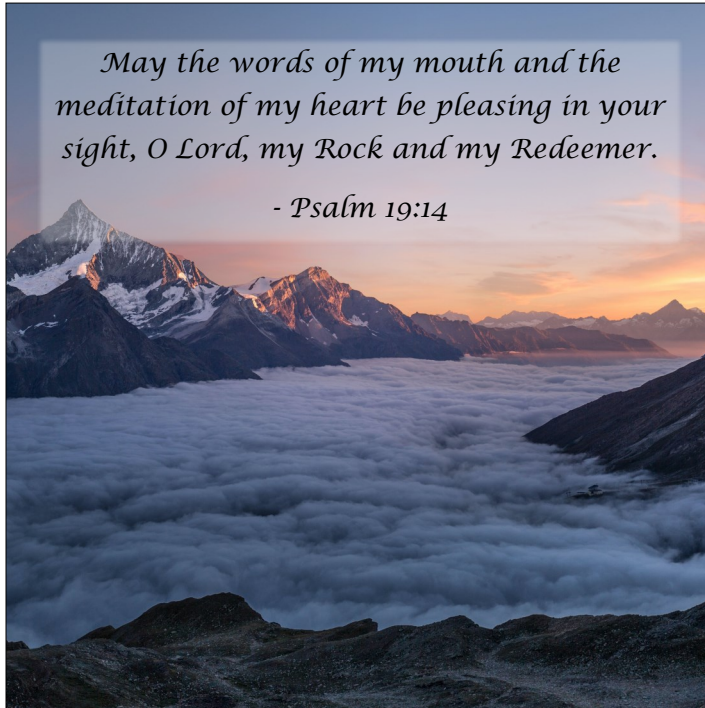


SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 23, 2022

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

- Psalm 19:14



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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. Bev Mason, 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 23, 2022

Prelude

Toccata in D Minor
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Johann Jacob Froberger

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

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

***Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 36)**

Elisha Smith, Youth Director

One We gather in this sacred space to worship God,

All Whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

One Come into this holy place to worship God,

All Whose standards are right; whose judgements are true.

One Come with holy fear – to be given life, and made wise,

All That our hearts may be stirred, and our eyes opened wide.

One Come — let us worship God.

**All Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts
be according to your will, O God. Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (v. 1-4)

no. 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
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Prayer of Confession

Ever-reaching God, you never give up on us. We recognize that so often our lives reflect priorities that are not honoring of your presence. The heavens declare your glory, but we fail to notice. Scripture reveals your goodness and mercy, but our Bibles remain on the shelf. Forgive us for our complacency and open to us pathways for deeper connection with you and one another. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Spirit of the Living God

no. 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

Cantate Domino (sung in Latin)

Johann Leo Hassler

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

English Translation

O sing unto the Lord, sing ye a new song. O sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth. O sing unto the Lord. Praise ye his holy name, all ye people. Be telling of his salvation from day to day. Declare his honor, declare all ye his honor unto the heathen, and all his wonders proclaim unto all people.

Scripture

Psalm 19

Sermon

“Thin Places”

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

Hymn of Response

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect (v. 1-3)

no. 61

Your law, O Lord, is perfect, the simple making wise; how pure are your commandments, enlightening my eyes!

More to be sought than riches, your words are my soul's wealth; their taste is sweet like honey, imparting life and health.

My strength and my redeemer, law giver and true light, my words and meditations make worthy of your sight.

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect
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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

***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, your blessings are abundant. We marvel at the beauty of creation; and thank you for continuing to reveal yourself to us. We offer these gifts to you with thankful hearts and joy-filled praise. May this offering expand the work and reach of our church, as we seek to follow your call to love our neighbors. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (v. 1-3)

no. 611

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

****Please stand as able***

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PEOPLES FORUM: The Peoples Forum Committee has unanimously decided to suspend the Sunday Forums for 4 weeks. Several of our pending speakers have extremely busy, demanding positions and we feel it is a disservice to them to expect them to speak to our limited attendance. We plan to resume the Forums, weekly, beginning on **February 13th** with TV broadcaster, Ann Emmerich. She is excited to come and we are delighted to have her. Please stay safe and stay healthy.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry has started bible study at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights! Theology on Tap will be held at Crunchy's, **January 24th**, at 7 p.m.!

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 26th at 9 a.m.** 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 resumed our group and have begun the study of *If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk*, by John Pavlovitz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Pledge envelopes are available for those who have requested them. They can be picked up at the reception desk in the main office.

TPC TALENT SHOW

Our TPC Talent Show has been rescheduled for **May 1, 2022!**

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 **today, January 23rd at noon**. Please contact Robin Matheson at matheso4@msu.edu or 517-290-3223, to register or get more information. To join this class via zoom, [click here](#), or manually enter the Meeting ID: 849 4875 7712.

REBEKAH/HANNAH

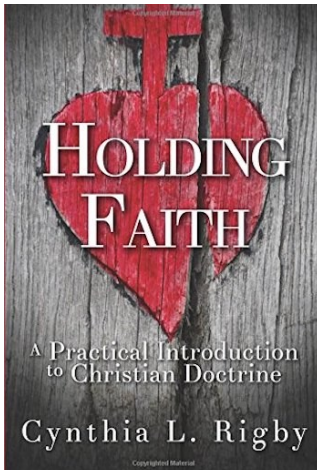
The Rebekah/Hannah Circle meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, January 26th at noon** has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, February 23rd**. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

ANNUAL MEETING & ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports, which include the 2021 Year End Report and the proposed 2022 budget, are available at the Welcome Desk and in the Main Church office. On **Sunday, January 30th**, we will hold our annual meeting following service. In this meeting we will review the annual report for 2021 and approve the budget for 2022.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are working on printing our new Peoples Church directories! If for any reason you do not want your information and picture included in the physical directory, please contact Beth Lundy at blundy@thepeopleschurch.com or 517-908-4452. If we do not hear from you before **February 14th**, you will be automatically included in our new directory. We will also include member information for those who were unable to get their picture taken.



CHiCs (Connected Hearts in Christ) Women's Group is starting a new book in February. CHiCs meets on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. both by zoom and/or in person. For more information about CHiCs and to join the group you may contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or 610-246-0029.

The new book we are reading and discussing each week starting in February is *Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Doctrine* by Cynthia L. Rigby. Join us as we discover how various understandings of particular doctrines play out in relation to the way we live our lives.

The Community Lenten Devotional Needs YOU

We are putting together a Community Lenten Devotional booklet and we need your help. Each day of Lent will be assigned a short Bible passage and we want individuals to write a brief (one paragraph) reflection for the day. You can write about the passage or about Lent or your faith or something else that is on your mind. Pastor Devon and Pastor Shawnthea will add short prayers to each day's offering. Then we will take all the daily reflections and put them into a small booklet that you can use as your devotional for the season of Lent. We will also post the daily devotionals on our Facebook page.

This is a wonderful way to mark the season of Lent and get to know one another better. No special skills are required – just a willingness to write a short reflection before **February 16th**. So don't delay! You can pick up an envelope in the office with a piece of scripture and helpful hints for writing a reflection.