Please consider joining the team or making a donation. To view our team's page, visit this link: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/the-peoples-church>.

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 of this event.