

SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 3, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

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

Nursery Care is available for Children Under 3

No Sunday School Today! Enjoy Spring Break!

Wednesday Night Programming

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 [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, dial (844) 933-0517 and follow prompts.

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Order of Service | April 3, 2022

Prelude

Variations on “Jesu, Meine Freude”

F.W. Zachau

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 God’s spirit is moving among us!
Rejoice for God is about to do a new thing in our midst!

All How good it is to be in God’s presence.

We gather to give thanks and sing!

One God has done great things for us.
Be glad, for God is pointing us in a new direction!

All We wait for God’s word to inspire and guide.

We are ready to go in the direction God reveals.

One In the wilderness of our lives, God provides living water.
In days of sorrow, God gives us a reason to rejoice.

All Forgetting what lies behind, we move towards our future.

We press on toward the goal of unity with Christ!

***Gathering Hymn**

O Day of Rest and Gladness (v. 1-3)

no. 393

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God triune.

On you, at earth’s creation the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God’s people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear, Christ’s living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

O Day of Rest and Gladness
Text: Christopher Wordsworth (1862)
Music: Memmingen ms. (17th century)
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Prayer of Confession

O God, our rock and our redeemer, hear our confession. We have bowed down to idols of our own making. When temptation overtakes us, we submit to its charms. It is easier to grumble about hardships than it is to praise you for the mercies we have received day after day. We have tested you in every way, and yet you are with us. Your mercy endures forever. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature and restore us to true communion with you. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

***Confession Response** Hear the Good News of Salvation no. 441

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above!

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

Give Me Jesus

Arr. L. L. Fleming

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

O, when I am alone, O, when I am alone, O, when I am alone, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus. O, when I come to die, O, when I come to die, O, when I come to die, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus. And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus. And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Scripture

Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon

"Forward Motion"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Special Music

A Lenten Contemplation

William Rivard

Neil Mueller, Trumpet & David Biedenbender, Euphonium

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**

To you, O God, we offer the gifts of our hands and the loyalty of our hearts. Accept us with our gifts, and bless all we say and do 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

God of history and hope, we leave this table of communion knowing that we are always connected with you and with all our sisters and brothers in faith. Through your Spirit, encourage us as we face the challenges of this age. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1-4)

no. 307

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

God of Grace and God of Glory
Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1930)
Music: John Hughes (1907)
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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

Poco Vivace

Hermann Schroeder



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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday, April 7th, you are invited to join us in celebrating the life of John Lawton. The service begins at **3 p.m.** in the sanctuary and will be **in person** only.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PEOPLES FORUM: There will be no Peoples Forum **April 10 (Palm Sunday)** or **April 17th (Easter)**. We will resume April 24th with Elisha Smith, TPC Youth Director.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There is no Sunday School, today April 3rd!

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 (PCYG): PCYG is following our normal schedule this month! There will be no PCYG on Easter Sunday. Confirmation class is from 5:30-6:30, followed by dinner and Youth Choir from 6:30-7:30, and regular PCYG from 7:30-8:30 in the youth den. Please reach out to Elisha Smith if you have any questions or know any students interested in joining PCYG!

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 **Wednesday, April 6 at 9 a.m.** to review **Luke 19: 28-40, and Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29**. 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 meet in the Robertson Room as we continue our study of *If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk* by John Pavlovitz.

CHiCs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST) WOMEN'S GROUP: We meet on **Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. both by zoom and/or in person**. For more information about CHiCs or to join the group, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or 610-246-0029.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEOPLES 101 TODAY!!

Would you like to know more about The Peoples Church or have questions you'd like to ask? Stop by Peoples 101 in the **Robertson Room after worship** and meet with a Pastor and Welcome Ministry members for a 30 minute informal discussion.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Boy Scouts will be holding a pancake breakfast after **worship on Sunday, April 10th**. More details to come!



SWINGING FOR SUPPORT

Today, the MSU Swing Dance Society will be hosting a fundraiser from 1-4 p.m. in the Gym. Entry is \$5. Drinks and snacks are available for purchase during the event. Half of the proceeds benefit the Ukrainian Red Cross, the other half benefits the MSU Food Bank.



Easter Lily Memorial Gifts

Please return forms to the church office no later than **April 11th, 2022!**

_____ **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 Celebration of**

_____ **In Honor of**

_____ **To The Glory of God**

Name: _____

Memorial: _____



Easter Food Basket Collection

We have been able to help 60 families with our Thanksgiving and Christmas food credits! With your continued support, we hope to offer this food credit to another 30 families for Easter. This food credit allows families to determine what foods best fit their needs and only restricts alcohol, tobacco, and cleaning products. We greatly appreciate your help in supporting our community!

Prayers for Ukraine



The wall display case near the church office contains a special Lenten display, installed in cooperation with the Fine Arts Committee. Honoring the people of Ukraine, it features a collection of “Pysanky,” the type of decorated eggs that are unique to the Ukrainian people. The motifs “drawn” on these eggs with wax include prayerful symbols of hope, faith, and peace. Ancient legend says that as long as Pysanky are made, goodness will prevail over evil. This display offers prayers of hope and peace for the people of Ukraine.

WE ARE HIRING

PLEASE SEND RESUMES TO PERSONNEL@THEPEOPLESCHURCH.COM

Communications Specialist

The Peoples Church is hiring a new Communications Specialist. This position is full-time at 30 hours a week and is eligible for insurance and other benefits.

Main Job Responsibilities

- * Creating and editing the weekly bulletin and monthly *Portal* newsletter
- * Updating The Peoples Church Website
- * Maintaining regular communication with congregation members through Facebook posts and E-News

Skills

- * Microsoft Office Suite, particularly Word and Publisher

Hospitality Coordinator

The Peoples Church is hiring a new Hospitality Coordinator. This position is part-time averaging 20 -24 hours per week, with a compensation range of \$16-\$18/hour depending on experience.

Main Job Responsibilities

- * All catering needs involving the use of the kitchen (includes special events)
- * Preparing and serving balanced meals, within budget, for our Wednesday night community meals
- * Maintain inventory of food
- * Maintain high level of sanitation standards in kitchen