

SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 7, 2021



"And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons;..."

Mark 1:34

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.



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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.



!!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

"Bread of Life, Good Shepherd, Tend Us"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. David Johnson

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Call to Worship

One: Holy One, we gather in your presence with open hands and open hearts.
Fill us with a sense of wonder and hope.

**All: Alert us to the presence of your spirit.
Awake us to the possibilities of your power.**

One: O God, deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts.
Center us in this time of worship so we might encounter you.

**All: We wait upon you, O God.
With joy and expectation, we gather to worship you.**

Gathering Hymn

"O Day of Rest and Gladness" (verses 1 and 3)

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear, Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Text: Stanzas 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1862); stanza 3, Charles P. Price (1980); alt.

Music: Memmingen ms. (17th cent.); harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1904).

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Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we confess that we have so many important things to do that we cannot keep track of them all. So many activities fill our calendars that we often have no time to meditate or pray. You have become another task on a list of things to do, rather than the One who makes all things possible. We do not sense your embrace because we have not allowed you to be the center of our lives. We are so busy that we cannot hear your voice. Save us from our frantic activity and release us from our sin. We pray all this in Jesus' name. 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

"God Be In My Head"

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

A Reading from Scripture Mark 1:29-39

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." 39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon

"The Sin of Being Busy"

Rev. Penny Swartz

Hymn of Response

"Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

Dear Lord, Creator good and kind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind
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Music: Frederick Charles Maker (1887)
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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

Gracious God, with these gifts, we hope to strengthen this church and our community of faith. Bless our worship, our service, and our witness. We live and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

Service of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Life-giving God, though we are separated by time and space, your Spirit makes us whole. Help us to remember that we are part of the body of Christ and we are meant to be a blessing to others. We thank you for the vision of joy and abundance that this meal has provided. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" (verses 1 and 2)

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread. I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Text: South African trans. Gracia Grindal (1984)

Music: South African; arr. Freedom Is Coming (1984)

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Benediction

Benediction Response "Go Now in Peace"

**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

"Allegro Deciso"

Leon Boëllmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VALENTINE COOKIES AND CARDS

Tuesday, February 9 is the deadline to bring in your homemade Valentine cards, cookies or baked goods for the outreach the Sunday School children have been working on. Bring your items into the church office before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Thank you for helping us spread joy to others!

GREAT DECISIONS

On **February 25** at 4:30 p.m., Dr. Rebecca Malouin will be our speaker on "The Role of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic." Dr. Rebecca Malouin is the Director of the Master of Science in Global Health Program, the Director of Research for the Institute for Global Health and Associate Professor in Family and Community Medicine at Michigan State University.

All programs will be virtual, via Zoom, at 4:30 p.m. The link to join will be available in the bulletin prior to the program. Interested participants can email malarz@aol.com to be added to our mailing list or with any questions. The *Great Decisions Guide Book* is available as a digital edition on Amazon for \$22.99 if you are interested in learning more!

THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet on February 25, via Zoom, at 1:30 p.m. They will be discussing *The Dutch House*, by Ann Patchett. To join the meeting and discussion, open Zoom and enter the meeting ID: 636 517 5503 and passcode: katiejeff

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.

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:

March 7: Neil Mueller, Trumpeter

April 11: Marie Blair, Concert Pianist

[Join the Zoom meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 952 4386 8996 and passcode is TPCPF. Or, you can dial 1 301 715 8592 and enter the meeting ID: 952 4386 8996 and passcode TPCPF. Email questions to [Mary West](#).

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!

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



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 or call 517-648-8987 to schedule a time to walk and talk.