

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

There is NO Sunday School
today

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**

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Order of Service | November 28, 2021

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Sleepers Wake"
Judy Kabodian, Organist

J.S. Bach

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 The days are surely coming, says our God,
when justice and righteousness will appear.

**All God's promises will be fulfilled
and we will declare God's goodness and salvation!**

One The days are surely coming, says our God,
when the light will shine and hope shall be restored.

**All God's mercy and steadfast love will surround us,
and we will abound in love for one another.**

One This is a new day and a new beginning.
Let us rejoice and praise the Lord!

**All We wait upon the Lord with anticipation!
We celebrate all that God has done and all that God will do!**

***Gathering Hymn**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1, 5-7)

no. 88

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Text: Latin prose (pre-9th cent.)
Music: Thomas Helmore (1852)
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Lighting of the Advent Wreath: HOPE

The Lundy Family

Prayer: Lord, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, may the light of your love help us to bring light to those around us. Forgive our errors and sins, and prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming. Jesus is our hope. Amen.

****Sung Response***

no. 96, v. 2

Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

****Passing the Peace of Christ***

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Ava Virginia Schultz born October 19th, 2018

Theo Charles Schultz born August 31st, 2021

Elder: Do we, the members of the church of Jesus Christ present here at The Peoples Church, promise to be Ava's (Theo's) family of faith, now and always, offering whatever they might need to better serve and follow our Lord and Savior? And do we promise to encourage them to walk humbly with their Lord all the days of their life?

Congregation: *By God's grace, we do.*

Elder: Brothers and sisters, we now celebrate the gift of grace in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Congregation: *There is one body and one spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God, creator of us all.*

Baptism

Congregation: *We thank you God for Ava (Theo). Bless them and keep them, now and forever. Amen.*

Anthem

"Every Valley"

John Ness Beck

Every valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain made low; and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Ev'ry valley shall be exalted and ev'ry mountain made low, and the crooked straight, and the rough places plain, and all flesh shall see it together. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen.

Scripture

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Sermon

"Prophetic Hope"

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

***Hymn of Response**

“Christ is Coming!” (v. 1, 3-4)

no. 360

Christ is coming! Let creation from its groans and labor cease; let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase: Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of peace.

With the blessed hope before us, flutes are tuned and harps are strung; let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the song.

Long your exiles have been pining for your promised rest and home, but in heavenly glory shining, soon the risen Christ shall come. Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Joyful, shout the victory psalm.

Christ is Coming!
Text: John Ross Macduff (1853)
Music: Joachim Neander (1680)
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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.

Call to Giving

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**

God of hope, we dedicate this offering to your son, Jesus. May our words and our actions offer evidence of your goodness. Use our gifts as you will, and may our ministry bring hope to the world around us. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” (v. 1-3)

no. 93

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven’s em-pire, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

Life Up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Text: Georg Weissel (1642)
Music: Catherine Winkworth (1855)
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

****Please stand as able***

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PEOPLES FORUM: Peoples Forum will resume on **December 5th**, where we'll hear from Chris Kaminski, one of our in house Audio/Visual Engineers and musicians, as he gives the presentation, "Come Celebrate With Us."

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Lunch and Lounge is cancelled today. Join us on **Tuesday, November 30th** for Bible Study and Food in the Campus Lounge—we will be discussing Advent!

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: There will be no youth programming today, **November 28th** - we hope you had a restful holiday break!

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

TOWN & GOWN: Town & Gown meets weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There are only 3 speakers left in this series which will conclude on **December 14th, November 30th**, Dr. Susan Sleeper-Smith, Professor Emerita of History at MSU, will join us. Dr. Sleeper-Smith examines Native American-Euro-American encounters during the colonial and early national histories of North America—with a particular focus on borderlands. You are invited to join Dr. Sleeper-Smith in the Robertson Room or online via Zoom.

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 passage for **December 1st** is Luke 3: 1-6.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

There will be **NO** Sunday School on:

- **Today, Nov. 28th**, Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- **Dec. 5th**, Music Sunday

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

The Peoples Church will hold a service of hope and healing on **Sunday, December 19th at 4 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Peoples Church will be having our Christmas Eve Service on **Friday, December 24th at 7 p.m.** This service will be livestreamed. Look in upcoming bulletins for details about how to order a Poinsettia.

GIFT CARDS FOR REFUGEE SERVICES

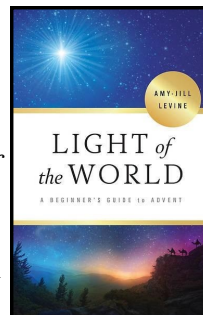
Yesterday's news was the evacuation from Afghanistan. Today's reality is that the evacuees/refugees have started to arrive here in Lansing. These Afghans (estimated 300) are in addition to the 400 other refugees from other parts of the world arriving here in Lansing. TPC traditionally does a gift card drive for Refugee Services to purchase footwear for the arrivals and this is needed more than ever this year. A well marked box will be in the office for Meijer and Target gift cards (any amount). Gift cards will be accepted **until December 12th**. Thanks in advance for past support for underwear and gift cards. Questions? Contact Ruth Worthington at worthin2@msu.edu.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Every holiday season, the Peoples Church Community Engagement Committee provides families in the Lansing area with Holiday Food Baskets. This year we look forward to serving our community like we always have—with a few small changes and some help from you! As an alternative to food baskets, we will offer a “food credit” at a small grocery store. This arrangement provides the family the ability to determine what food best fits their needs during the holidays and only restricts alcohol, tobacco and cleaning products. With your financial assistance we can adopt the same 30 families for **Thanksgiving and Christmas**, and provide them with a memorable holiday. We greatly appreciate your help in supporting our community, and pray we are one day able to deliver food to these families in person!

Advent Study and Reflection

Our pastors will be leading a weekly study and reflection time during Advent. The class will be offered twice a week, on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 11:45 a.m.; choose the class that best fits with your schedule. The classes will follow *Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine.



The first Sunday class will be held today, **Nov. 28th in the Robertson Room**. Our Wednesday class will begin **Dec. 1st and will be held in person (Robertson Room) and over Zoom**.

Advent Celebration

The Women of Peoples Church cordially invite you to our 2021 Advent Celebration on **December 5th at 11:45 a.m.** in the Snider Social Hall.

Our program will be presented by

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell:

God is With Us: The Incarnation and Why it Matters

Tickets: \$8.00 a person

Reserved Tables of six: \$40.00

Contact Cheryl Leece to reserve your table:

leececm@gmail.com or 517-410-1313



EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Calling all Elves - Christmas is coming and you are invited to help. If you would like to purchase a gift for a child at Edgewood Village, here in our local community, please contact church member Emily Anderson at anderson2910@icloud.com or 517-648-0632. She will provide you with all the information you will need: gender and age of the child, item the child wishes and details for returning the gift. If you would simply like to financially support this activity, that is an option too! For many of the children at Edgewood Village, the gift given from Peoples Church will be the only gift they receive this Christmas.