

SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 20, 2019

CAMPUS

Community congregation

Campus Ministry Sunday



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
Campus Ministry Bible Study
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 weekly happenings, here, at The Peoples Church.

Sign up, today, for our Friday email by going to ThePeoplesChurch.com and enter your email address toward the bottom of the homepage.

ASL Interpreted Service

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 20, 2019

Prelude

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Betsy Aho

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 (based on Psalm 91)

Leader: We dwell in the shelter of God, the most high;

People: God is our refuge and fortress, the one in whom we trust.

Leader: We dwell in the shelter of Jesus Christ, our salvation;

People: When we call on him he answers and embraces us with grace.

Leader: We dwell in the shelter of the Holy Spirit, our advocate.

People: We are guarded in all our ways, no harm shall overtake us.

Leader: We worship God, three in one;

People: Let us worship God, our strength!

Gathering Hymn "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

No. 11

Procession of the Light of Christ

Morgan Manolakoudis and Kate Gronowski, acolytes

Call to Confession

Leader: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, so in freedom we confess our trespasses.

Prayer of Confession

People: Lord, when you faced the wilderness, you did so confident in the promises of God. When temptation tried to distract you, you remained focused on your mission, strengthened by God's love. But we often lose our way. We are distracted by the ways of the world, rather than focused on your ways. We seek your confidence and focus when we are in the wilderness of temptation or feeling lost in stress and distraction. Might your love for us be our strength, might your call to us be our focus, might we leave the wilderness and find your path of grace for us and for your whole world.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Take comfort in knowing that there is no wilderness so desolate that God cannot find us there. By God's grace we are forgiven and redeemed. Let us rejoice!

Congregational Response "Great God of Every Blessing" (verse 3)

No. 694

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
Transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

First Reading

Psalm 91: 9-12

(Pew Bible Page 593; Large Print 870)

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.**

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"On Eagles Wings"

arr. Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading

Matthew 4: 1-17

(Pew Bible Page 967; Large Print 1,471)

Sermon

"Facing the Wilderness"

Dr. Christine James, Seminary Student

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Hymn of Response

"God of Our Life"

No. 686

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)

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

"Be Not Afraid"
Peter Boylan, baritone

Craig Courtney

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 we offer you our lives to do your work in the world. Take our hearts and our minds, our work and our leisure, our relationships with others and our relationship with you, our dreams and our doubts, our faith and our plans for the future, and shape them all with your righteousness. In the name of Jesus, we bring all of this to 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

"Festal Flourish"

Gordon Jacob



Floral Dedication:

In memory of Joan Culham, given by her four sisters and her mother, Mary Culham.



Join us in Friendship Hall following the worship service where students will be on hand for conversation, treats available to munch on, and a fun timeline and trivia display to be seen. Our Wall of Blessings fundraiser is set up as well which will help fund our spring break trip with Habitat for Humanity in St. Lucie County, Florida. Simply take an envelope with the number corresponding to an amount you are comfortable donating and return the envelope with donation to the offering plate or church office.



Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays in January, as Pastor Drew leads a discussion from the iconic book, *God in Search of Man: A Philosophy of Judaism*, by Abraham Joshua Heschel.



On **January 27**, the Peoples Forum will welcome Julie Thomasma, CEO of Child and Family Charities. Meet us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEER OPENING

Building and Grounds Ministry is looking for the next Grounds Clean-up Coordinator! The coordinator identifies tasks needed to be done, organizes volunteers and handles scheduling. Matt Gosselin, our current coordinator, will serve as a mentor and work alongside the person (for 2019) who volunteers for this role. If interested please call Rob Privette at 248.804.1354 or email at rmpagain@yahoo.com.

SOCKS NEEDED!



The City Rescue Mission is still in need of new socks for babies, children, women and men. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday they deliver socks to those in need. Please consider a donation of NEW socks so feet can stay warm and dry during the cold winter months and beyond. Donations can be placed in the designated "New Socks" box outside of the church office.

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP



Pastor Betsy leads this covenant group through curriculum and discussion that moves participants toward closure of unresolved grief as a result of death, illness, divorce or other losses. This group is an 8 week commitment, with consistent attendance appreciated. The group will meet on Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **January 24 - March 21, 2019** (no meeting on March 6). Space is limited, and registration is required by contacting Pastor Betsy. Whether you are dealing with recent loss or loss from a long time ago, this group has something healing to offer you.

ADDITIONAL PARKING

The Lansing Psychology Associates, located directly across the street from The Peoples Church and behind Jonna's, has graciously offered additional parking in their lot for those attending services on Sundays.



WPC JEWELRY SALE COMING IN MAY!

The Women of Peoples Church Annual Jewelry Sale is happening in May. Donations of jewelry, purses, scarves, puzzles, etc. are being accepted. If you have any items to donate, please drop off in the church office during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mon - Fri).

TALENT SHOW!

February 3, 2019

"We Hunger For Your Talent" Talent Show and Empty Bowls fundraiser is coming live to The Peoples Church Snider Social Hall on **February 3, 2019** following the 10:30 a.m. service! Seeking talent of all ages and all kinds! The congregation is invited to enjoy Gerri Lynn's famous chili, make donations for handmade empty bowls to fight hunger, and be bowled over by the talent on stage! **Sign up by January 27** by emailing Pastor Betsy at eaho@the-peopleschurch.com.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting held on **January 27** during the 10:30 a.m. worship service to vote on the 2019 budget.





Winter Retreat February 8-10, 2019

PCYG students, middle and high school aged, are participating in Winter Fest at the United Church of Big Rapids the weekend of February 8-10. Students will ski, snowboard, craft, and participate in a weekend mission project with other progressive church youth programs throughout the state! Cost is an all-inclusive \$80, with scholarships available if needed. Contact Joe Kennedy at jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com with questions or to sign up.



Enrichment Retreat March 1-3, 2019



Join Pastor Drew as he leads a Couple's Enrichment Retreat at The Grand River Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids, **March 1-3, 2019**. The cost is \$200 per couple which includes a relationship inventory, Friday evening activities and the cost of the accommodations. Meals are on your own. Scholarships are available to help with the cost should you need it.

Whether you have been together for one month or sixty years, there are always things to work on and a need to get away. If you are interested email Pastor Drew at dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com.