

Sanctuary Service

February 19, 2023



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823

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Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School is held after the Children's moment.

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.

W@PC

Wednesdays @ Peoples Church is a weekly community dinner followed by programming. Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall!

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get overstimulated 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, click [here!](#)

To join the worship service via telephone, dial (844) 933-0517 and follow prompts.

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Prelude

Pastorale: Movements 1 & 3
Judy Kabodian, Organist

J.S. Bach

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**

Jon Lundy

One: Enter God's house and set it all before the Lord:
The anxious prayers, the nagging worries, the persistent doubts.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and let your spirit rest upon us.

One: Come into worship and tell the truth about yourself:
The weakened commitments, the broken promises, the straying focus.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and transform our lives with your love.

One: Quiet your spirits and listen carefully:
Jesus is calling to us! We must listen to him.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, and be present in this hour.
We will praise and worship you with all we are.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (v. 1-3)

no. 403

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer; O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O enter thou; let it be thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Prayer of Confession

God of hope, we confess that our faith is fragile and our intentions are mixed. We long to be transformed by faith, but we are afraid to risk it. We pretend we want to experience the holy, but such an experience would require a response, and that would be too much. We like to keep our faith in a box, something to take out on Sundays or put on when it's convenient. Forgive us for not seeking you in every moment. Forgive us for all the ways we have failed you and failed ourselves. Let your light and your love surround us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

**Confession Response* Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (v. 3) no. 93
Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Anthem

The Lord Reigneth Paul Manz
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathon Reed

Thy testimonies are very sure: and holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever. Thy throne, thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting. The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Thy testimonies are very sure: and holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever. Thy throne, thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting, thou art from everlasting.

First Scripture

2 Peter 1:16-21

Jon Lundy

Second Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

"Hold Fast to the Light"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (v. 1-3)

no. 182

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Text: Horatius Bonar, 1846
Music: *English County Songs*, 1893
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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

Jon Lundy

Offertory



To make a gift online, please scan the 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

Jon Lundy

**Generous God, may these gifts bring you glory and meet the needs of your people.
May our giving inspire our living, and may our faith give shape to our dreams. We
pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

We Come to You for Healing, Lord (v. 1-3, 4-5)

no. 796

*We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.*

*As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, we know you
come among us still with power to heal again.*

*Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your
gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.*

*We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and
days your grace will heal, sustain.*

We Come to You for Healing, Lord
Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002
Music: American Folk Melody, 1938
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

Pastorale: Movement 4
Judy Kabodian, Organist

J.S. Bach

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: After the service, please join us in Friendship Hall for freshly brewed coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship!

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry will meet after church today in the Campus Lounge.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: There is no PCYG today, as it is President's Day Weekend.

TAIZE SERVICE: The next Taize service is February 26th at 6:30 p.m. Services consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. This service is inter-denominational and all are welcome.

ACHE: Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. To keep up with events, follow ache_thepeopleschurch on Instagram.

PUB THEOLOGY: We meet on the second Thursday each month at Crunchy's to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group meets in-person on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room and Wednesdays on Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88178100531>. This week's scripture is Matthew 4: 1-11.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: A community dinner is hosted every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by your choice of dance aerobics with Shawnthea Monroe, or Faith & the News bible study in the library. We hope you can join us for Wednesdays @ Peoples Church!

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is reading *Love Wins* by Rob Bell. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP: Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of John Pavlovitz's book "A Bigger Table".

CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST): CHICs (Connected Hearts in Christ) Women's Small Group is currently reading *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or (610)246-0029.

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: Voices of the Community will gather at 9:30 a.m. on March 5th in the Robertson Room. The speaker is Dr. Zach Constan, FRIB Outreach Coordinator. Constan's topic is "Exciting Developments in Nuclear Science at MSU'S FRIB."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY: On February 22nd, you are invited to begin the Lenten season at our 12 p.m. Chapel Service, or our 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Service.

LADIES LUNCH & LEARN: The three active women's circles will come together on February 22nd at 12:30 in the Social Hall for a luncheon to discuss the future needs of the recently dissolved Women of Peoples Church oversight board. This event has a cost of \$10 per registrant, and is open to all. To register, please email the church office at office@thepeopleschurch.com.

NEW MEMBER DINNER: If you would like to learn more about becoming a member at The Peoples Church, please contact office@thepeopleschurch.com to RSVP for the New Member Dinner on February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

NOW HIRING: The Peoples Church is looking for a Children's Education Director and a Communications Specialist. For more information, please visit <https://www.thepeopleschurch.com/employmentopportunities> .

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS: Cheryl Leece, our Edgewood Village volunteer coordinator, is requesting our help with driving a resident to the Haslett YMCA at 8:45 a.m., and picking her up again at 10 a.m. to return to Edgewood Village. Volunteer forms and background checks would need to be done if you have not completed them already. Please email Cheryl at leececm44@gmail.com if you are able to help. THANK YOU!



Scout Troop 2 presents:

2023 PANCAKE BRUNCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26



Please join us in the Snider Social Hall following 10:30 worship for pancakes and sausage, applesauce, coffee, and juice! The Scouts thank you for your support and look forward to serving you!