

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 30, 2022



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 30, 2022

Prelude

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels but do not have love,

All I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

One And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love,

All I am nothing.

One If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love,

All I gain nothing.

One Brothers and sisters, let us worship the Lord!

All We will love the Lord and praise God's name!

***Gathering Hymn**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1, 3-4)

no. 366

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
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Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we want to follow Jesus, but we don't always like the path that he takes. We have our own wounds and worries, and our days are filled with obligations. We don't have the resources to bring good news to the poor or recovery of sight to the blind. We don't have the energy to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. We are weary with the weight of our guilt and turn to you for help. Please forgive our sins and touch our hearts with your boundless love. We pray this in Christ's name. 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

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, who unto the Savior for refuge have fled? Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine. The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes. That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

Scripture

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

"What Does He Really Mean?"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

Though I May Speak (v. 1-3)

no. 693

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Though I May Speak
Text and Music: Hal H. Hopson (1972)
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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***

Holy God, you have called us to be more than we are. We dedicate these gifts to Christ's work through this church. Bless all the ministry this money will support and may your love be made known throughout the world. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

Give Thanks, O Christian People (v. 1, 3-4)

no. 644

Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day who heed the call to service and make it their life's way to go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need, to work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for all who love the Lord, who live each day believing in God's eternal Word: to share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed, to use the talents given to plant the gospel seed.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for life in fellowship with all who trust our Savior their serving to equip: to ease another's burdens, to cope in joy and stress, to magnify God's message and Christ's great love confess.

Give Thanks, O Christian People
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+Congregational Meeting+
Bev Mason, Chair of Council Presiding

- I. Declaration of Quorum
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Financial Report and Presentation of the Budget
- IV. Congregational Response/Members' Moment
- V. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

***Benediction**

Postlude

Dialogue

Gilbert M. Martin

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: Join us on Sundays following service for Lunch and Lounge—a time of fellowship, food and rest. Campus Ministry also meets at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights for Bible Study!

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: We are planning to follow MSU's lead and resume PCYG on **Sunday, February 6th**. I can't wait to see you all! Please watch your emails and the FB page for details as we return to in-person.

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, February 2nd 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.

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.

FLORAL DEDICATIONS

Looking for a way to honor or celebrate a loved one? TPC offers floral dedications—for \$85 you can receive two floral arrangements that will be displayed on the alter table during Sunday Worship. A dedication is also printed in the bulletin. These fresh arrangements are a lovely and welcome addition to any service! For more information, or to reserve a Sunday, reach out to Elizabeth at eprice@thepeopleschurch.com.

TOWN & GOWN

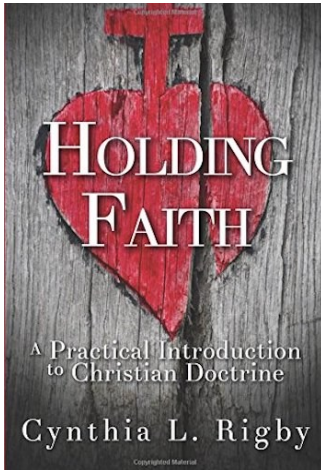
Age Alive's Town & Gown Series has a few more presentations scheduled for the month of February. February 1st join Town & Gown for Dr. Kelly Salchow Macarthur's presentation: *Together in Sport—Graphic Design and Athletics Converge at the Olympic Agora*. These presentations are held over zoom and you can join [here](#), and when prompted enter passcode: Town&Gown. Town and Gown is held from 5-6:20 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

FOGLIO LECTURE SERIES

The Inaugural MSU Foglio Lecture Series on Spirituality, presented by Professor Phillip Sheldrake, will be held over zoom on February 9th at 12 p.m. Register in advance [here](#). His lecture will define spirituality and public life and discuss the connection between these two realms.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care for children under three years of age is available on Sundays! The Nursery is run by Peoples Church Preschool teachers, Ms. Julie and Ms. Michelle. Our teachers are early childhood professionals with extensive experience and training in child development and early childhood education. They are also certified in CPR and first aid. Nursery is available from 10:15 a.m. until the end of the worship service.



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.