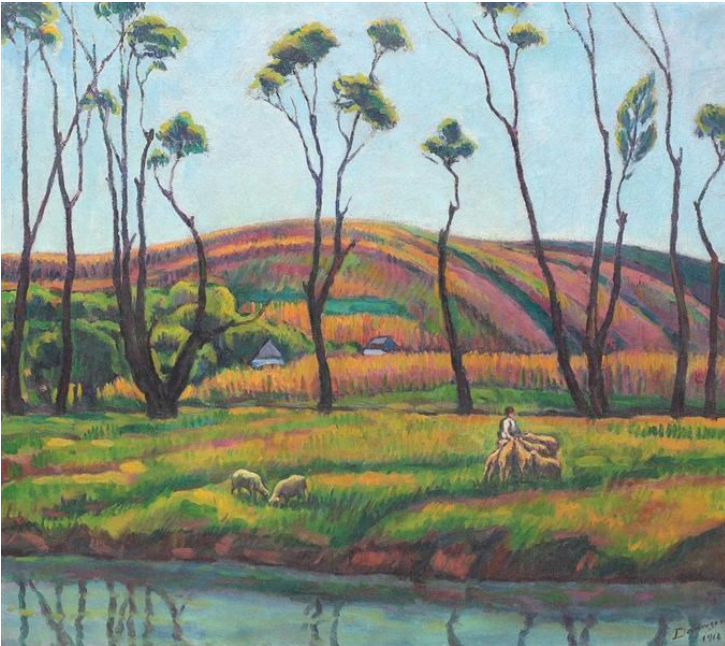


KICKOFF SUNDAY

September 11, 2022



Sunday Schedule

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube. Beginning next week, there will also be an 8:30 a.m. Chapel Service

Sunday School begins 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.



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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

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ONLINE

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Order of Service | September 11, 2022

Prelude

Venite!
Judy Kabodian, organist

John Leavitt

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 our Creator calls us to worship.
We hear God's words and we come.

**All: From east and west, north and south,
We gather together to praise our God!**

One: Through prayers and petitions, songs and silence,
We celebrate God's Good News in Christ Jesus.

**All: We have wandered and wondered;
We have despaired and doubted.**

One: Beloved, there is no place where Jesus cannot find you.
There is no wound that Christ's love cannot heal.

**All: We are God's beloved! We are the Body of Christ!
With joy and hope, let us worship the Lord!**

***Gathering Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 1,2,4)

no. 15

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you have known and loved us from the moment we drew breath, yet we do not always return your love. We struggle to give our lives over to you because we believe we are the authors of our future. We pretend we do not hear your voice. We deny that our gifts have come from your hand. We have carried our burdens alone because we don't know how to trust you. Anxious and weary, we have entered this space hoping for mercy and longing for rest. Fill us with your Spirit and assure us of your love. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (v. 1)

no. 423

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing? Arr. Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir, directed by John Reed

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

First Scripture

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Beth Lundy, Lay Reader

Second Scripture

Luke 15: 1-10

Sermon

"Acceptable Losses"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is my name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719

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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 One, you shower us with goodness every day. With grateful hearts, we dedicate this offering to the work of your church. Transform all our gifts into expressions of love, justice and peace. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care
enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still
provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms
around you: God be with you till we meet again.

God Be with You Til We Meet Agai
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Benediction

Benediction Response*

Postlude

Crown Imperial
Judy Kabodian, organist

William Walton

Floral Dedication



Today's floral arrangement is given by Joan Wright in celebration of
Kick-Off Sunday.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the College Lounge, and on Mondays at 11 a.m. at Blue Owl Coffee.

MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE: Join Pastor Devon in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays for a lively discussion of scripture and current hot-button issues.

PCYG: Combined middle and high school Youth Group will restart on Sunday, September 18th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Den!

A.C.H.E. (Grad Student Group): Adults Connecting Having Events will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. For more information about this young adult group, follow [ache_thepeopleschurch](#) on Instagram or contact Pastor Devon at dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* by Dallas Willard. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group meets in-person on Mondays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room and Wednesdays on Zoom from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The text discussed this week is Luke 16: 1-13. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906921959>.

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP: Join us in the Robertson Room to begin our discussion of the book "Why I Would Have Killed Jesus and You Might Have Too" By David Nelson.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: A community dinner will be held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by your choice of dance aerobics with Shawnthea Monroe, or bible study with Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell. We hope you can join us for Wednesdays @ Peoples Church!

CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST): CHICs will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or (610)246-0029.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL KICK-OFF: Head down to the Social Hall today following worship for a Ministry Fair and our Annual Chicken Dinner! The Ministry Fair will give the congregation an opportunity to get involved with committees and church groups. The Chicken Dinner officially launches our fall activities with a community feast!

PUB THEOLOGY: Join Pastor Devon at Crunchy's tomorrow, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what's happening in the world.

ELDER AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: The Peoples Church is looking for members who would like to serve in a leadership role as an Elder or a member of the Nominations Committee. Please consider reading the job description and completing the expression of interest form by clicking [here](#) or by visiting ThePeoplesChurch.com and clicking *About*, then *Governance*. Forms submitted by September 16, 2022 will be considered this fall for a position.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at our church on Friday, September 16th in the Robertson Room. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, or call 1-800-733-2767.

COMPANIONS IN CHRIST (9-WEEK COURSE): Starting on the 21st, Companions in Christ with Pastor Devon will start up on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. If you would like to register and receive a copy of the book, *The Way of Grace*, contact Devon Herrell at dherrel@thepeopleschurch.com.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Set aside some time to renew your spirit and join us for our fall retreat for women at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. The program starts with dinner on Friday night, September 23rd, and ends with a closing worship on Saturday evening, September 24th. The program will feature three sessions led by Anita Smith Buckwalter, prayer, worship, and unstructured time for crafts, writing, or whatever makes your heart sing. The cost is \$105 (double occupancy) or \$120 (single occupancy) and includes four meals and all accommodations. If you have questions, please contact Beth Lundy (blundy@thepeopleschurch.com). Space is limited, so sign up today. Scholarships are available upon request.

NEW ART EXHIBIT: The Fine Arts Committee invites you to visit its latest exhibit, "Dreaming Outside The Lines," by Peoples Church member and volunteer, Bobbi Kilty. The 47 original artworks are now on display throughout the halls of the church.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church or simply want to know more about this remarkable community of faith, consider joining our next New Members Class on October 2 at 11:30 a.m. Please contact Robin Matheson at matheso4@msu.edu or 517-290-3223 to register or get more information. Also, please let us know if you will need childcare.

HAL LECTURE SERIES - JOHN PAVLOVITZ: We are pleased to invite you to the sixth annual Henry and Annabel Larzelere Lecture Series on October 22 and 23, welcoming best-selling author and pastor, John Pavlovitz. John will preach at our Sunday morning worship service, and in the afternoon he will lead a lecture/discussion on Living a Life of Sustainable Compassion. The Library Committee will have Pavlovitz's latest book: *If God is Love, Don't Be a Jerk* available for purchase before and after the 10:30 service from September 18 to October 16 in anticipation for this event.