

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## OCTOBER 24, 2021



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Nursery 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School follows 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 out [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. Kari Naghtin, 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,  
please dial  
**(844) 933-0517**  
and follow the prompts.

**MAKE A GIFT  
ONLINE**

**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

# Order of Service | October 24, 2021

## **Prelude**

Meditation  
Judy Kabodian, Organ

Alexander Guilmant

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

## **Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Shawntea Monroe

## **Employee Recognition**

### **\*Call to Worship**

One Look around, to the left and to the right.

**All We see God's image in the eyes of our community.**

One Open our ears to listen and embrace one another.

**All Help us to hear and respond to the needs of others.**

One Gather us with intention; O God, meet us here.

**All We come with gratitude and expectation.**

**Let us worship God together!**

### **\*Gathering Hymn**

"God Is Calling Through the Whisper" (v. 1-3)

no. 410

*God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers, through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair. Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading: God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts, through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts. Life of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing; God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!*

Great Is Calling Through the Whisper  
Text: Mary Louise Bringle (2003)  
Music: Polish carol (1958)  
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## **Procession of the Light of Christ**

Sam Calabrese, Acolyte

## **Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

**Loving and merciful God, open our spirits to those spaces in our lives where we have failed to bring our best to the world. Show us how to be more compassionate to ourselves and to others. Help us to hear the cries of those with deep need and open us to loving response. We confess to you that we are so often blinded by our own desires, fears, and biases that we miss opportunities to grow in relationship to you and others. Give us courage to cry out for help, trusting that your response is to draw near to us. We thank you for your forgiveness. Remind us of the call to offer the same. We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## **Moment of Silent Reflection**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Congregational Response**

no. 437

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

## **Children's Moment**

### **Anthem**

"Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name" Arr. Brazeal W. Dennard  
Directed by Ben Clements

*Refrain: Hush, Hush, Somebody's callin' my name. Hush, Somebody's callin' my name. Hush, Hush, Somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do? I'm so glad that trouble don't last away. I'm so glad that trouble don't last away. I'm so glad that trouble don't last away. Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do? (Refrain) I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time. I'm so glad I got m 'ligion in time. I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time. Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do? (Refrain) Soon one mornin' death come creepin' in my room. Soon one mornin' death come creeepin' in my room. Soon one morning' death come creepin' in my room. Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do? (Refrain)*

### **Scripture**

Mark 10: 46-52

### **Sermon**

"Shhh..."

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

### **\*Hymn of Response**

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (v. 1, 3, 5)

no. 726

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Will You Come and Follow Me  
Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule (1987)  
Music: Scottish melody  
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## ***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer***

Rev Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**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.**

## ***Offertory***

John Lindley

### ***\*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***

**Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, we give these tithes and offerings recognizing the abundance of your blessings in our lives. Help us to give with joy and to celebrate the work you have given us to do; that we might be vessels of your grace and goodness individually and collectively, in the service of your world and to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.**

### ***\*Sending Hymn***

*"Be Thou My Vision" (v. 1-4)*

no. 450

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Be Thou My Vision  
Text: Irish poem  
Music: Irish ballad  
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### ***\*Benediction***

### ***\*Benediction Response***

## ***Postlude***

Grand-Choeur

Theodore Salomé

***\*Please stand as able***

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

**SERMON PREVIEW GROUP:** meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the meeting [here](#). Meeting ID: 883 8071 4830. You can also dial 1 929 205 6099 and when prompted enter 883 8071 4830. The text for **October 27th** is Mark 12: 28-34.

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP:** We are reading the book, *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice*, by Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell and Christopher J. Doucot.

**WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP:** Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon in the Robertson room. We are presently discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. Our discussion leader is Sandy Bryson.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY: Today**, for Lunch and Lounge we'll be going out to eat after service. There will be no bible study on **Tuesday, October 26th**-rest and enjoy fall break!

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** Middle and High School youth group are both being held on Sunday. From 5:30-6:30 p.m. join us for MS youth group, then a joint dinner between MS and HS from 6:30-7 p.m. MS/HS youth choir will follow from 7-7:30. HS youth group will begin at 7:30 and continue until 8:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Elisha Smith at [esmith@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:esmith@thepeopleschurch.com).

**TOWN & GOWN:** Town & Gown meets weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Our next speaker, Dr. Matt Grossmann, is a professor and Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research. Dr. Grossmann's research focuses on party politics, special interests in politics, and methods in the social sciences. You are invited to attend Dr. Grossmann's presentation on **October 26th** in the Robertson Room or online via Zoom.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Today is Employee Recognition Sunday. The Peoples Church is blessed to have a staff that quietly and competently keeps the church running smoothly. This Sunday we acknowledge their hard work and commitment. This includes our pre-school teachers, the maintenance team, the sound and technical team, the office staff, our musicians and our Christian Education leadership team. To each and every person, we say "Thank you!!"

### REBKEAH-HANNAH CIRCLE

Join us on **Wednesday, October 27th** for the first time since March of 2020! Bring a sack lunch to the Centennial Room as we plan for the months ahead—we'll provide beverages. For more information, please call Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517-332-5132.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

### PUB THEOLOGY

**October 25th** we'll meet for Pub Theology at Crunchy's at 7 p.m.

### THE KNITTING PEOPLE

We will meet **October 28th** from 1-3 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us to bless completed items and work on a variety of projects!

### PEOPLES FORUM

The next installment of Peoples Forum will take place on **October 31th**. Join us online or virtually, to hear from Kelly Koerner, Program Director of Ele's Place, as it celebrates 20 years of support and healing for children and teens. Peoples Forum is held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Robertson Room, and now virtually, Sundays before worship.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for **October 31st**, for the Harvest Festival! Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to church, and to join us afterward for crafts, games, food, and more!

### TROOP 2

Troop 2 welcomes you to join us as we celebrate our 100th year anniversary with The Peoples Church! Join us on **Sunday, October 31st** as we share our Scout Sunday presentation during the 10:30 a.m. service and host our long-standing tradition of Dutch oven cobblers with our Cobblefest immediately following. We will also have on display the historical 100-year-old charter document with The Peoples Church, one of

### FINE ARTS SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

As you walk the halls of The Peoples Church (TPC) you have probably noticed the rotating art exhibits that are displayed in the building every few months. These exhibits are the result of the work of the Fine Arts Committee, which is charged with promoting a coordinated and creative use of the arts to enrich the programs of our church. It is a vibrant and active cultural force within our church.

Now, as several long-time members retire from the committee, it is looking for new volunteers to join its ranks. Next year's exhibit calendar promises to be outstanding and fresh hands will be vital to its success.

It is not required that volunteers be artists, but simply have an interest in art. The Committee is particularly interested in welcoming volunteers who have a background in communications; those who can assist with the production of the exhibit catalogs and help with promotion activities. Contact Committee Chair Suzanne Mills at [suemills@comcast.net](mailto:suemills@comcast.net) if you're interested in becoming involved with this unique and enriching program. To learn more about the committee's activities, you are encouraged to visit its new page on the TPC website: <https://www.thepeopleschurch.com/fine-arts>

### ALL SAINTS DAY


The Peoples Church will commemorate All Saints Day, **Sunday, November 7th**. If you have experienced a loss in the last year, please email the church at [office@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:office@thepeopleschurch.com) with their full name, so we can honor your beloved.



## Congregational Meeting-Annual Fall Election Meeting

Sunday, November 7th, 2021

*Nominee information packets available at the Welcome Desk*



### Plant Yourself Into These Opportunities



Members will be meeting to discuss what variety of plantings will be going along our Northeast boundary, the border we share with the Abbot. If you are interested, and have a knowledge of plants and hedges, we would appreciate your input! If interested, please reach out to Building and Grounds.

#### New members are needed for:

*Earth Stewardship Ministry*

*Building and Grounds Ministry*

*Fine Arts Committee*

The Community Engagement Ministry is committed to supporting colleges and seminaries affiliated with our four denominations: The American Baptist Church, The Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), The United Church of Christ, and The United Methodist Church. To that end, Community Engagement has created a **MATCHING FUNDS** opportunity. Any member of The Peoples Church who provides financial support to a denominationally affiliated college or seminary can apply to have those funds matched by Community Engagement. CE will match qualifying new gifts up to \$500. **But act soon** – the matching funds are limited and we will match on a first come, first served basis. Contact Bev Mason, [masonbj2790@gmail.com](mailto:masonbj2790@gmail.com), for further information.