

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020



"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

John 4:10

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.



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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>

ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 15, 2020

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) Prelude on "The King of Love" arr. Gordon Young
Judy Kabodian, organ

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Psalm Nine" Carl Wiltse
Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Dr. Monroe

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 Luke Nuñez, confirmand

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**All: Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

One: God's love is for you
and for all people everywhere.

**All: May we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ,
so that we may share God's love and life.**

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

Gathering Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" No. 81

Procession of the Light of Christ Sam Calabrese & Javier Robles, acolytes

Prayer of Confession

One: God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

All: So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?

One: You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow.

**All: But we do not trust enough that the spring is there.
We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.**

One: You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.

**All: But we believe that the water is limited, not abundant,
and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.**

One: For all the times we turn away from your Water,
for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it,
for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink;

All: Forgive us we pray.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (verse 4)

No. 444

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.**

First Reading

Romans 5:1-11

(Pew Bible Page 1,130; Large Print 1,713)

Passing the Peace of Christ (Please stand if able)

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

Solo (8:30 a.m.)

"Love Is of God"

arr. William P. Rowan

Ben Maines, tenor

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

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Ubi Caritas"

Maurice Duruflé

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Latin Text

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

English Text

Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other.

Second Reading

John 4:5-30

(Pew Bible Page 1,065; Large Print 1,618)

Sermon

"Jesus Loves"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

No. 440

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.)

"Contemplation on Ubi Caritas"
Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Catherine McMichael

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

Living God, we offer you these gifts with gratitude, knowing you are the one who has given us more than we can ever understand. Use us and what we have brought to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, and hope to the hopeless. It is in the name of the risen Lord we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

No. 802

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

"Agincourt Hymn"

John Dunstable



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

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 John 9:1-41. All are welcome!

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **March 22**, The Peoples Forum welcomes Barbara Byrum, Ingham County Clerk. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

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

BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

The Library Committee is pleased to announce the first annual "Book Scholarship" of \$250 to go toward the purchase of college books. It will be awarded to a 2020 graduating high school senior. Contact Joe Kennedy to receive an application which will be reviewed by the Library Committee. **The application deadline is March 30, 2020.**

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!

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet on **March 17** at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Our program will be "Movement as Medicine." For more information, contact Jessica Eyselink at 646.244.2102.

GREAT DECISIONS: POSTPONED

The Great Decisions meeting that was scheduled for **March 19** has been postponed and rescheduled for the fall.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

The Library Committee is hosting a story time **TODAY** after the 10:30 a.m. worship service (pre-k through 1st graders). Our guest readers will be Rev. Dr. Monroe and Kathi Mitchell. The children will be picked up after Sunday School in the library that day. Parents are welcome.



READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet on **March 19** from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. The book we will discuss is *Next Year in Havana*, by Chanel Cleeton. All are invited!

REFUGEE SERVICES COLLECTION COMING SOON!

Our spring refugee collection for St. Vincents Refugee Services will start on **March 29**. We will be collecting travel-size items that will be arranged into personal hygiene packets. Bring in your donated, travel-size items of shampoo, body wash or soap, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc., and place them in the red donation box (located at the Welcome Center). Collection dates will be March 29 and April 5.

KNITTING PEOPLE: CANCELED

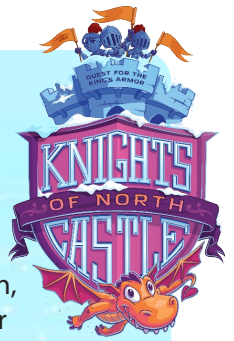
The Knitting People meeting on **March 26** has been canceled.

REFUGEE BENEFIT CONCERT

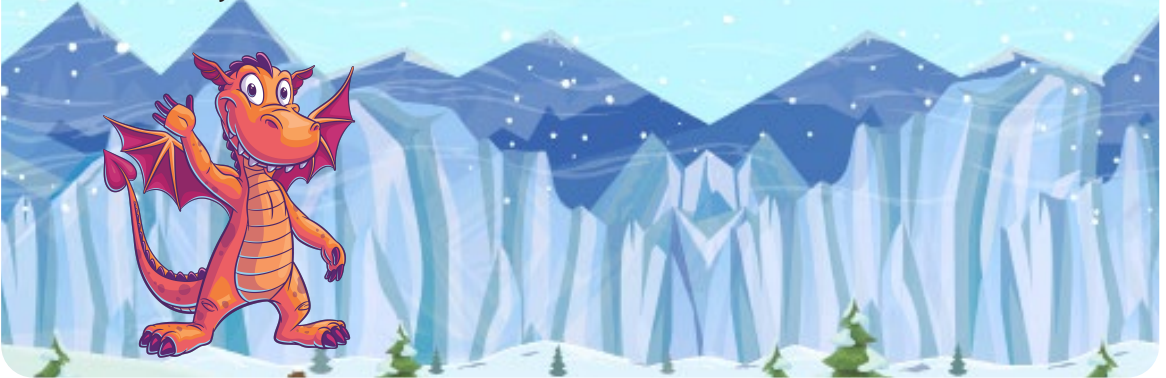
The All Faith Alliance for Refugees (AFAR) is holding their 2nd Annual Refugee Benefit Concert, on **March 22** at 3:00 p.m., to raise money for Refugee Services at St. Vincent Catholic Charities. This concert will feature choirs from refugee communities as well as a combined interfaith choir. All are welcome; join us at Kingdom Ministries (3000 W. Miller Rd., Lansing).



**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*, is open! To register, go to thepeopleschurch.com homepage, click on the VBS image (under News & Events) and follow the link to sign up. 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!



Family FUN Night

MARCH 28

Plan to join us for our next Family Fun Night, **March 28** from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We'll have board games, crafts, minute-to-win it games, and fort building in the Youth Den. There will be plenty of food and fun! Look for a registration link in your email. Bring your family and friends!

HOLY WEEK 2020



PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 5

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary



MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 9

6:30 p.m. - Chapel (with communion)



GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 10

6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary (Service of Tenebrae: The Extinguishing of Light)



EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 12

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary (with Brass; ASL Interpreter at 10:30 a.m.)



FOOD BASKETS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help families in the greater Lansing area have a wonderful meal on Easter Sunday. Volunteer drivers are needed to help deliver Easter Food Baskets on **Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m.** We will meet at Great Giant Supermarket on MLK. Interested? Sign up on the form below and place in the offertory plate.

YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS ON APRIL 11 AT 9:00 a.m.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____