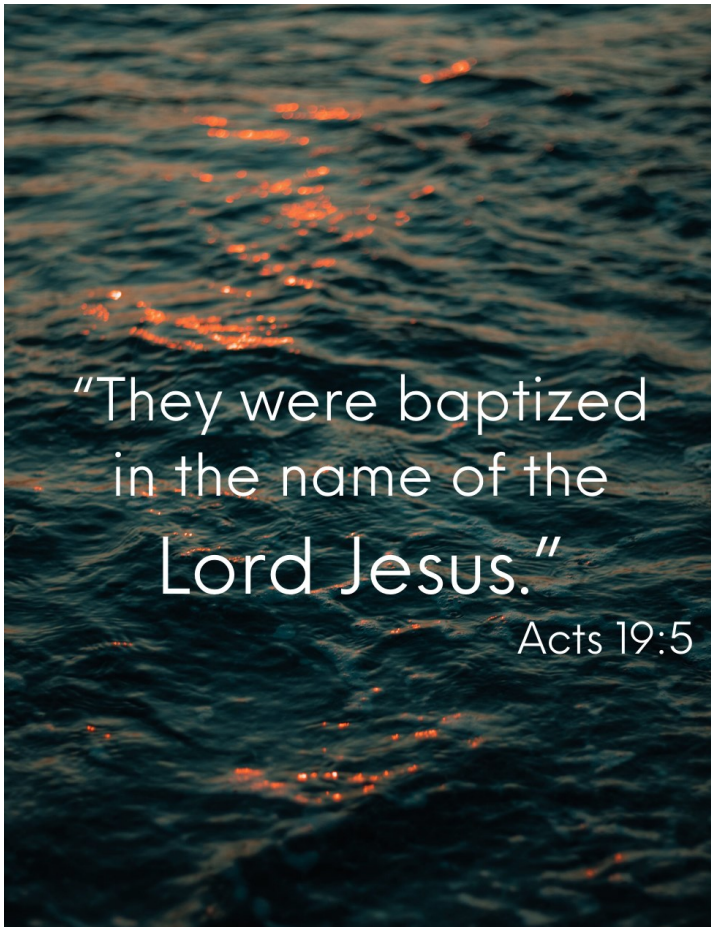


# Sanctuary Service, January 7, 2024



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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### SERVICE INFORMATION

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School will take place after the Baptism.

Professional nursery care is provided for children under 3.

A nursing room is available for those who need it. Ask an usher or the Welcome Desk for directions.

Please join us after the service in our front lobby for coffee hour and fellowship!

### LISTENING DEVICES

We now offer listening devices that amplify sound from stage microphones, which are available upon request.

### ASL INTERPRETED SERVICE

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome American Sign Language interpreters for our Sunday worship services

### SENSORY TOOL KIT

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get over-stimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.

## THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and Sunday mornings. Phones are monitored from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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**Dr. Jonathan Reed, Director of Music**

**Rev. Penny Swartz, Minister Emeritus**

### COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Diane Shafer, Chair (elders@thepeopleschurch.com).

## 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.

## JOIN US REMOTELY!

To join the online livestream of the worship service, you can find **The Peoples Church of East Lansing on YouTube!**

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# Order of Service | January 7, 2024

*Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.*

## **Prelude**

Judy Kabodian, Organist

Acolytes:

Gabe & Theo Eysselinck

## **Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **\*Call to Worship**

One A voice of power and majesty calls out:  
You are my son, the beloved! With you I am well pleased.

**All The Beloved Son gathers us here for worship.  
We are anxious to hear what Jesus will say.**

One God takes us by the hand and leads us to the water.  
Through the water of baptism, we become part of God's family.

**All Through the water of baptism, we are set free!  
We give thanks and praise to God.**

One Remember that you are part of the body of Christ.  
Rejoice and sing, for our salvation is near!

**All We will worship with joy and give glory to God's name!  
In Christ we are made whole and made one!**

## **\*Gathering**

*Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (v. 1-3)*

no. 490

*Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb. Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.*

*Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us; guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by you Spirit, children, heirs.*

*O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We you people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us, God, transform!*

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

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Music: The Sacred Harp, 1844

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### *Prayer of Confession*

O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, but we are afraid of being overwhelmed. You call us but we do not follow. You command us but we do not obey. You bless us but we do not thank you. You forgive us but we do not forgive others. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Remind us that we have been to the water and touched by your Spirit. We are called to greater things. May we follow in Christ's name. Amen.

### *Moment of Silent Reflection*

### *Assurance of Pardon*

#### *\*Confession Response*

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

no. 96 v. 2

Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

#### *\*Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

### *Sacrament of Baptism*

Elsa JoAnn Sloan

Parents: Jake & Hannah Sloan

#### **Pastor (To the Congregation):**

Do we, the members of the church of Jesus Christ present here at The Peoples Church, promise to be Elsa's family of faith, now and always, offering whatever she might need to better serve and follow our Lord and Savior? And do we promise to encourage her to walk humbly with her Lord all the days of her life?

**Congregation: By God's grace, we do.**

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters, we now celebrate the gift of grace in the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Congregation: There is one body and one spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God, creator of us all.**

Baptism Response

**We thank you God for Elsa! Bless her and keep her, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Choir Anthem**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.

## **Scripture Reading**

Acts 19:1-7

## **Sermon**

"Under Water"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **Hymn of Response**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God (v. 1-4)*

no. 286

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
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## **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Haley Hansen

**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**



*To make a gift online, please scan this QR code.*

## **\*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 cannot repay you for the gift of Christ Jesus, O God. We give this offering to support the mission and ministry of this church, and we ask your blessing upon all we do. May our giving and our living bring good news to this world. Amen.**

### ***Service of Communion***

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Institution*

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

### ***Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving***

**Holy One, we leave this meal in a spirit of peace; for our eyes have seen the salvation that you have accomplished in the sight of the nations, a light of revelation for the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### ***\*Sending Hymn***

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (v. 1-3,5)*

No. 494

*Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.*

*Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.*

*We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still; we drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.*

*O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright. O chase the night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.*

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts  
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### ***\*Benediction***

### ***\*Benediction Response***

**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***


Judy Kabodian, Organist

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** On **Sunday, January 21, 2024, following the 10:30 a.m. service** there will be a special congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the proposed Capital Campaign. If you are unable to attend the January 21 meeting, you may pick up a 'Request for Absentee Ballot' at the Welcome Desk, or one can be mailed or emailed to you upon request. Subscribers to the weekly E-Newsletters have the option to scroll down in those emails to the Capital Campaign announcement and print their own ballot request at their convenience.

**ANNUAL CHURCH BUDGET MEETING:** The annual meeting to review the 2023 ministries and budgets and to approve the 2024 church budget will be **Sunday, January 28 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service**, and will take place in the Sanctuary. We encourage all congregants and church members to attend this important meeting, though only members with formal standing in the church will be allowed to vote on the proposed 2024 budget. Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

**CHURCH TOUR:** The next Peoples Church 'Talk 'n Tour' will take place on **today after the 10:30 service**. If you are interested in learning more about the history of The Peoples Church, please meet at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

**REALM CONNECT APP:** The free Realm Connect App for phones and mobile devices, found on both the  Google Play store and the iPhone App Store, is an easy way to stay connected with The Peoples Church. The online directory, the calendar of events, and the records of your giving are all easily accessible through Realm. If you have any questions about connecting to The Peoples Church on Realm, please contact Beth Lundy by emailing [Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com), or by calling the church office.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH:** Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting again at **noon on Wednesday, January 24** at Coral Gables restaurant in East Lansing. The restaurant will need a close headcount to secure a reservation, so please call (517) 349-1074 to let the lunch organizers know you would like to attend

## ***PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH***

**ACHE:** Adults Connecting & Having Events is a group for young adults that meets twice a month for activities and events. For more information about ACHE, contact Pastor Haley at [hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com).

**CHICs:** 'Connected Hearts In Christ' (CHICs) is back! **Beginning Thursday, January 11**, CHICs will meet in the Robertson Room on the **second Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, through May. CHICs is a women's group that meets for devotionals, discussion, and fellowship. To learn more about CHICs, please email Traci Dudley at [tracidudley@gmail.com](mailto:tracidudley@gmail.com), or Susan Godfrey at [s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net).

**COLLEGE MINISTRY:** Campus Ministry now meets **after the 10:30 a.m. service** for Lunch & Lounge, and **twice a month** for activities and outings. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing [hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com).

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** Pastor Shawnthea leads the in-person study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and the **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068627263>. Pastor Haley leads a Bible Study at **9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Robertson Room**. This week's passage is 1 Samuel 3:1-10.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** For more information about PCYG, contact Elisha, by emailing [esmith@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:esmith@thepeopleschurch.com).

**PORCH OF HEAVEN:** Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Telder Room**. It involves reading scripture, silence, mindfulness and sharing. Visit Porch of Heaven tomorrow evening, or email Tom Schaberg at [tschaberg1@gmail.com](mailto:tschaberg1@gmail.com) for more information.

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP:** The Tuesday Men's group meets at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room**. On January 9, the group will begin reading 'Meeting Jesus for the First Time,' by Marcus J. Borg.

**WEDNESDAY MEN'S GROUP:** Join the men's Wednesday discussion group that meets **every Wednesday at noon in The Robertson Room** for good conversation and donuts. The group is starting a new book called 'The Christian Agnostic' by Leslie D. Weatherhead.

**WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH:** Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in Snider Social Hall for a community dinner! At **6 p.m.** Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym, and Pastor Haley leads a Bible study at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!

