

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## JANUARY 31, 2021



*"They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."*

Mark 1:22

## 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 is still 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**

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## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

**Kari Naghtin**, 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.



## !!NEW PHONE NUMBER!!

To join the worship service via telephone, please dial **(844) 933-0517** and follow the prompts.

# MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

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## **Prelude**

"Prelude Chorale"  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

César Franck

## **Welcome to The Peoples Church!**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **Call to Worship**

One: Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.  
God's righteousness endures forever.

**All: We come together as a congregation of believers.  
We give thanks to God with whole hearts.**

One: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.  
At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

**All: The works of God's hands are established among us.  
We can count on God's righteousness and faithfulness.**

One: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.  
All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

**All: Holy and awesome is God's name.  
We call on God to empower our worship.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (verses 1 and 3)

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of Love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done; we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives. Amen.**

## **Moment of Silent 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***

"Cantate Domino" (Sung in Latin)

Johann Leo Hassler

*O sing unto the Lord a new song. O sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth. Praise ye his holy name, all ye people. Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his honor unto the heathen, and proclaim his wonders unto all the people.*

### ***A Reading from Scripture***      Mark 1:21-28

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24 and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." 28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

### ***Sermon***

"The Voice of Authority"

Rev. Penny Swartz

### ***Hymn of Response***

"O Christ, the Great Foundation" (verses 1 and 2)

*O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand to preach your true salvation in every age and land: pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure, to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.*

*Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth, we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth: one holy people gathered in love beyond our own, by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.*

O Christ, the Great Foundation  
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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***

**By giving away some of the wealth we cherish so much, we keep ourselves focused on who you are, gracious God, and on what you expect of us. As the body of Christ, we seek to be a healing force in our world. May the offerings we present be used in ways that encourage healthful behaviors among us in the church, within our community, and as far as our influence can reach. Receive us and our gifts, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn***

"Come, Great God of All the Ages" (verses 1 and 2)

*Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known; speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask; fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.*

*Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone; help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own. Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way; urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.*

Come, Great God of All the Ages  
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### ***Benediction***

### ***Benediction Response***

## **+Congregational Meeting+** **Kari Naghtin, Chair of Council Presiding**

- I. Declaration of Quorum**
- II. Approval of Budget**
- III. Financial Report and Presentation of Budget**
- IV. Congregational Response/Members' Moment**
- V. Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is still going strong—virtually! Each week there is a video featuring a Bible story, lesson, discussion and craft. For more information or to sign up for the video links, email Kathi Mitchell at: [kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS! We are in the beginning stages of planning *Knights of North Castle* to visit Woldumar Nature Center **June 21-25, 2021**. Woldumar had a successful summer camp last year with no COVID cases, so we feel it is safe to plan for VBS this year. If your child is in K-5, you will receive a survey, so please keep an eye out for that in your email. Parental input is vital to help us gauge participation. Thank you!

### VALENTINE COOKIES AND CARDS

Several of our Sunday School children have been sending cards and artwork to elderly members of the congregation. We would love to continue this wonderful outreach by putting together packs of cookies and homemade cards for Valentine's Day. We need homemade cards, cookies or baked goods to be dropped off at the church office by **Tuesday, February 9**, to be delivered that week.

How you can help:

- Bake a dozen cookies or homemade baked goods (no nuts please)
- Encourage your children to make Valentine's Day cards; there can never be too many!
- Help make deliveries. A porch drop off with a friendly smile and wave will do wonders to lift many spirits!

Please contact Kathi Mitchell ([kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com)) to sign up. Thank you for helping us spread joy to others!

### PEOPLES CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

Our church has a very active, energetic and viable prayer chain that includes about 40 prayer warriors praying daily for cherished individuals who need the comfort and healing of prayer. People may have lost loved ones, have friends or family who are ill or have the need for mental, emotional or physical support. To request prayers, all it takes is approval from those needing prayers, an agreement to support this covenant group and periodic updating. Grieving individuals may receive prayers for 1 year. All other requests need updating every 3 months. Know that you may always extend these guidelines, if needed. Contact the church office or Janet Perron at: [jrperron@comcast.net](mailto:jrperron@comcast.net) if you have a prayer request, or if you are interested in joining the prayer chain. It helps to have **Peoples Church Prayer Group** on the subject line.

### THE PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum offers monthly presentations from a dynamic lineup of guest speakers! The meetings will take place via Zoom, once per month, at 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars for our upcoming forums:

**February 7:** Will Repko, MSU Debate Coach of National Champion Debate Team

**March 7:** Neil Mueller, Trumpeter

[Join the Zoom meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 848 3386 7143. Or, you can dial 1 301 715 8592 and enter the meeting ID: 848 3386 7143. Email questions to [Mary West](#).

## 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: 841 4703 4632. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 841 4703 4632.

**TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP:** meets each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is: 837 5361 0456; passcode is: TPC. You can also dial 1.301.715.8592 and when prompted enter the meeting code 837 5361 0456 and passcode 160971. They will be starting *Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*, by Philip D. Kenneson in February.

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

**WEDNESDAY PCYG MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP:** meets each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If interested in joining this group, email [Elisha Smith](#), PCYG Director.

**SUNDAY PCYG HIGH SCHOOL GROUP:** meets each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If interested in joining this group, email [Elisha Smith](#), PCYG Director.

## 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: 885 9630 8098 and when asked for a password enter: TPC (please note, this is a new meeting link ID and passcode).

Don't have access to internet? No problem! You can still join us from ANY phone! Dial by your location; see below:

- +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Enter the Meeting ID: 885 9630 8098 and password 680020

\* 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.



# **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**February 17, 2021**



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## **WALK & TALK WEDNESDAYS**

**Each Wednesday  
February 24 - March 31**

You're invited to come to the church, walk the labyrinth in the Snider Social Hall, and have a conversation with Rev. Penny Swartz. The point is to experience a "mini-pilgrimage" by following an intentional, guided walk toward a centering point where you might experience God and God's word for you. During the upcoming season of Lent in these continuing unprecedented times of Covid-19, walking this sacred path may be exactly what your soul and spirit need.

Walking the church's labyrinth will be by appointment only in order to follow the CDC Covid guidelines. Walks and subsequent conversation will be offered on Wednesdays in 90 minute blocks of time, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Email [pswartz@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:pswartz@thepeopleschurch.com) or call 517-648-8987 to schedule a time to walk and talk.