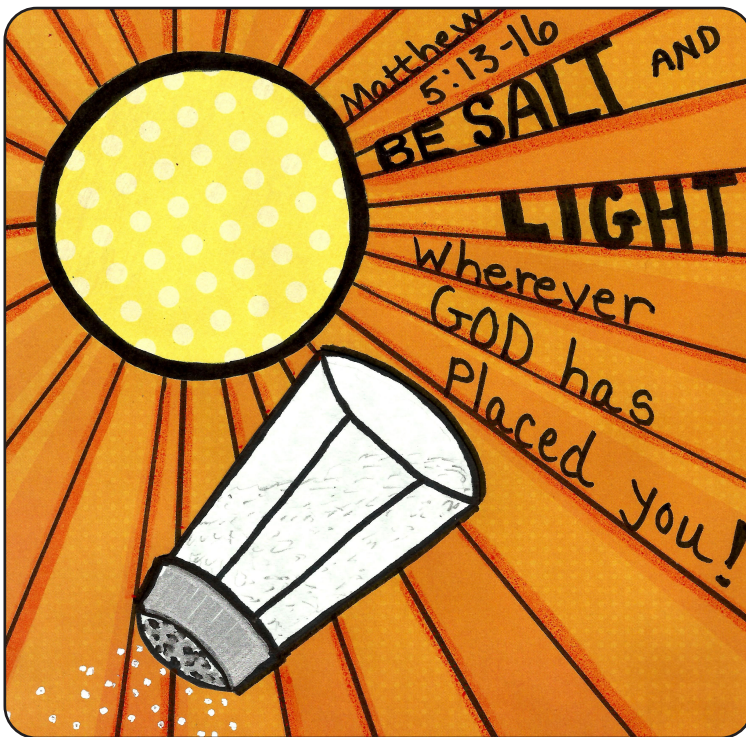


SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

CAMPUS SUNDAY



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



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

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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!**

ORDER OF WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Prelude Variations on "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Hal Hopson
Judy Kabodian, organ

Introit (10:30 a.m.) "We Come With Joy" John Erickson
Carol Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

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

One: Let us gather together to worship the Lord,

All: That we may find great delight in God's commands.

One: We seek to be generous, and to lend freely.

All: Let us worship the Lord, who would have us conduct our affairs with justice.

One: God will secure our hearts, and triumph over our fears.

All: Let us worship God, whose righteousness endures forever.

Gathering Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 667

Procession of the Light of Christ Jonah Selby and Evie Laxton, acolytes

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in our action, and our inaction. We have been shaken by our fear of bad news. We have hesitated to spread the blessings of our house, and scattered our gifts to the poor with a closed hand. Too often, we try to hide the good news of our faith from others, instead of allowing our light to shine wherever we go. Lord, we seek your strength in the face of fear, the example of your son in the face of greed, and the courage to share the blessings you have given us to all. Forgive our sins and bless our intentions, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: Take comfort in the knowledge that Jesus Christ has seen your iniquities and has fully embraced them to his person. By God's grace we are redeemed and forgiven. Let us rejoice in Jesus Christ, our salvation!

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

First Reading

Psalm 112:1-9

(Pew Bible Page 607; Large Print 894)

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.)

Solo (8:30 a.m.)

"I Praise Thee, O Lord"

Felix Mendelssohn

Peter Boylan, baritone

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Called by the Spirit"

John D. Gorman

Carol Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Second Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

(Pew Bible Page 969; Large Print 1,473)

Sermon

"The Letter of the Law"

Dr. Monroe

Hymn of Response

"Jesus, Light of Joy"

No. 673

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Prayers of the People & 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 (10:30 a.m.)

"At the Name of Jesus"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

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

God, with these gifts and with the talents you inspire in our life, we offer ourselves up to do the good work of your kingdom. Take our hearts and our minds, our hands and our feet, our faith and our futures and use them to make this earth more reflective of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, we bring all of this before you. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 610

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

"Scherzo"

Alan Ridout



Floral Dedication:

Given in honor of Dale and Carolyn Schuster's wedding anniversary by Kristin Schuster.

CHILI COOK-OFF TODAY!

Come on down to the Snider Social Hall after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for **THE EMPTY BOWLS CHILI COOK-OFF!** We have many chilis for you to taste and vote on, lots of bowls for you to buy, and plenty of fellowship to partake in. Hospitality Coordinator, Gerri Lynn Nichols, has also made a complete lunch for everyone featuring meat and vegetarian chilis. See you there!

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 are looking for people to host small groups—6-10 people, for 6 weeks and facilitate the conversation. 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 hosting or 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.

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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20. All are welcome!

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **February 16**, The Peoples Forum welcomes April Clobes, CEO of MSUFCU, who will lead a discussion on the MSUFCU Outreach. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Join us each Wednesday night for a community meal at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall, followed by adult programming in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

THE JERICO EFFECT

The Women of Peoples Church are happy to welcome Rev. Case Van Kempen on **February 18** for a presentation on his new book, *The Jericho Effect: What if We Tried it God's Way for a Change?* Join us for light refreshments at 10:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



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. Climate change has become one of the defining issues of our time. As much of the world bands together to come up with a plan, the U.S. remains the notable holdout. What is the rest of the world doing to combat climate change? What impact will the effects of climate change have on global geopolitics?

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. Shawnthea Monroe and our program will focus on "A Vision of The Peoples Church and Women's Circles." All are welcome.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

The Deborah Circle will meet on **February 19** at 6:30 p.m. in the Snider Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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!



TODAY!

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

SNIDER SOCIAL HALL

MENU:

Hearty Chili • Vegetarian Chili
Cornbread ~ Crackers
Vegetable Platter and Dip
Seasonal Fruit

CHILDREN'S MENU:

Chicken Tenders • Macaroni and Cheese
Fresh Vegetable Platter and Dip
Seasonal Fruit

Root Beer Floats • Coffee • Tea • Water
Gluten Free Options Also Available



FEBRUARY 23

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

SNIDER SOCIAL HALL

Come One, Come All! Our family fun event—The Peoples Church Carnival—is coming soon! Join us for carnival games, food, and of course, FUN!

Everyone is welcome and bring your friends!



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 **HOSTING** A LEANING INTO LENT SMALL GROUP
- 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.