

SUNDAY WORSHIP NOVEMBER 8, 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

"Legende"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Louis Vierne

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: This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad!

**All: What a privilege it is to be in God's presence.
With reverence and hope, we come to worship.**

One: May the peace of Christ rest in our hearts.
May the wisdom of the Spirit come to our minds.

**All: We will open our eyes to see you, O Lord!
We will open our ears to hear your Word!**

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: We will rejoice and praise our Creator!

Gathering Hymn

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (verses 1, 4 and 6)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Creatures of Our God and King
Text: Francis of Assisi (1225); composite
Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng (1623); alt. harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1906)
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Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have sinned. We have broken our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped the gods of money, power and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving your people. We have not loved the stranger in our midst or taken the side of the oppressed. Forgive us, Holy One. Heal the bonds we have broken and bring us back into covenant with you and one another. We pray 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.**

Children's Message

Rev. Drew Filkins

Anthem

"I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"
Dr. Jonathan Reed, conductor

Craig Courtney

A Reading from Scripture Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! 2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. 4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. 5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; 8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. 9 The Lord watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin. 10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Sermon

"Princes and Powers"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"My Song Forever Shall Record" (verses 1-3)

My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord; your faithful love will I proclaim, and every age shall know your name.

I sing of mercies that endure, forever firm, forever sure, a strong support that never dies, established changeless in the skies.

Almighty God, your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone, and shining bright before your face are truth and love and boundless grace.

My Song Forever Shall Record

Text: The New Metrical Version of the Psalms (1909); alt.

Music: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt Michael Praetorius (1609); harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1902)

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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

Almighty God, we dedicate this offering to the work of this church. Use these gifts and all our talents for your work in the world. May all we say and do bring glory to your name! Amen.

Sending Hymn

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (verses 1-3 and 5)

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God. Her walls before thee stand, dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend; to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Text: Timothy Dwight (1800)

Music: The Universal Psalmist (1763); adapt. Aaron Williams (1770)

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Benediction

Benediction Response

!! CONGREGATIONAL MEETING !!

The annual congregational meeting will take place **immediately** following today's worship service.

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.

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 Eysselinck 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.



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](#).

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](#).

