

Sanctuary Service

March 12, 2023



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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

Beautiful Savior
Judy Kabodian, Organist
Acolytes, Theo Eysselinck, Izaak Biedenbender

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**

Bev Mason

One: Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst.
Let us praise our Creator, for whom our bodies long.

**All: We will praise God with all our heart;
We will glorify the name of the Most High forever!**

One: Come with an open mind and hear the Word of God proclaimed.
Come with an open heart and receive the love God offers.

**All: God's Word will not return empty nor go unheard.
We are the body of Christ, shaped by the Spirit.**

One: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith!

All: We will praise the Lord and rejoice!

***Gathering Hymn**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

no. 353

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. **Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.***

*When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **(Refrain)***

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. **(Refrain)***

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy; as we gather for worship, we recall with sorrow the times we have separated ourselves one from another. Too often our thoughts, our words and our actions betray the goodness you have shown to us. Forgive us, Lord. Mend what is broken. Heal the wounded relationships that separate us from you and one another. Renew your Spirit in us and in this church. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Restore in Us, O God (v. 1)

no. 434

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;

Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Anthem

A Lenten Prayer

Robert J. Powell

Carol Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed, Abby Schuette, flute

Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today; give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray. Forty days did Jesus face temptation strong; give me strength to conquer knowing right from wrong. Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today; give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray. I would be like Jesus turning from all sin, with his love to keep me true and faithful within. Lord I ask a blessing for my soul today; give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray. When I look to Jesus, he will show the way; help me come to meet him pure on Easter Day.

Induction of New Members

Austin Bekkering

Maryann Boyd

Erika Hall

Hunter Johnson

Shanna Miller

Kelsey Osborne-Garth

Austin Owen

Austin Scott

Alex Smith

Anthem

Hope of the World

arr. Carl Schalk

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathon Reed

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion: Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent. Save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life: still let thy Spirit unto us be given to heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light: walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt; we render back the love thy mercy gave us: take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain: we would be faithful to thy Gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign! Thou didst forever reign!

Scripture

Romans 5:1-11

Sermon

"The Nature of Hope"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Responsive Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus (v. 1-4)

no. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus is purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Fairest Lord Jesus
Text: Joseph August Seiss (1873)
Music: Silesian folk melody (1842)
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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

Bev Mason

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

Bev Mason

**We dedicate this offering to you, O Lord, and to the hope these gifts might inspire.
May the ministry of this church spread the Gospel far and wide by expressing
Christ's love for all. Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v. 1-2,4-5)

no. 610

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's
ears, brings life, and health, and peace.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the
church in earth and heaven.*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Text: Charles Wesley (1739)
Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser (1828); arr. Lowell Mason (1839)
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

Temples Eternal
Judy Kabodian, organist

F. Melius Christiansen

Floral dedication

From Paul Babbitt: Spartan Strong through God by His Son Christ Jesus



PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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 us on Instagram: [ache_thepeopleschurch](#). Join us 3/16 at Pinball Pete's, 4/6 at Ozone's for dinner and card games, and *Friday, 4/21* for a potluck and game night to welcome Haley Hansen!

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry will not be meeting today. We'll meet again on March 19th!

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.

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 John 9.

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP: Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of "The Sin of Certainty" by Peter Enns.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will meet today in the Youth Den 4:45—6:00 for Music, 6:00—8:00 Cooking Class with Vince Watson.

PUB THEOLOGY: We meet on the second Thursday each month, 6:30 p.m. at Crunchy's to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. Join us March 9th and April 13th!

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE: We will meet March 22nd at 12:00 noon at Coral Gables for lunch and fellowship.

TAIZE SERVICE: The next Taize service is **March 26 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.

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.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

WE NEED YOU! As we explore the scope of a possible Capital Campaign, we have hired an architectural firm to create preliminary designs for the Sanctuary and Social Hall. The architect wants input from the congregation regarding our vision, mission and hopes for these spaces. If you would like to be part of this process, please join us TODAY for a roundtable discussion from NOON to 1:30 pm in the Social Hall. Questions? Contact Nancy Danhof at nancydanhof@gmail.com or 517-285-1666.



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Coffee and Conversation in Friendship Hall following the service!

Easter Lily Memorial Gifts

Please return forms to the church office no later than **April 3, 2023!**

_____ **I would like to honor a loved one with an Easter Lily.** (a suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated. Please make check payable to The Peoples Church and indicate "Easter Lilies" in the memo line.)

Please accept my gift:

_____ **In Memory of**

_____ **In Honor of**

_____ **In Celebration of**

_____ **To The Glory of God**

Name: _____

Notes: _____
