



“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

Psalm 119:105

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 7, 2019

Prelude “Rock and Refuge” F. Melius Christiansen
Judy Kabodian, organ

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship

Leader: All things bright and beautiful,

People: God created for our enjoyment.

Leader: All things wrenching and hard,

People: God holds with tender care.

Leader: You and I, neighbors and strangers, friends and adversaries,

People: God loves without condition.

Leader: So let us worship God.

Gathering Hymn “How Firm a Foundation” No. 463

Procession of the Light of Christ

Call to Confession

Leader: God’s mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God’s grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession before God and each other.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, and the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. - Sunday School



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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

People: **Alleluia! Amen.**

Congregational Response "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy" No. 437
You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

First Reading II Timothy 3:10-17
(Pew Bible Page 1,199; Large Print 1,813)

Solo "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Moses Hogan
Leigh Van Kempen, mezzo-soprano

Communion

Communion Hymns "Break Thou the Bread of Life" No. 460
"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" No. 498
"Standing on the Promises" No. 838

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.

Second Reading Psalm 119:105-112
(Pew Bible Page 613; Large Print 905)

Sermon "Goals for Reading God's Word" Rev. Case Van Kempen
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Hymn of Response "I Long for Your Commandments" No. 64

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

"It Is Well With My Soul"

arr. John Ness Beck

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 grace, we hope and believe that your Word changes things, and we pray for change in the world, that poverty would be changed into abundance, that swords would be changed into ploughshares; that anger and fear would be changed into compassion and trust. To this end, we dedicate our gifts in Jesus' name. Amen

Sending Hymn

"O Word of God Incarnate"

No. 459

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

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word"

Johann Pachelbel



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

Save
the
Date

Candidating Weekend for the Candidate for the next Senior Pastor is happening **July 20 - 21, 2019!**

There will be a Meet & Greet Reception in the afternoon on Saturday, July 20 (more details to follow).

The candidate will give a sermon at both services, with a special meeting and voting on the candidate following the 10:30 a.m. service.

While the identity of the candidate cannot be revealed to the congregation at this time, out of respect for their current congregation, know that the Council of Elders joyfully gave unanimous support in favor of the candidate at their last meeting! This news is brought to you with great thanksgiving to our Senior Pastor Search Committee.



Hello PCYG Friends!

First, I would like to put forward a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped put together this year's VBS; especially, our CITs and Crew Leaders! That being said, PCYG has some upcoming events scheduled for this summer; check out a summary of events below:

Summer Lunches meet every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. unless a special event takes place. Tentatively a picnic lunch at the Lansing Aquatic Center is planned for **July 10**, and at Potter Park Zoo on **August 7**. If you would like to volunteer to be a driver, please let me know! There will not be a Wednesday lunch planned for July 17 and 24 due to the PCYG Mission Trip and vacation.

The Michigan's Adventure trip will be on **August 21**; make sure you save the date! More details to come.

~ Joe

LEADERSHIP Opportunities

It's an exciting time to become more involved in the church and be with your church family. Do you know of someone who would be interested in becoming an elder of our church, or one who would serve on the nominating committee? If so, please send in your nomination, (and yes, you can nominate yourself!) by placing this form in the offertory plate. Consider becoming more involved in the ministries of this church and share your time and talents. We need 5 new elders and 4 new nominating committee members. We will vote on this new slate of elders at the Fall Congregational Meeting. Contact Bev Mason (chair) at 517.256.3755, or email at masonbj2790@gmail.com.

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