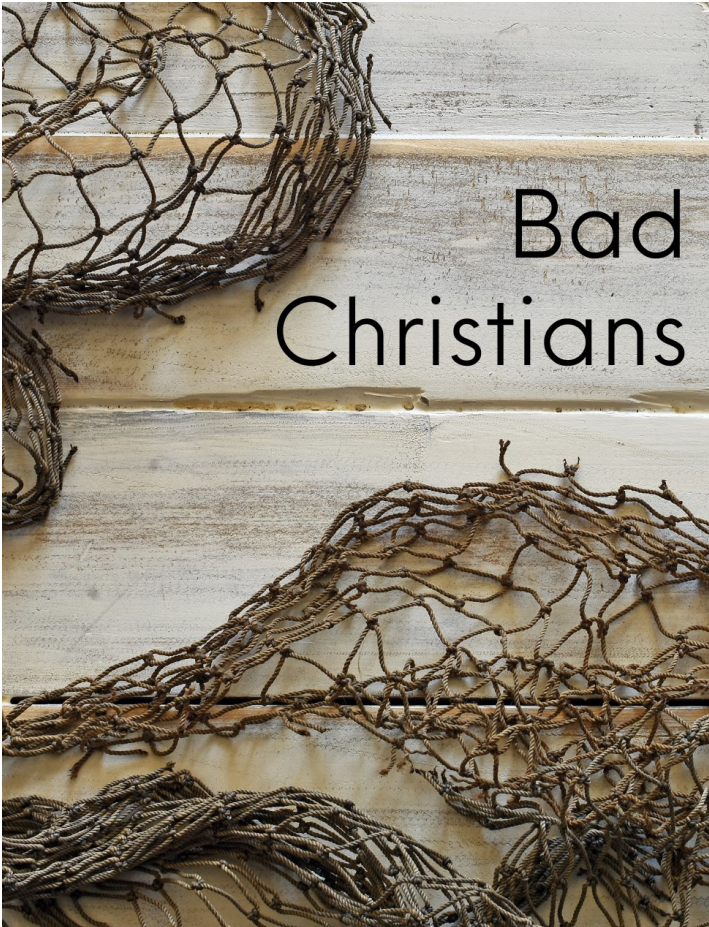


Sanctuary Service, January 21, 2024



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 Children's Moment.

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.

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

Prelude

Gregorian Prelude
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Leslie Betteridge

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

Ben Eysselinck

One In the rush and busyness of life, Jesus speaks to us:
Beloved, come and follow me.

**All I put my trust in God, my creator and redeemer.
God alone is my rock and my salvation.**

One In the dark of night, when we are anxious and alone, Jesus speaks to us:
Beloved, do not be afraid.

**All The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God draws near.
I will walk with the Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

One In this place and at this time, Jesus speaks to us:
Turn your life around and believe the Good News.

**All God alone is my rock and my salvation!
Let us praise and worship the Lord!**

***Gathering**

When Morning Gilds the Skies (v. 1-4)

no. 667

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

When Morning Gilds the skies
Text: German hymn, c. 1800
Music: Joseph Barnby, 1868
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Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, once again we seek your mercy and healing. We read the story of the first disciples and treat it like a fairy tale. We cannot imagine leaving everything behind to follow you. We want to be disciples, but it is hard to set aside our own plans. We want to be faithful, but it feels like a risky proposition. We long to be the kind of people who completely trust in you, but it is hard to take the first small steps. Forgive our sins and forgive our lack of faith. Help us to connect with you so we might find the courage to be true disciples. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Lord Jesus, Think on Me (v. 1)

no. 417

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Choir Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Sanctuary Choir directed by Jonathan Reed; Jennifer Ornelas, horn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 62:5-12

Ben Eysselinck

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Hymn of Response*You Walk Along Our Shoreline (v. 1-3)*

no. 170

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea. We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me. And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal, then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth. We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth. We spread your net of gospel across the water's face, our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name; we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain. You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons, to let your judgement heal us so that all may be one.

You Walk Along Our Shoreline
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Music: Johann Steurlein (1575)
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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**

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**

Source of all goodness, power and strength, we come with gifts in response to your love. Use this offering and all our gifts to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. And may the work of our hands and the words of our mouths be a testament to your abiding grace. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Jesus Calls Us (v. 1-4)

no. 720

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus call us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience serve and love thee best of all.

Jesus Calls Us
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

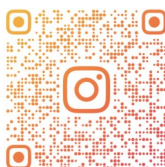
Psalm 33

Emma Lou Diemer

Judy Kabodian, Organist



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: **TODAY following the 10:30 a.m. service** there will be a special congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on a resolution passed by the Council of Elders for a Capital Campaign. We encourage all members with recognized standing in the church to attend this meeting and vote. It is important for all members to get checked off the membership list before the meeting. If you were not checked off before the 10:30 service, please ask for assistance at the end of the service in order to be recognized.

ANNUAL CHURCH BUDGET MEETING: The annual meeting to review the 2023 ministries and budgets and to approve the 2024 church budget will be **next 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.

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.

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to make Panera Bread deliveries to Edgewood Village. Volunteers would pick up bread from the Okemos Panera Bread on Wednesday evenings at 9 p.m. and deliver it to Edgewood on Thursday. Several volunteers are needed so that each person only needs to do the pick up once a month, or less frequently. If you are willing and available to assist with this endeavor, please reach out to Cheryl Leece by calling 517-410-1313, or by emailing her at leececm44@gmail.com.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting again at **noon this 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 meeting at City Limits for food and bowling **next Saturday, January 27 at 7 p.m.** 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, 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>. This week's passage is Mark 1:21-28.

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.

TAIZE SERVICE: Our January Taize service is **next Sunday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Taize services take place on **the fourth Sunday of every month at 6:30 p.m.**, and consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. These services are inter-denominational and all are welcome.

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!