

SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 6, 2022



*"I once was lost,
but now am found."*



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

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

Sunday School resumes today!

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

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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 | February 6, 2022

Prelude

Blessed Assurance
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Dale Wood

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 Holy is the God of hosts!
The whole earth is full of God's glory.
All Our hearts are filled with thanks, O God!
We celebrate with songs of praise.
One Mighty is the Lord
And wondrous are God's works!
All We rejoice and praise the Lord
For God's mercy endures forever!

***Gathering Hymn**

God is Here! (v. 1-3)

no. 409

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

God Is Here!
Text: Fred Pratt Green (1979)
Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor (1941)
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Prayer of Confession

Holy One, when we begin to understand your power and presence, we feel small and helpless. It's hard to admit the ways we have failed: the sins we have committed and the sins we have allowed to happen. Your way is not our way because we choose to shut you out. Our familiar routines dull our senses and keep us from recognizing your true purpose. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our sins and all the ways we have tried to hide from you. We pray in the name of Jesus. 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

Come With Rejoicing

arr. Robert Leaf

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Come with rejoicing, lift up your voices, all Christians join in praise to the Lord. Blessing and honor be to the Savior, angels on high sing praise to the Lord. Through every nation praises are ringing. With adoration Christians are singing. Praise him with cymbal, praise him with trumpet, praise him with singing, praise to the Lord. Praise him! Praise God! (Repeat) Alleluia! All praise to God!

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon

"I Once was Lost"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (v. 1-2, 4-5)

no. 649

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
Text: John Newton (1772)
Music: *Columbian Harmony* (1829)
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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***

You have called us to lives of service, O God, and we are responding. Send us where you want us to go. Use this offering as you will, and may what we say and what we do express your love to the world. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and Blessing

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Refreshed by this meal and this time of communion, we now enter the world transformed. Lead us, O God, and show us how we may do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you. It is through Christ, our risen Lord, that we pray. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

To God Be the Glory (v. 1-2)

no. 634

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain.

To God Be the Glory
Text: Fanny Jane Crosby (1875)
Music: William Howard Doane (1875)
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****Benediction and Response***

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

We Come as Guests Invited

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PEOPLES FORUM: The Peoples Forum resumes on **February 13 at 9:30** as we welcome Ann Emmerich, News Anchor for WILX-TV. An experienced news broadcaster, Ann has an extensive history of working in the broadcast media industry. Our speaker is a strong media and communication professional with a BFA focused on Broadcast and Cinematic Arts. We are excited to have Ann with us and so appreciate your attendance. Please join us as our Forum reopens on **FEBRUARY 13th**.

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 9th at 9 a.m.** to review **Luke 6:17-26**. 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.

CHiCs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST) WOMEN'S GROUP: CHiCs 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWN & GOWN

Age Alive's Town & Gown Series has a few more presentations scheduled for the month of February. **February 8th** join Town & Gown for Dr. Artemis Spyrou's presentation: *Bringing the Stars Down to Earth with the Most Powerful Accelerator in the World*. These presentations are held in the **Robertson Room and over Zoom**. To join online, click [here](#), and when prompted enter passcode: Town&Gown. Town and Gown is held from 5-6:20 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. To view upcoming presentations, click [here](#).

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](#). Professor Sheldrake's lecture will define spirituality and public life and discuss the connection between these two realms.

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.

YEAR END STATEMENT

Year end statements were emailed out **January 31st** to those who have an email associated with their Realm account. If you do not have an email on file, a physical copy has been mailed. Statements can be viewed at any time by logging into Realm for those who have an account. If you have any questions, call Jess at 517-904-4446. **Our tax ID is: 38-1359227.**

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.**

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.



Every Wednesday in February, Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell invites you to walk the labyrinth in the Snider Social Hall from 5-8 p.m. She will have resources for you to participate and options for guided meditation. Just bring yourself, an open mind and an adventurous spirit! We hope you will join us. For more information about Praying the Labyrinth Way, view our February *Portal*.

Community Lenten Devotional

Thank you to all those who have signed up to write for our Community Devotional—all passages have been claimed! As a reminder 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. Short reflections are due before **February 16th**—don't delay!

Valentine's Cookies & Cards

Several of our Sunday School children have been sending cards and artwork to elderly members of the congregation. We would love to continue this wonderful outreach program by putting together packs of cookies and homemade cards for Valentine's Day. We need homemade cards, cookies or baked goods to be dropped off at the church office by **Thursday, February 10th**, to be delivered that week. How you can help:

- * Bake a dozen cookies or homemade baked good (**no nuts please**)
- * Encourage your children to make Valentine's Day cards. There can never be too many!
- * Help make deliveries. A porch drop off with a friendly smile and wave will do wonders to lift many spirits!

Please contact Kathi Mitchell (kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com) to sign up. Thank you for helping us spread joy to others!