

SUNDAY WORSHIP NOVEMBER 1, 2020



All Saints Day



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823
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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.





THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings.

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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

"Tocata in D Minor"
Judy Kabodian, organ

J. S. Bach

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: Come all you saints of God,
Come and worship the Lord.

**All: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.**

One: In life and in death,
We belong to God.

**All: Baptized into Christ's death
We live in Him.**

One: Come all you saints of God!

All: Let us rejoice and sing praises to God!

Gathering Hymn

"For All the Saints" (verses 1-3)

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

For All the Saints

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Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams (1906)

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Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in the faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we remain silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way and join the faithful family of saints who have gone before. We pray all this 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.**

Anthem

"In the Sweet By-and-By"

arr. Howard Helvey

Dr. Jonathan Reed, conductor

A Reading from Scripture Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Sermon

"Remember"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"Shall We Gather at the River" (verses 1 and 4)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Shall We Gather at the River
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Naming the Saints and Tolling of the Bell

*John Behrendt • Shirley Cummings • David Danhoff • *Jack Draper • *Jean Draper
*Martha Grambau • *Jo Hacker • *Thelma Hansen • Bob Jones • *Frances Kaneene
David Lundy • Jo Luther • Dr. Michael Lyntinski • *Audrey Martin • Dorothy Mueller
*Bob Newbury • *Janet Ronk • *Marty Simonds • Jack Snow • *Bill Townsend
Bob VanMeter • *John Wales • Gloria Warren

* denotes a member of The Peoples Church

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

Accept this offering in the spirit of the saints who have gone before us. May our giving and our living inspire future generations. In Christ's name we pray and serve. Amen.

Communion

Rev. Drew Filkins

Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the peace we have found at your table, gracious God, stay with us as we go out into the world. Let your Spirit dwell in us now and forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
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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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arr. Jan Bender

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to set your clocks back one hour today, if you haven't already.

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 Eysseleinck at: jessica@eysselinck.com for more information or with any questions. Thank you!

FALL CLEAN UP

Volunteers are needed to help rake and bag leaves on the church grounds during the month of November. You can choose your own days and times for helping. All help is greatly appreciated, and we ask that everyone follow these instructions while participating:

DAYS & HOURS: Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

COVID REQUIREMENTS: Wear masks (city of East Lansing directive) and maintain 6-foot distancing (also required if you enter the church).

BRING YOUR OWN RAKES AND/OR BLOWERS: Bags are provided by the church and will be available inside the church rotunda entrance. People can always stop at the office if they need anything for yard clean up. Place full bags at the curb on Evergreen Ave (north of the Memorial Garden).

WORK ON ALL AREAS AROUND THE CHURCH: North, South, East, and West sides including the parking lot area.

***If children of the Preschool are outside, do not work around them or areas close to them.

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](#) (**NEW LINK and MEETING ID!**); Meeting ID: 841 4703 4632. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 841 4703 4632.

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.

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, *Strength to Love* by Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.



SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • NOVEMBER 8

NOMINEES FOR COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Patty (Patricia) Brookover

Marc Mellor

Kim Schramm

Diane Shafer

Mary West

NOMINEES FOR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Kay Ekye-Addai

Grimaldo Robles

Mary Anne Larzelere

Margaret Tassarò

NOMINEES FOR DENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Jim Dalley (UCC)

Phyllis Grummon (ABC)

Susan Kilmer (UMC)

Joan Wright (Presbyterian USA)

To view a bio of each of the nominees, please visit the homepage of thepeopleschurch.com and click on the yellow 'Nominations' image, or [click here](#).