

SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 23, 2020



*"This is my Son, whom I love; with him
I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*

Matthew 15:5



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Carol Choir Rehearsal
Confirmation Class
PCYG Bible Exploration
Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal
Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Dance 149

WEDNESDAY

NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Children's Education

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Peoples Church YouthGroup
Yoga Class

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

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Bob Cantrell, Chairperson
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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.



Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Kathi Mitchell, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor; please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

MAKE A GIFT

Please note, we have a new link for online giving (below):

<https://onrealm.org/thepeopleschurch/Give>

See back page for more information on **REALM!**

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Prelude

"Musette"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship

Haley Phillips, confirmand

One: You have entered into a holy space where God is surely present.
Prepare to be awestruck by the glory of the Lord!

**All: We rejoice at what we can see;
We marvel at what we cannot see.**

One: God dazzles us with grace.
God overwhelms us with mercy.

**All: Through God's love, we are made one in the body of Christ.
Through God's power, we are equipped to be the Church.**

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

All: We will sing songs of praise to our God and King!

Gathering Hymn

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

No. 189

Procession of the Light of Christ

Abigail Schuette, acolyte

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we do not put our faith in you. We are too practical to hope for miracles and too cynical to expect transformation. We try to shirk the responsibilities and challenges you have given us. We feel overwhelmed and unprepared to follow where Jesus leads us. Holy One, forgive our sins and our weakness. Renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to change our lives. May we have the courage to climb to the mountaintop and descend into the valley in service to you. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Restore in Us, O God" (verse 1)

No. 434

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

(Pew Bible Page 80; Large Print 115)

Passing the Peace of Christ (*Please stand if able*)

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

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Amen, Amen"

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

arr. Lloyd Larson

Second Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

(Pew Bible Page 983; Large Print 1,496)

Sermon

"A Mountaintop Experience"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 49

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Drew Filkins

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 (10:30 a.m.)

"Blessed Assurance"

Will Johnson, tenor

arr. Patty Drennan

Act of Praise

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, may the glory of Christ, our King, be revealed through this offering; may the ministry of this church be strengthened through these gifts; and may we use all our talents to bring hope and light to a world in need. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

No. 12

Benediction

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

"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious"

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams



**Floral Dedication:
Given to the glory of God.**

LEANING INTO LENT

The season of Lent is just around the corner. During this time, people often give something up or take on new habits. We are encouraging people to join small groups during the season of Lent this year and be a part of lively discussion and fellowship. We will be using April Yamaski's book, *Lent: Christ is for Us*. There are readings that go along with the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday and questions to help encourage conversation. If you are interested in attending a group, please contact Pastor Drew or fill out the sign-up sheet at the back of this bulletin and return in the offertory plate.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On March 1, The Peoples Forum welcomes Mark Criss, who will lead a discussion about Lansing Rescue Mission. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Due to our Ash Wednesday services, regular *Wednesday Night Live!* programming will resume on **March 4**, in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

GREAT DECISIONS

Our next *Great Decisions* Program is scheduled for **February 27**, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the Robertson Room. Dr. Jeffrey Andresen, MSU Professor of Geography and State of Michigan Climatologist, will lead a discussion on the critical topic of Climate Change. Everyone is welcome!

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle will meet on **February 26**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Shawntea Monroe and our program will focus on "A Vision of The Peoples Church and Women's Circles." All are welcome.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join Pastor Drew for Monday Morning Bible at 11:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room as we continue to study John's Gospel. All are welcome!

KEEP THE SOCKS COMING!

Winter is still here and the people who use the City Rescue Mission Services still need our socks—let's keep up the donations! The Mission appreciates being able to share our socks with those in need. Please bring in your donated, NEW, socks for children and adults and place them in the donation box just outside the church office.

NEW ART EXHIBIT

"Brass Rubbings," a new exhibit featuring work from the permanent collection of The Peoples Church, is now on display throughout the Northwest hall. The display, includes 13 pieces and consists of hand-rubbings of medieval monumental brasses that are memorials for deceased persons. The rubbings were made by church members Jane Linnel and Patricia Thorpe with gold and black crayon on paper and cloth during their visits to historic churches and cathedrals throughout England. An accompanying exhibit in the Kiosk features a collection of facsimile *Medieval Books of Hours* and related publications from the library of members Susan and Wes Reedy. These items depict *The Little Hours of the Virgin*, an abbreviated version of the *Daily Office*, the eight daily prayers that were chanted/and or recited by medieval monastics and the clergy.

SERMON PREVIEW BIBLE STUDY

Join Dr. Monroe on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room for a lively discussion and study of the scripture text for the upcoming sermon. Text this week is Matthew 4:1-11. All are welcome!

KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People meet on February 27 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome to join us and help knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, hats, mittens, and slippers for church members, friends, and local missions.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Join us for one of our Ash Wednesday services at 8:00 a.m., Noon, or 6:30 p.m. There will also be a soup and bread dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

CARNIVAL

TODAY!!

(following the 10:30 a.m. worship service)

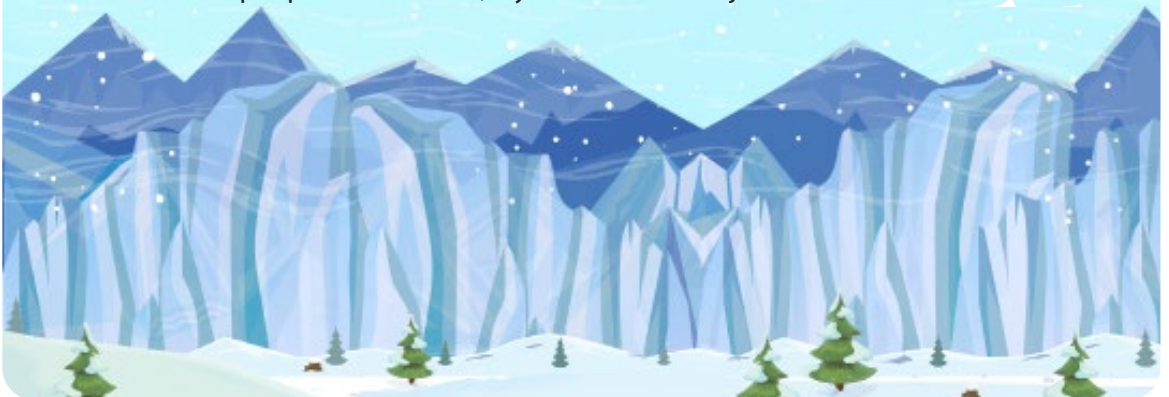
SNIDER SOCIAL HALL

Come One, Come All! Join us downstairs for carnival games, food,
and of course, FUN!

Everyone is welcome!

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 15-19 AT WOLDUMAR NATURE CENTER

Registration for this year's VBS, *Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, will open soon. We are looking for adult volunteers to be station leaders, help with registration, decorations, set up and more! Middle and high school students are needed for counselors. Email Kathi Mitchell at: kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com, if you would like to join the fun!





ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

8:00 a.m. & Noon—McCune Chapel

5:30 p.m.—A soup & bread dinner held in Snider Social Hall

6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary

Imposition of ashes at all services.

LEANING INTO LENT SMALL GROUP SIGN-UP



NAME(S): _____

PHONE OR EMAIL: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN **ATTENDING** A LEANING INTO LENT SMALL GROUP

Please return sign-up form in the offertory plate or to the church office.