

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2019

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard



*"So the last will be first, and
the first will be last."*

Matthew 20:16



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

6:10 p.m.

Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

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 Youth Group

Yoga Class

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Jodi Cook, 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.

Don't miss out on news and events happening, here, at The Peoples Church.

The *Portal* newsletter is the best source of information for the latest and most up-to-date news and events. It comes out at the beginning of each month and is included in the weekly Friday email. Or be sure to grab a hard copy located at the Welcome Desk or in the church office.

ASL Interpreted Service

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 17, 2019

Prelude (8:30 a.m.)

"O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Wilbur Held

Prelude (10:30 a.m.)

"Softly and Tenderly"
Clarion Ringers, directed by Liz Reed

arr. B. Kinyon

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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.

Search Team Update

Jim Kelly

Call to Worship

Holden Knapp, confirmand

Leader: Welcome this day to the second step on our Lenten Journey.

People: We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of Christ.

Leader: Today's journey will demand much of us.

People: Lord, make us ready to understand your grace.

Leader: Come, let us begin again the wondrous excursion.

People: Let us place our lives in God's abiding love.

Hymn of Praise

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 463

Procession of the Light of Christ

Anna Harvey, acolyte

Call to Confession

Leader: Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Prayer of Confession

All: O God of our salvation, give light to us who come to you in the dark night of sin. Let your truth pierce whatever hides your will from our hearts; let your Spirit sweep away the vanity of our lives. Bring us new birth so we might see the glory of your kingdom, given when you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

Congregational Response

"O Save Me, God, And Hear My Cry" (verse 1)

No. 812

**O Save me, God, and hear my cry: my prayer to you ascends.
And vindicate me by your might; on you my hope depends.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

(10:30 a.m.)

Rosie May Rigot

Born June 10, 2016

Rev. Betsy Aho

Ginny Marie Rigot

Born September 11, 2018

Statement of Faith

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 He exemplified to the world.

Baptismal Hymn (10:30 a.m.)

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 475

First Reading

Psalm 16:5-8

(Pew Bible Page 542; Large Print 783)

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Solo (8:30 a.m.)

"Softly and Tenderly"

Peter Boylan, baritone

arr. Gilbert Martin

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Come to Me"

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Michaela Larsen, soloist • Sandro Sidomonidze, cello

Dan Forrest

Second Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

(Pew Bible Page 987; Large Print 1,501)

Sermon

"That Can't Be Right!"

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Rev. Case Van Kempen

Hymn of Response

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

No. 31

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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Spirit Song"

arr. C. Dobrinski

Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

The Clarion Ringers would like to wish Faye and Steve Dragosh good luck on their move to Wisconsin. Faye has been a Clarion Ringer for 30 years. We are thankful for her ringing, her service to The Peoples Church, and for her wonderful friendship!

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 of all goodness, we thank you for your blessings: more numerous than the stars;
more bountiful than the greatest of harvests; more steady than the beat of our hearts.
Here we dedicate our gifts and rededicate ourselves to your vision of hope and wholeness.
May all that we do and all that we give be pleasing to you, and a testimony to your loving purposes.
We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

No. 761

Benediction

Congregational response: **"Jesus is Lord!"**

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

"Foundation"

arr. Wilbur Held



**Floral Dedication:
Given in memory of Jack E. Bates, by Margaret J. Bates.**

REFUGEE COLLECTION DRIVE

Starting today, donations for NEW men's and women's underwear of various sizes are being collected to benefit the St. Vincent Refugee Services. Please bring in your donations between **March 17 and March 31** and place them in the red basket at the welcome center.

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet on **March 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Our program will be "Frequency Specific Microcurrent Therapy" with Donna Ruggiano, RN. For more information, call Phyllis Gaulden at 517.482.0930.

GREAT DECISIONS: MARCH 21

The next Great Decisions meeting will be held on **March 21** in the Robertson Room from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dr. Manuel Chavez, MSU Journalism Professor & Associate Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, will be our guest. Dr. Chavez will lead a discussion on the partnership between the U.S. and Mexico.

THE READING PEOPLE

Everyone is invited to join the WPC book club, *The Reading People*, for a lively discussion about interesting, inspiring and thought-provoking books. The next meeting will be held on **March 21** at 1:30 p.m. in the library. Our featured book is, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*, by Phillip Gulley. Mary Anne Larzelere will host our discussion.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP: MARCH 24

Join your church friends at Reno's East (1310 Abbot Road), on **March 24** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. No need to RSVP, the Welcome Ministry has tables reserved for The Peoples Church. See you there.



Join Pastor Drew as he leads a conversation entitled, "Christians in a Multifaith World." Each Wednesday during Lent, we will explore how Christians have thought about other religions and how we relate to them. Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

PEOPLES FORUM



On **March 24**, the Peoples Forum welcomes Tashmica Torok, from the Firecracker Foundation with a presentation about the "Healing Services to Child Survivors of Sexual Trauma." Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **March 28** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us to knit and crochet baby blankets, prayer shawls, hats and mittens. We have yarn and needles, and just need your willing fingers!

JOIN A CHOIR!

The Clarion Ringers (the adult bell choir) and the Sanctuary Choir are looking for new adult members to join them in making music! Whether you want to make music with your hands or with your voice, we welcome you to be part of The Peoples Church Music Ministry. All you need is to be able to read music and make the practices. Practices for the Clarion Ringers are on Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and the Sanctuary Choir practices on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Email Liz Reed at lizreed@aol.com if you are interested in joining the Clarion Ringers or email office@thepeopleschurch.com if you are interested in joining the Sanctuary Choir. Or, you can just come to a rehearsal!

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The WPC Annual Strawberry Breakfast

May 4, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.

Snider Social Hall

Join the Women of Peoples Church for fellowship, a presentation and of course a full breakfast, including a classic, strawberry shortcake!

Special Guest: Pastor Case

Tickets: \$8 each or
\$40 per table of 8.

(Tickets will be sold beginning April 14)

ALL CHURCH CARNIVAL

MARCH 24, 2019 • SNIDER SOCIAL HALL

Everyone is invited to participate in the Carnival following 10:30 a.m. worship on March 24 in the Snider Social Hall.

This popular event is perfect for the young and young at heart!

Games, prizes and food!



JEWELRY & USED BOOK SALE

MAY 18-19, 2019

**MORE DETAILS
ANNOUNCED SOON!**

Presented by:
The Women of Peoples Church &
The Peoples Church Fishbach Library Committee

