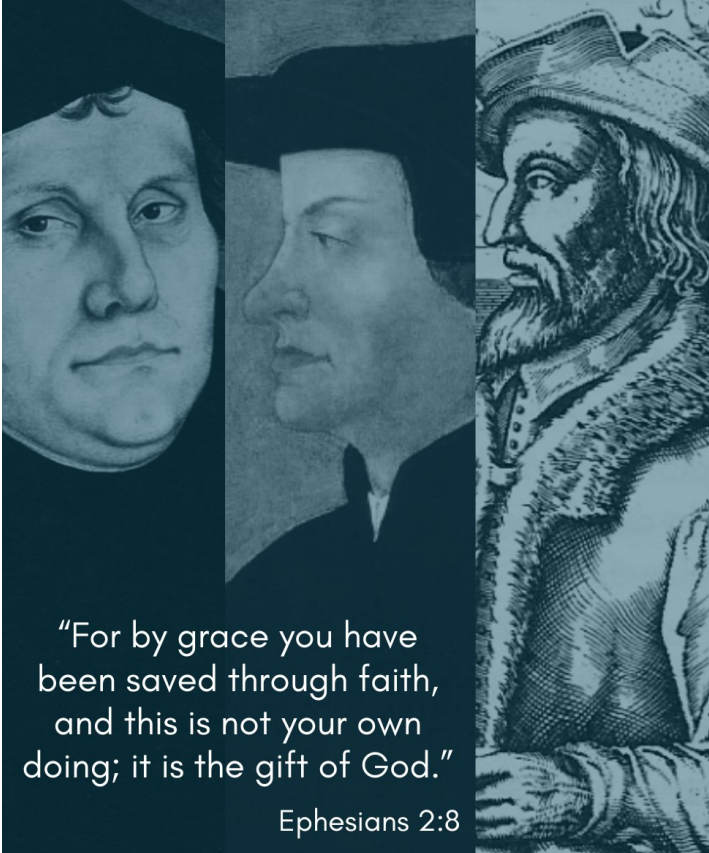


Sanctuary Service, Reformation Sunday October 29, 2023



SERVICE INFORMATION

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

There is Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

Professional 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.

Please join us after the service in our front lobby for coffee hour and fellowship!

LISTENING DEVICES

We now offer listening devices that amplify sound from stage microphones, which are available upon request.

ASL INTERPRETED SERVICE

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome American Sign Language interpreters for our Sunday worship services

SENSORY TOOL KIT

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get over-stimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.



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Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Diane Shafer, 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.

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To join the online
livestream of the
worship service, you
can find
**The Peoples Church
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Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Prelude

Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor

J.S. Bach

Acolytes: Izaak

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

One On this Reformation Sunday, let us celebrate our unity.

All We share one faith and we have one calling.

We eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

One We confess one name is above all names.

Christ Jesus is our savior!

All There is one body and one Spirit.

Let us give thanks and praise to God!

***Gathering Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v. 1, 2, 4)

no. 275

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
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Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence, we must face our errors and our actions. We have sinned in thought, in word, and in deed. We have turned a blind eye to the suffering of others. We have allowed our hearts to become cold and calloused. We have failed to love our neighbors and we have failed to love ourselves. Forgive our sins, heal our pain, and reform our attitudes and behaviors until we become instruments of your love and peace. We pray all this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

There is Now a New Creation

no. 774

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Induction of New Members

Kristen & Shawn Calabrese, Danelle & Robert Hovenkamp, Holly & Kevin Orr, Cara & Owen Ronk, Nancy & John Swart.

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

Congregation: 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 – Congregation and New Members

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our common faith as expressed in our church's covenantal statement. Please stand and join in the confession of faith as found in the bulletin.

All: 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.

Anthem

Sing Praise to the Mighty God

J.S. Bach

Carol Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed

Sing praise to the mighty God, the God of all creation. The heavens declare God's praise, they tell God's might and glory. The sun shines day to day, the moon shines night to night. God's love is ever sure, is sure forever more.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon

"Not Our Doing"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Great God of Every Blessing
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Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
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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

To make a gift online, please scan this QR code.

Offertory

Give to Our God Immortal Praise
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

John Ferguson

Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth the almighty's ways, wonders of grace to God belong; repeat these mercies in your song. God sent his Son with power to save from guilt and darkness and the grave. Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat these mercies in your song. Give to the Lord of lords renown: the King of kings with glory crown, whose mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more! Repeat these mercies in your song.

****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, receive this offering and the spirit in which the gifts are given. May we find joy in giving. May others be inspired to give their best. May all of us realize your peace as we seek a better world. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation" (v. 1-2, 4-5)

no. 321

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore: till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

The Church's One Foundation
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****Benediction***

Benediction Response

Postlude

Fanfare on "Ein Feste Burg"
Judy Kabodian, Organist

James Pethel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH: During the month of October, we as a church are preparing for our next year of ministry. Members and friends of the church should have received stewardship letters in the mail, along with pledge forms to be filled out and returned. If it is easier to make your giving



pledge digitally, you can scan the QR code which will take you to an online pledge link on our Realm platform. This link is different than the other giving QR code in the bulletin. Please use this QR code to make your pledge. Thank you to all who financially support the ministry of The Peoples Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

ANNUAL MEETING: Next Sunday, November 5 during the 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary service, we will hold our annual meeting to elect new elders and nominating committee members for 2024. Candidate bios can be found at the Welcome Desk. We invite all voting members of the church to join us for this important meeting.

ALL SAINTS DAY: We will celebrate All Saints' Day next Sunday, November 5 with the tolling of the bells and reading the names of the deceased. If you lost a loved one within the past year and would like their name included in the bulletin, please fill out the name of the deceased on the sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk, or email it to office@thepeopleschurch.com.

CHURCH TOUR: The Peoples Church 'Talk 'n Tour' will take place next Sunday, November 5 following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please meet at the front of the Sanctuary to learn more about our beautiful church on this guided tour.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEETINGS: There will be several congregational meetings in the month of November to present the capital campaign information with project descriptions, timelines, architectural renderings of the proposed projects, and overall budget estimates. These meetings will be open to all members of The Peoples Church and will be held at a variety of times to best accommodate schedules. If you have any questions regarding these meetings, please call the co-chairs of the capital campaign: Nancy Danhof (517) 285-1666, and Sandy Draggoo (517) 719-2919. The first three meetings will be: **Wednesday, November 1 at 1:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 5 at 12 p.m.; Thursday, November 9 at 10 a.m.;** All capital campaign meetings will take place in the Robertson Room.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM: During November and December, we will be collecting money to support 30 families with buying holiday meals. Each family will receive a \$75 food voucher to a local grocery store. We need \$2,000 each for Christmas and Thanksgiving to support this program. Donations will be collected through December 31, and can be made online by scanning the QR code, or in the church office. A special offering will be collected **next Sunday, November 5** during the 10:30 service to support this program.



ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION: The Fine Arts Committee cordially invites the congregation and members of the community for a special reception in honor of our resident artist, Chance Liscomb, and his exhibit on display at the church. The reception will be held on **Thursday, November 7 from 4 to 7 p.m.** Refreshments will be served.

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL: The Visiting International Professional Program at MSU is partnering with local churches to find families to host international professionals for a Thanksgiving meal. VIPP provides professional training and exchange programs for organizations and professionals from all over the world. If you are interested in offering hospitality to a visiting professional at your home this Thanksgiving, please send an email to office@thepeopleschurch.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE: The Peoples Church is hosting Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez for our annual Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture on **Sunday, November 12 at 1 p.m.** The title of her lecture is 'Jesus & John Wayne and the Evangelical Reckoning.' Dr. Du Mez will give a brief presentation during our 10:30 a.m. sanctuary service, and there will be a luncheon following the service before her full lecture at 1 p.m. This free event is open to anyone who wants to attend, and all are welcome. Dr. Du Mez is a New York Times bestselling author and professor of History and Gender Studies at Calvin University. Her most recent book is 'Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation.' Our **Fischbach Library** is pleased to support the upcoming HAL Lecture by having 'Jesus and John Wayne' available for purchase every Sunday in October.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

COLLEGE MINISTRY: Campus Ministry now meets **after the 10:30 a.m. service** for Lunch & lounge, and **twice a month** for activities and outings. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads the in-person study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and the **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068627263>. Pastor Haley leads a Bible Study at **9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Robertson Room**. This week's passage is Psalm 34:1-10, 22

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will not meet tonight for their regular gathering or music rehearsals. For information about PCYG, contact Elisha, by emailing esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

PORCH OF HEAVEN: Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Telder Room**. It involves reading scripture, silence, mindfulness and sharing. Visit Porch of Heaven tomorrow evening, or email Tom Schaberg at taschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology is an opportunity to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. Our next Pub Theology gathering is **Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.** next door at Crunchy's. Everyone is welcome to join!

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: The next Voices of the Community presentation is **next Sunday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Robertson Room. The presenter is Ody Norkin, who has delivered four ambulances filled with medical supplies to Ukraine. Ody is a generous man with an interesting story. Please join us to hear his message.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Our Wednesday Community Dinners are back! Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall!** At **6 p.m.** Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym, and Pastor Haley leads a discussion on faith and the news at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!