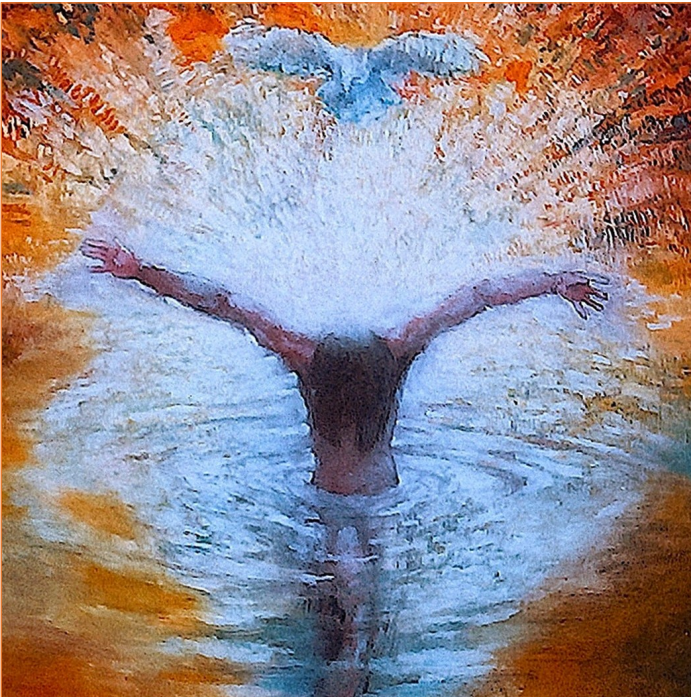


SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 9, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. -
in the Sanctuary & Livestream
on YouTube

Sunday School will not be
held until we feel it is safe to
return

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Our community meal
outreach program continues.
Individually prepared meals
can be picked up between
5:00—6:00 p.m. in the
Northwest entrance of the
building. For more details,
check out [The Peoples
Church Facebook](#) page.

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 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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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Kari Naghtin, 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, click
[here!](#)

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

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Order of Service | January 9, 2022

Prelude

Kyrie

Lani Smith

Judy Kabodian, Organist

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

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One Gather from East and West, from North and South.
God is calling us to worship in this place and time.

**All The voice of God thunders through our midst.
The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.**

One Bow in awe before the one who created you.
God knows you completely, and accepts you still.

**All The voice of God commands our attention.
The voice of God is like fire and whirlwind.**

One God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.
God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

**All Ascribe to God glory and strength.
Worship God in awe, wonder and joy!**

***Gathering Hymn** O Splendor of God's Glory Bright (v. 1-4) no. 666

O Splendor of God's Glory bright, from light eternal bringing light; O Light of Light, light's living spring, true Day, all days illumining;

Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your radiance from above, and to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as clear as morning's ray, with faith like noontide shining bright, our souls unshadowed by the night.

O Lord, with each returning morn, your image to our heart is born; O may we ever clearly view our Savior and our God in you.

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
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Music: Trier (15th cent.)
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Moment of Silent Reflection

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 been touched by your Spirit. We are called to greater things. May we follow in Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response** There is a Balm in Gilead (*refrain*) no. 792
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

Blessings

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

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

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

"Like a Baptized Christian"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

Sing of God Made Manifest (v. 1 & 2)

no. 156

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed, "I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do." Then from heaven a double sign—dove-like Spirit, voice divine—hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."

Pastoral Prayer and 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

****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***

God of grace and glory, may this offering honor you. May our work through this church spread the Good News. May our lives be blessed by blessing others in Christ's name. This is our hope and our prayer. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 1-3)

no. 547

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
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****Benediction***

****Benediction Response***

Postlude

Toccata in F Major

Johann Pachelbel

****Please stand as able***

TPC COVID UPDATE

Once again, the Covid 19 pandemic is forcing us to adapt and modify our building use plans. Because of the highly contagious nature of the Omicron variant, we are limiting access to the building. Using MSU's policy as our guide, we've decided **not** to let outside groups meet in the church (with the exception of AA and NA) until MSU returns to in-person classes. All church programs involving children and youth will be suspended or virtual until MSU returns to in-person classes. Church ministry meetings and small group meetings can make their own decision regarding in-person meetings, but we highly recommend returning to virtual meetings until this latest wave has passed.

We will continue to have in-person worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. but we encourage everyone to safeguard their health. The Preschool will remain open. Anyone who enters the building must wear a mask.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PEOPLES FORUM: Peoples Forum began today with retired veterinarian, Dr. Kent Ames, DVM. Next Sunday we will hear from Jim Dover & John Pirich of Sparrow Hospital. Join us online via zoom, or masked in the Robertson Room from 9:30—10:15 a.m. To join online, click [here](#), or manually enter the Meeting ID: 843 6791 4516. **When prompted enter passcode: 907964.**

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry will recess until **January 12th**, when Campus Ministry will begin meeting Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and bible study.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: To ensure each others safety, PCYG will not be meeting in January; the lock in scheduled for the end of the month is canceled. We plan to meet in February, and will reach out through email and Facebook to schedule an outdoor event! I look forward to seeing you soon! - *Elisha Smith, TPC Youth Director*

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday morning men's group is reading *Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology* by R.C. Sproul. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.**

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: The sermon preview group will meet again **Wednesday, January 12th**, as we look at 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11. Join us on zoom by clicking [here](#), or enter the meeting ID into your zoom app: 813 6414 0406.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: We have completed our study of *The Tyranny of Merit*. We will recess until **Wednesday, January 12th**, when we begin our study of *If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk*, by John Pavlovitz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Chairs of Ministry: Ministry reports should include activities and achievements of the ministries and other events/information that you would like to share with our church family. The Annual Report of The Peoples Church provides well-documented records for our yearly activities and adds to the rich history of Peoples Church. Reports are due **tomorrow, January 10th** and should be sent to Elizabeth at eprice@thepeopleschurch.com. Below you will find a list of who submitted a report in the 2019 or 2020 Annual Report:

- Senior Pastor
- Clerk
- Chairperson of the Elders
- Associate Pastor
- Children's Christian Education Director and Chairperson
- Campus Ministry Chairperson
- Peoples Church Youth Group Director
- Building & Grounds Chairperson
- Community Engagement Chairperson
- Finance Ministry Chairperson
- Personnel Chairperson
- Preschool Director
- Welcome Ministry Chairperson(s)
- Worship Ministry Chairperson
- Women of Peoples Church Chairperson

FEBRUARY PORTAL

Submissions for the February *Portal* are due **January 15th**. Please send content to Elizabeth (eprice@thepeopleschurch.com).

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church, or simply want to know more about this remarkable community of faith, consider joining our next New Members Class on **January 23rd at 11:30 a.m.** Please contact Robin Matheson at matheso4@msu.edu or 517-290-3223, to register or get more information.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Peoples Church will hold our annual meeting on **Sunday, January 30th** following service. In this meeting we will review the annual report for 2021 and approve the budget for 2022.

UPDATED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THANK YOU

*Please accept our apology, as the original Community Engagement Thank You contained an inaccurate amount of funds given by this congregation.
Bev Mason has provided us with the corrected version.*

“My heart is filled with gratitude each time I think of the generosity that flows out of this church. On behalf of the Community Engagement Ministry, I’d like to extend a HUGE Thank You to each and every one of you for trusting the church with your hard-earned money.

“*Pray first, God provides*”, words spoken by Mark Criss, became the heartbeat of our ministry this year. The Peoples Church gave out benevolence funds of over \$115,000 this year! This figure includes the annual Community Engagement budget, the PPP loan forgiveness tithing of 10%, funds collected during the Advent Season for refugees coming into our community, as well as the amount given for holiday baskets that provided meals for families in the Lansing area. Peoples Church impacted so many who were directly affected by the pandemic. Your gifts made a real difference to so many people!

The Community Engagement ministry celebrates and praises God for all the good God is doing through each of you.”

Peace and Joy,
Bev Mason
2021 Chair of Community Engagement
