

SUNDAY WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



"...it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure"

Philippians 2:13



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** and follow the prompts.

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

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Prelude

"Prelude in C Major"
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: Great and loving God, we gather in your presence bearing the burdens of the week.

All: Help us set aside all that distracts us from your holy presence.

One: Christ Jesus, in this time of worship, lift us out of the routine of our daily lives.

All: We know wherever we stand in your presence is holy ground.

One: Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire with the love of God.

All: All glory be to you, holy One! With joy and delight, we worship you!

Gathering Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (verses 1 - 3)

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Text: German hymn (1800); trans. Edward Caswall (1858)
Music: Joseph Barnby (1868)
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Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. Forgive the sins of our words and the sins of our deeds. Forgive our sins of commission and our sins of omission. Forgive the sins we have done to please ourselves and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins we have not recognized. O Lord, in your mercy and wisdom, patience and power, forgive all our sins. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. 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.

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Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

"Sing Praise to Christ"

J.S. Bach

Dr. Jonathan Reed, conductor

A Reading from Scripture Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Sermon

"Remember Him"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"More Love to Thee, O Christ" (verses 1 - 3)

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest. Now thee alone I seek; give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

More Love to Thee, O Christ
Text: Elizabeth Payson Prentiss (1856)
Music: William Howard Doane (1870)
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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Drew Filkins

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.

Blessing and Godspeed to Andy Mayville

All God calls you to a new vocation and so we pray God's blessing upon you, Andrew Mayville. Go in peace with our love, our forgiveness, and our prayers supporting you. Go in strength with the skills you have acquired and the gifts we have shared in our time together. Go in joy with the assurance that the good you have done will never be forgotten. May God watch over you and bless you, now and always. 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

It is a gift to have enough to share, gracious God. Accept and bless this offering. Guide us as a church so we might make the best use of all you have entrusted to us. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name. The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Text: Charles Wesley (1744)

Music: Anon; A supplement to the New Version of the Psalms (1708)

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Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

"A Festal Fanfare"

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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. More details to come.

CASTING CALL FOR OUR VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

It's that time of year again and we are happy to announce we will be doing a **virtual** Christmas pageant this December! We're going to make a movie of "The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper" to be shown during a service and live streamed on our YouTube channel. It's going to be fantastic! If your child would like to participate, please contact Kathi Mitchell as soon as possible. Roles are being cast and Zoom rehearsals with Mrs. Reed will begin soon!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Peoples Church Campus Ministry is continuing to meet each Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. outside near the Northeast entrance of the church. This fall, a variety of topics will be covered in this weekly Bible study. All college students are welcome and dinner is provided!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church, or simply want to know more about this remarkable community, consider joining us for a New Member Class, via Zoom, on **October 11** at 11:30 a.m. Email Robin Matheson at matheso4@msu.edu to let her know you are interested in attending and she will add you to the Invite for the class. You may also call Robin at 517.290.3223.

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.

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. Beginning September 14, we will be studying Romans. To join the meeting, [click here](#). Or, on your Zoom app enter meeting ID: 369 714 134. 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.

2020 CROP HUNGER WALK October 11 • Virtual

The 2020 Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk is going virtual! By doing a virtual CROP Hunger Walk together, but separate, we can continue to help the poor and hungry, keep others safe, and keep ourselves safe. The virtual walk will take place on **October 11**. You choose where you want to walk and you can choose to walk individually or with a team. If you would rather give to the cause, you can donate [here](https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi/Donate) (https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi/Donate). The CROP Hunger Walk may be virtual, but the need could not be more real. Join us **October 11** to help end hunger.



2020 Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series Presents:

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP IN 2020 October 25 • Virtually via Zoom Featuring Guest Speaker Amanda Tyler



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.

More details regarding this event are to come. Stay tuned to future bulletins and the October Portal for more information.