

"The one who
sowed the good
seed is the Son
of Man."

Matthew 13:37

ORDER OF WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Prelude "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" arr. Dale Wood
Judy Kabodian, organ

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.

Call to Worship

Leader: God of blessings and woes, bless us this day with lives filled with love, caring, generosity, and deep, abiding hope.

People: **We pray that your kingdom will dwell among all people, and that we may be instruments of your love and your grace.**

Leader: Open our hearts with the joy of healing a world filled with brokenness and pain.

People: **In the name of the one who taught us the ways of light and love, be in our worship and in our very lives. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "You Are Before Me, Lord" No. 28

Procession of the Light of Christ Jack Filkins and Kate Gronowski, acolytes

Prayer of Confession (adapted from Psalm 1)

Leader: Gentle guide, loving guardian, heal our foolish ways.

People: **We long to forsake the advice of the wicked and the slow seduction of sinful paths, but our speech and actions often**

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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.



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believe us. We yearn to be like trees planted beside living waters, bearing the fruit of righteousness in due season, but the seat of scoffers calls to us and the temptation to return evil for evil withers our souls like shrubs in the desert. Our hearts seek the ways of your Spirit and the waters of life, but our footsteps lead us into arid, desert sands.

Leader: This is not your hope and plan for us. Forgive us, we pray.

People: Turn us again to the healing you so freely offer, and mend the brokenness in our lives and in our world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God looks at us in our brokenness, and offers blessings to all who turn to the Lord. With the assurance of God's faithful love and forgiveness, we can choose this day to be people of blessing.

People: Amen.

Congregational Response "Take, O Take Me as I Am" (Repeat) No. 698
**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

First Reading Matthew 13:24-35
(Pew Bible Page 979; Large Print 1,489)

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.)

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading Matthew 13:36-43
(Pew Bible Page 979; Large Print 1,490)

Sermon "Living with Weeds" Rev. Case Van Kempen
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Hymn of Response "Sacred the Body" No. 27

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.)

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
Peter Boylan, baritone

arr. Dale Wood

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

All: Source of every blessing, you have nourished our souls with your ways of life. In gratitude and thanks for the fruit we have borne in due season, we return these gifts to you. Bless them with your manifold grace, and multiply them in your mercy, that they may go forth to heal a world trapped in loneliness and isolation. In the name of the one who leads us into life, we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"My Life Flows On"

No. 821

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

"Toccata in C Major"

Johann Pachelbel



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

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendars! Join us for lunch and fellowship on **February 24** at Dublin Square after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. No need to RSVP! The Welcome Ministry has tables reserved for The Peoples Church. All ages welcome.

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet on **February 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Our program will be "Another Kind of P.K. (Preacher's Kid)." For more information, call Phyllis Gauden at 517.482.0930.

GREAT DECISIONS

The next *Great Decisions* discussion will take place on **February 28 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Robertson Room. The guest speaker will be Dr. Matt Zierler, MSU Associate Professor, International Relations, who will spark discussion on "The State of the State Department and Diplomacy."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT?

The Fine Arts Committee is planning a special exhibit for the summer, "My Favorite Vacation Spot," that will highlight our members' favorite places to travel. The committee is looking for photographs (matted and framed) as well as purchased artwork that best captures the flavor of your treasured travel memories. Submissions will be "juried" and **must be received by July 1** to be considered for the exhibit. If you are interested in contributing, or have questions, please contact Sue Mills at suemills@comcast.net or call 517.332.5535 or Jan Reed at reedjan7@gmail.com or call 517.337.3222.

PEOPLES FORUM

On **February 24**, the Peoples Forum welcomes Michelle Rick, Clinton County Circuit Court Judge. Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet **February 28** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. New knitters and crocheters are invited to join us to create prayer shawls, blankets, hat and mittens.



On **February 20 and 27**, Pastor Case will present White Chair films from the "I Am Second" project. Each brief film features well-known athletes, politicians, or celebrities, explaining how they have come to understand that they are not first in their own lives—they are second. Films will include Chip and Joanna Gaines, Tony Dungy, Shawn Johnson, and many others, followed by a time for discussion and reflection.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join other men of TPC in fellowship for our Men's breakfast on **February 23** at 8:00 a.m. in the Snider Social Hall! This breakfast meeting will combine good food, fellowship, laughter, and stories with worship and scripture. Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member, this is a great way for us as Christian brothers to get to know one another better. Invite your friends and neighbors to this informal gathering. Let us know you are coming by signing up at the Welcome Desk, or by calling the church office. We look forward to seeing you at the breakfast!



READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet **February 21** at 1:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room to discuss "The Atomic City Girls" by Janet Beard. The discussion will be led by Linda Nuttall. New members are welcome!

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

Join the Rebekah/Hannah Circle on **February 27** for a spectacular presentation on preserving "Memories in Family History," with special guest, Ginger Oilivie, professional genealogist. The meeting will be held in the Robertson room at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to listen and learn.