

SUNDAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 18, 2020



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All regularly scheduled Sunday programs have been suspended until further notice.

Worship Service:

10:30 a.m. - in the Sanctuary &
Livestream on YouTube

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

WNL! programming will return when it is safe to do so. Updates will be provided as they happen.

A community meal will still be served for those who need one. Meals can be picked up in the Northwest entrance of the building.

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.

Bob Cantrell, 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.



To join the worship service via telephone, please dial **517-583-3949** and follow the prompts.

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

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Prelude

"Let All Things Now Living"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Dale Wood

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea 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

One: O come let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: We will come into God's presence with songs of thanksgiving!
We will worship and adore the God of creation.**

One: Grateful hearts need no special season to offer thanks to God.
The abundant life is itself reason for praise.

**All: God's mercy and grace are with us each and every day.
In the midst of grace, we give thanks to God!**

One: With all we have, let us thank the Lord.

All: With one voice, we give thanks and praise the Lord!

Gathering Hymn

"We Praise You, O God" (verses 1-3)

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

We Praise You, O God
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Music: Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck (1626); harm. Eduard Kremser (1877)
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Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you are the source of every good gift and we should be grateful. Forgive us for the times we have ignored your gifts. Forgive us for the ways we have misused or abused your gifts. Forgive us for the times we were selfish and the times we envied the gifts of others. Forgive us for not appreciating all the ways you have been present in our lives. We repent of all our sins and ask for your continued blessing. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

"Offertory"

Dr. Jonathan Reed, conductor

John Ness Beck

A Reading from Scripture Psalm 95: 1-7a

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. 6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Sermon

"Gifts, Grace and Gratitude"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"A Grateful Heart" (verses 1-3)

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering. Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the poor with gentle hands. Your word is true, your works are just; in you, O God, the faithful trust.

With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never end.

A Grateful Heart

Text: David Gambrell (2009)

Music: Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature (1783); harm. Edward Miller (1790)

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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

[Click here to give your offering to our virtual Offertory Plate](#)

Act of Praise

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; **Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.****

Prayer of Dedication

All good things come from you, Holy One. With grateful hearts full of love, we return to you what is yours. May your Spirit bless this offering and may our giving and our living strengthen our witness to the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Take My Life" (verses 1, 4 and 6)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

Take My Life
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Music: H.A. Cesar Malan (1827)
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Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

"Jubilate"

Gordon Young

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP*

Join us, virtually each Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for fellowship. It's easy! Grab a cup of your favorite coffee and a sweet snack and log on to Zoom. You can join the meeting by clicking on this link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#), or in your Zoom app enter Meeting ID: 837 9739 7682 and when asked for a password enter: Peoples

Don't have access to internet? No problem! You can still join us from ANY phone! Dial 1-312-626-6799 and when prompted for a meeting ID enter 837 9739 7682# and the password is 50803#.

* Please note: For those who are with us in person for worship, there will not be a fellowship until further notice. Virtual fellowship will continue for those at home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OCTOBER 25 WORSHIP SERVICE

Next Sunday, October 25, we will welcome guest speaker, Amanda Tyler during our 10:30 a.m. worship service. **Please note:** There will NOT be an in-person worship service next Sunday; instead, we will hold our service online only. The link for the service will be posted on the homepage of thepeopleschurch.com as well as in the weekly Friday email. You can also go directly to The Peoples Church of East Lansing YouTube page to view it.

GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions program will continue virtually this fall! Please join us in welcoming Dr. Gerald Urquhart, Assistant Professor in the Lyman Briggs College at MSU, on **October 22** at 4:30 p.m., via Zoom. Dr. Urquhart will give a presentation about China in Latin America, and the proposed Interoceanic Canal in Nicaragua. Following his presentation, there will be an interactive question and answer session. [Join the Zoom Meeting here](#) (Meeting ID: 928 9864 1786; Passcode: 502465)

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

The Peoples Church has agreed to provide 30 food baskets to those in need this holiday season, in Lansing where our community has been most impacted by the shut down. Please consider sharing with our friends and neighbors and make a donation to the 'Food Basket Program' with your next contribution. Please email Jessica Eyselinck at: jessica@eyselinck.com for more information or with any questions. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS' DAY: NOVEMBER 1

If anyone would like to remember a loved one who has died this past year, please email the office at: office@thepeopleschurch.com.

WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH

An update is long overdue for the WPC! Know that we are diligently attempting to continue the good works of this Group. In July, \$500 was donated to Haven House and \$500 to the City Rescue Mission. These dollars were a collaboration between the WPC and our four Circles. When we are able to return to the Robertson Room everyone will enjoy the new chairs, another donation from the WPC.

Our budget remains healthy, despite the cancellation of all 2020 Fundraisers to date. Plans are underway to continue the tradition of our Advent Tea in early December. Although this will look very different from prior events, we are making many creative attempts. Please look for more details in November regarding our Advent Tea event.

Elections for new Board members will be held in early December. If you are interested in serving on this Board, please contact Marty Ewing, Nominating Chair or, feel free to contact any of our Board Members for further information on the WPC. For those that are a part of one of our Circles, the annual dues of \$20.00 will help sustain WPC in the months ahead. Please send your payment to WPC at The Peoples Church; attn: Mary West, Treasurer. Please note your Circle name if appropriate. We thank you very much. Blessings to all.

~ Lorie Barbieri & WPC Board

VIRTUAL GROUPS

Below are some of our currently offered Bible studies or fellowship groups that meet virtually, via Zoom.



SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#); Meeting ID: 861 2945 8059. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 861 2945 8059.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE: meets each Monday at 11:00 a.m. We are currently studying Romans. To join the meeting, [click here](#). Or, on your Zoom app enter meeting ID: 369 714 134 and enter the passcode: MMB. You can also dial 1.312.626.6799 and when prompted enter 369 714 134#.

TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP: meets each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is: 963 085 991. You can also dial 1.646.558.8656 and when prompted enter the meeting code 963 085 991. They are studying the book, *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo.

WEDNESDAY NOON MENS GROUP: meets each Wednesday at Noon. To join, [click here](#).

WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to provide financial support for the ministry and mission of The Peoples Church. Please consider giving in one of the following ways:



1. You can make a contribution by mailing a check or cash to the church at this address: 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823.
2. We are also able to accept stock gifts or funds from a tax deferred account for your Required Minimum Distribution.
3. You can make a gift by sending a text to 73256 and including the word **Peoples** in the message line. You will be sent a link that will take you to our GIVE website. Just enter the amount and your account information. Be sure to tell us which fund you are donating to (most people give to the general fund).
4. If you have set up your REALM account with The Peoples Church, you can make a one-time gift or recurring gift by logging onto your REALM account and following the prompts on the screen.
5. If you have questions or need help, call the church and speak directly to our Office Administrator, Dee Przybylski. She can set up a single gift or recurring gift using a credit, debit card or checking account information. She'll need the amount of the gift and how you would like the gift applied.

THE 2020 HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

Christian Citizenship in 2020



Featuring Guest Speaker:

AMANDA TYLER

Executive Director,
Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty

Sunday, October 25, 2020

via Zoom • 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In preparation for this event, you're invited to read the book, *The Power Worshipers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism*, by Katherine Stewart.

Presentation Description:

Jesus' teaching to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's is particularly relevant in this election season like no other. How do we maintain our dual citizenship in God's kingdom and the United States of America without losing our prophetic voice in the process? What is "Christian nationalism" and how is it showing up in ways that are harmful to both Christianity and our national unity? Amanda Tyler gives some practical advice about ways the church can be engaged in nonpartisan ways in the electoral process and raise a voice of reason and challenge, standing up for our core values and the equality of our neighbors, no matter their religious identity or political party.

Schedule:

10:30 a.m.—VIRTUAL Worship Service with Guest Amanda Tyler

(To view The Peoples Church worship service, go to our [YouTube channel](#) and click on the October 25 service.)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Presentation

To Join the Presentation:

You are invited to join this virtual presentation, via Zoom, by entering the meeting ID: 896 0035 7859 and entering the password BJC.

Want to Know More?

[Amanda Tyler Bio](#)

[BJC Info](#)



The Henry and Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series was established in 2017 to honor their interest in continuing education on topics of international interest and theological thought. Henry and Annabel moved to East Lansing in 1938 where Henry was a new faculty member in the College of Agriculture at MSU. They promptly joined The Peoples Church and became deeply involved in the church community as well as in Greater Lansing where they were active in a variety of civic activities. Henry and Annabel were world travelers who were always building bridges of hope and understanding. Our desire is that these lectures will inspire and strengthen us to serve with compassionate love as we strive to build a more just and peaceful world.