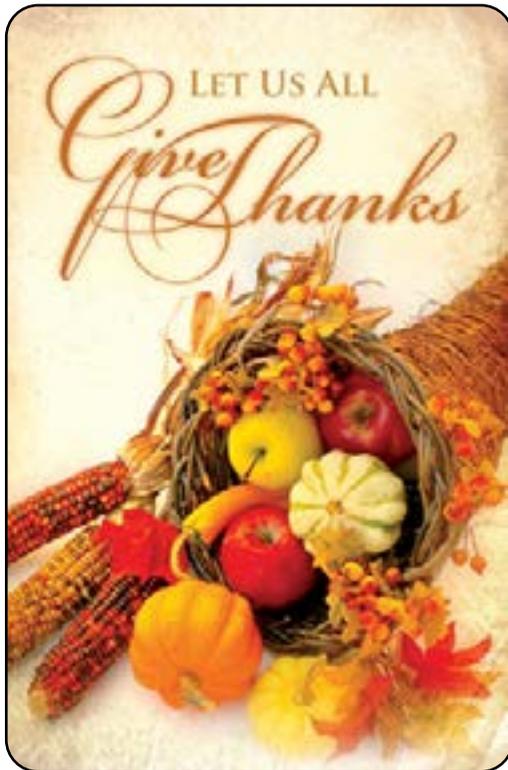


SUNDAY WORSHIP NOVEMBER 22, 2020



*"You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord
your God for the good land that God has given you."*

Deuteronomy 8:10



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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.



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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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.

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

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Prelude

"Simple Gifts"
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 give thanks to God, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: We will praise the God of our salvation,
For God has done wondrous things for us!**

One: Count your blessings and marvel at the grace you have received.
Let us praise the Lord and rejoice for what we have been given!

**All: We give thanks to God, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Gathering Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield, wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home. Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there forever purified, in thy presence to abide: come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
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Music: George Job Elvey (1858)
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Prayer of Confession

Rev. Drew Filkins

God of grace and wonder, we stand in your presence and face our brokenness. We have counted our losses and not our blessings. We have made idols of our traditions and clung to our privilege. We have valued our comfort above the basic needs of others. We have sown envy in our hearts instead of gratitude. Holy One, we hunger for your forgiveness and crave your love. In this moment, fill us with your presence and assure us that we are always and ever welcome at your table. 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 Message

Anthem

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

arr. Healey Willan

Dr. Jonathan Reed, conductor

Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise; With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise! By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move; Sing to the Lord of harvest A song of happy love. By Him the clouds drop goodness, The deserts bloom and spring, The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing. He filleth with His fullness, All things with large increase; He crowns the year with goodness, With plenty, and with peace. Heap on His sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave, The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls He died to save. Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet ye fall, And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all, for all.

A Reading from Scripture Deuteronomy 8:7-18

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that God has given you. 11 Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep God's commandments, ordinances, and statutes, which I am commanding you today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, 13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. God made water flow for you from flint rock, 16 and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is God who gives you power to get wealth, so that God may confirm the covenant that God swore to your ancestors, as God is doing today.

Sermon

"Never Alone"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"Now Thank We All Our God" (verses 1 and 2)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

Now Thank We All Our God

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Music: Johann Crüger (1647); harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1840)

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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Penny Swartz

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

We thank you, O God, for every gift you have provided. Accept this offering as an expression of our gratitude and a commitment to sharing our bounty with your children in need. We ask your blessing for this church and all we hope to do in your name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living" (verses 1 and 2)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Let All Things Now Living

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Music: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight (20th Century)

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Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. John Ferguson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS—COVID STYLE!

You're invited to help the children at Edgewood Village enjoy a wonderful Christmas. If you would like to purchase a gift for a child at Edgewood Village please contact Emily Anderson via email at: Anderson2910@icloud.com or via telephone at 517.648.0632. She will provide you with all the information you will need: gender and age of the child, item the child wishes and details for returning the gift. If you would simply like to financially support this activity, that is an option too! Please contact Emily, and thank you!

REFUGEE SERVICES CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

From Luke 10:29, "And who is my neighbor?" For the last many years we have opened our hearts to our refugee neighbors with various gifts. This year, even with the challenges of Covid, we will be gifting these families and individuals with Meijer and Target gift cards. Spending of these gifts is closely supervised by the staff at St Vincents Refugee Services and the most popular purchases are shoes and boots. A designated box will be in the church office if you wish to donate cards. Or, you may donate electronically to The Peoples Church and designate the donation for 'Refugee Services.' Donations may be made starting now until December 13. Email Ruth Worthington at: worthin2@msu.edu with any questions.

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 between 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or between 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All help is greatly appreciated, and we ask that everyone follow the Covid requirements (wear a mask and practice social distancing) while participating. Please bring your own rakes and/or blowers and work on all areas around the church (North, South, East and West sides), including the parking lot area. Please note, if children of the preschool are outside, do not work around them or areas close to them to be safe.

SAVE THE DATE: 2020 ADVENT CELEBRATION

This year we will be celebrating Advent via a virtual event on Zoom and hope members of the Women of Peoples Church can join us. We will be gathering on **December 9 at 10:00 a.m.** The event will emanate from The Sanctuary of The Peoples Church and feature Dr. Shawnthea Monroe as our featured speaker. The program will also include musical interludes with our treasured organist, Judy Kabodian and favorite soloist Will Johnson. The WPC Annual Business Meeting will also take place during this event, which will feature a presentation of the 2021 Board of Directors slate and review of revisions to the WPC Constitution for approval. More details will be provided in the weeks ahead.

WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH DUES

The Women of Peoples Church welcome your dues of \$20.00 and any additional Circle Local Giving donations in order to continue to support local needs. Please send your money to the church, attention: WPC Treasurer. Please note your Circle if appropriate. Thank you.

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. You can also dial 1.312.626.6799 and when prompted enter meeting ID: 369 714 134 and then passcode: 456440.

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.

