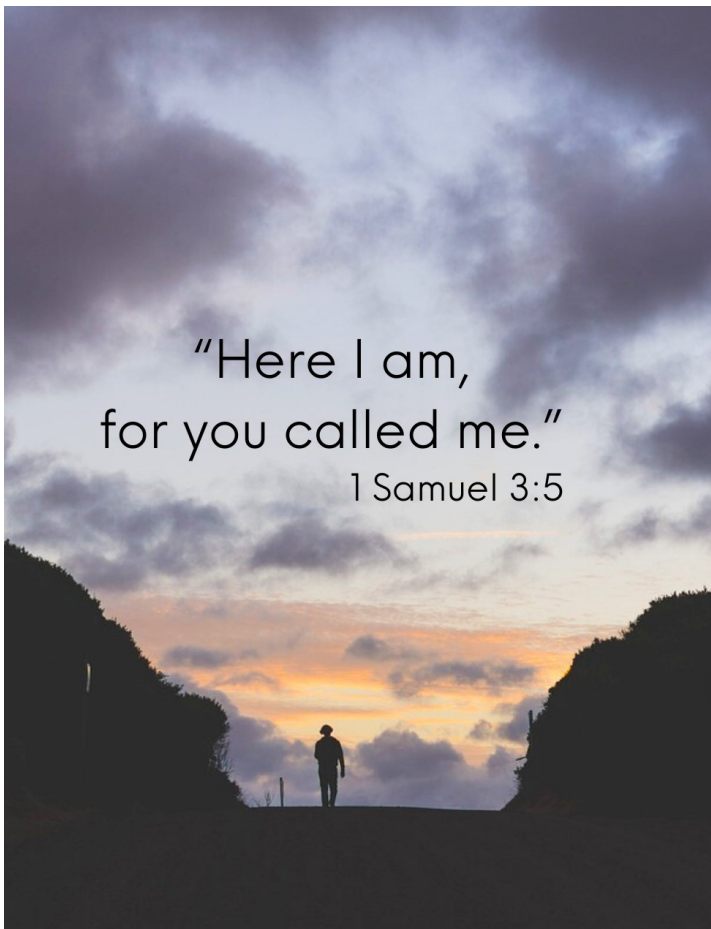


Sanctuary Service, January 14, 2024



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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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.

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

Prelude

Prelude II
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One Be still and listen. In the quiet you can hear God calling.

All O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You can tell what we are thinking from far away.

One God is calling you by name, for a purpose. Listen to the voice of God and do not be afraid.

All O Lord, you know when we sit down and do nothing. You know when we rise up and stand for something.

One Our words and our deeds are known to God. This is news too wonderful for us to bear!

All Search us and know us, Holy One. We, your children, have gathered to praise you!

***Gathering**

God, Reveal Your Presence (v. 1-3)

no. 412

God, reveal your presence: gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you. Holy is your temple: all within keep silence, humbly bow with deepest reverence. You alone now we own as our God and Savior: Praise your name forever!

In God's holy presence, hear the harps resounding; see the crowds the throne surrounding: "Holy, holy, holy!" hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending. Turn your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises that your church now raises.

Fountain of all blessing, purify my spirit; all my trust is in your merit. Like the holy angels on your glory gazing, we adore, hosannas raising. Let your will ever still rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you give us your Word and your Spirit that we might hear your voice, and follow your ways. We confess that we have neglected your commandments and ignored your presence. Merciful God, take from us all that hinders us from hearing your voice and fill us anew with the Holy Spirit that we may joyfully respond to Jesus' call on our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. 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!**

Children's Moment

Choir Anthem

Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name

arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

Sanctuary Choir directed by Jonathan Reed

Refrain: Hush, Hush, Somebody's callin' my name. Hush, Somebody's callin' my name. Hush, Hush, Somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do? I'm so glad that trouble don't last away. I'm so glad that trouble don't last away. I'm so glad that trouble don't last away. Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do? **(Refrain)** I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time. I'm so glad I got m 'ligion in time. I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time. Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do? **(Refrain)** Soon one mornin' death come creepin' in my room. Soon one mornin' death come creepin' in my room. Soon one morning' death come creepin' in my room. Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do? **(Refrain)**

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Hymn of Response

You Are Before Me, Lord (v. 1-2, 4-5)

no. 28

You are before me, Lord, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand; such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Then from your Spirit where, Lord, shall I go; and from your presence where, Lord, shall I fly? If I ascend to heaven you are there, and still are with me if in hell I lie.

If I should say, “Let darkness cover me, and I shall hide within the veil of night,” surely the darkness is not dark to you: the night is as the day, the darkness light.

Search me, O God; search me and know my heart; try me, O God; my mind and spirit try; keep me from any path that gives you pain, and lead me in the everlasting way.

You Are Before Me, Lord
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Music: Alfred Morton Smith (1941)
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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



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***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 have heard the cries of the suffering, Holy God, and we know you have called us to action. Bless this offering and help us use all our gifts to bring healing and transformation to people near and far. We pray all this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Here I Am, Lord (v. 1-3)

no. 69

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Psalm XVIII

Benedetto Marcello

Judy Kabodian, Organist



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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.

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, 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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: If you are interested in joining The Peoples Church and would like to learn more about how to become a member and what being a member of the church entails, our next new members class will be **Sunday, February 11 at 11:45 a.m.** New members classes are informational only, and do not obligate you to become a member. To RSVP for the class, please email our membership coordinator, Beth Lundy, by emailing Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com. Childcare is only available upon request.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting & Having Events is meeting at City Limits for food and bowling on **Saturday, January 27 at 7 p.m.**, ACHE. Contact Pastor Haley if you're interested in carpooling. On **Sunday, February 4** ACHE is joining Campus Ministry for a trip to the Detroit Institute of Art. The plan is to leave **after the 10:30 a.m. service** and remain at the museum until it closes at 5 p.m. Transportation and food will be provided. For more information about ACHE and to RSVP for these events, email Pastor Haley at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

PROGRAMMING (cont.)

CHICs: 'Connected Hearts In Christ' (CHICs) is back! CHICs will meet in the Robertson Room on the **second Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** 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, or Susan Godfrey at s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: Campus Ministry meets **after the 10:30 a.m. service** for Lunch & Lounge, and **twice a month** for activities and outings. On **Sunday, January 14 following the 10:30 a.m. service** Campus Ministry will be going to the movie theater for an afternoon matinee. The movie of choice is to-be-determined. On **Sunday, February 4** Campus Ministry and ACHE are making a trip to the Detroit Institute of Art. The plan is to leave **after the 10:30 a.m. service** and remain at the museum until it closes at 5 p.m. Transportation, tickets, and food will be provided. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing 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>.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will have their regular Sunday evening gathering **this Sunday at 6:30 p.m.**, with Coppertones rehearsal at 5:15 p.m. and youth choir rehearsal at 6 p.m. For more information about PCYG, contact Elisha, by emailing 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 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!