

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All regularly scheduled Sunday programs have been suspended until further notice.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

A community meal is served for those who need one.

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

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. Kari Naghtin, 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**

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Order of Service | September 12, 2021

Prelude

Lord Be Glorified
Judy Kabodian, Organ

Arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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 Great is our God and greatly to be praised.
Worship the One whose grace covers all our needs.

**All The God of hosts is with us here.
We praise, with joy, God's holy name.**

One Ponder God's steadfast love in this hour.
Practice sharing that love while in our time together.

**All God has searched us and knows us.
God's love extends beyond all our limitations.**

One There is no place where God cannot be.
There is no person God does not love.

**All This knowledge is too marvelous for us.
We will simply praise and rejoice in the Lord our God!**

***Gathering Hymn**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (v. 1-3)

no. 4

*Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.*

*Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in
unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"*

*All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and
the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.*

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
Text: Attr. Ignaz Franz (1774)
Music: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch (1774)
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Prayer of Confession

When we ponder the work of your hand, Creator God, and the vast expanse of this universe, we are astounded. You have given us life and showered us with love but we have squandered that gift in meaningless pursuits and self-serving pleasures. We have belittled your prophets and made light of your commands. We swing between boasting of our accomplishments and feeling utterly overwhelmed by life's challenges. O God, hold us steady. We pray for healing, forgiveness and a new perspective on life. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response**

no. 437

You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Bennett Bean Longstreth born October 5th, 2020

Elder: Do we, the members of the church of Jesus Christ present here at The Peoples Church, promise to be Bennett's family of faith, now and always, offering whatever he might need to better serve and follow our Lord and Savior? And do we promise to encourage him to walk humbly with their Lord all the days of their life?

Congregation: *By God's grace, we do.*

Elder: Brothers and sisters, we now celebrate the gift of grace in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Congregation: *There is one body and one spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God, creator of us all*

Baptism

Congregation: *We thank you God for Bennett. Bless him and keep him, now and forever. Amen*

Following the Baptism, children from preschool to 5th grade age are invited to attend a Sunday School party in Room 306

Anthem

"I Was Glad"

Michael Jothan

Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

I was glad! I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. And there find peace within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. Alleluia, O praise ye the Lord. O praise him all ye nations. O praise him all ye people. I was glad! Alleluia!

Scripture

Psalm 139

Sermon

"I Love You, But..."

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

***Hymn of Response**

"I Will Come to You" (v. 1, 3-4)

no. 177

I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.

Refrain: *Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*

(hymn continued on next page)

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. (Refrain)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! (Refrain)

I Will Come to You
Text and Music: David Haas (1991)
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Penny Swartz

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

[Give Now \(onrealm.org\)](http://onrealm.org)

****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 God, this offering is a small portion of the gifts we have received from you. Bless this money and the ministry that these funds will support. Help us bring light and hope and sanctuary to all your children. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind” (v. 1-3)

no. 31

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all commanding might, filled the new made world with light: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed; with full measure, meets their need: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. .

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind
Text: John Milton (1924)
Music: Attr. John Antes (1790)
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****Benediction***

Benediction Response

Postlude

Toccatà

Eugene Butler

****Please stand as able***

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

Below are some of our currently offered Bible studies or fellowship groups. Some groups meet virtually and others in person.

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the meeting [here](#). Meeting ID: 883 8071 4830. You can also dial 1 929 205 6099 and when prompted enter 883 8071 4830.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: As men of faith, we read the Bible and other books, listening for God's voice and direction for our lives. We also listen to each other, looking to support and challenge each other's walk of faith. As we endeavor to do so, we find ways to put God's word into action in our lives and in God's wider kingdom on earth. If you are interested in participating in this group, they meet each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. They are reading the book, *They Were Christians: The Inspiring Faith of Men and Women Who Changed the World* by Cristobal Krusen, and sharing how mentors in their lives inspired their faith journeys.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Meet Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell today after church! There will be a meet & greet in the Campus Lounge, and donuts and coffee will be provided. Bible study will begin on 9/15! We will meet at 8:00 p.m. in the Campus Lounge. Contact Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell with questions; dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com. All college-age students are welcome!

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: We are kicking off PCYG this month! Middle School PCYG begins on September 15th, from 5:30-7:30. High School PCYG begins September 19th from 6:00—8:00! Please contact Elisha Smith if you have any questions or know a student who may be interested! esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.



Floral Dedication

In honor of Rev. Reginald V. Lancaster's 80th birthday, with love, from his family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP

Our group will resume regular weekly Wednesday noon meetings on **September 15th**, and will begin discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. The group meets in the church library.

GREAT DECISIONS

Our next speaker, Dr. Kevin Elliot, studies the ethical and social values that influence scientific research, with a particular focus in policy-relevant areas of environmental research. Dr. Elliot will present on **September 15th**, at 5 p.m. in the Robertson Room and over Zoom. The Town & Gown program will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Participants may either attend in the Robertson Room or join by Zoom. To learn more about our weekly speaker, and to preview upcoming speakers, look [here](#). We invite you to join us as we welcome Town & Gown to our church community! You can register to [attend via this link](#).

THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet **September 16th** at 1:30 p.m. to discuss *The Women of the Copper Country* by Mary D. Russell. It is also the Great Michigan Read for 2021. We plan to meet in person in the Robertson Room, and offer an online option, which is the hybrid model the church is using for now. If you are interested in joining online, go to Join Zoom Meeting or in your Zoom app enter the Meeting ID: 859 3401 9302 and when asked for a password enter: 158952. Hope to see you there!

PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum will be returning on **September 19th**, with “Covid Update” by the Elders of the Peoples Church. Peoples Forum will be held from 9:30—10:15 a.m. in the Robertson Room before worship.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **September 23rd** at 1 p.m. in the Robertson Room to share completed projects, good fellowship, and new ideas. We will follow Church guidelines for being masked. Interested knitters and crocheters are always welcome!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Have you thought about joining The Peoples Church or found yourself interested in learning more about this great community of faith? We invite you to our next New Members Class on **October 3rd** at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome! Please contact one of us to register for the class:

Diane Shafer, 517-388-0437,

shafer2001@gmail.com

or

Robin Matheson, 517-290-3223,

matheso4@msu.edu.



Kickoff Sunday!

Mark your calendars—Kickoff Sunday at The Peoples Church is September 19th! Join us in celebrating and enjoy a delicious chicken lunch following the worship service! This will be an excellent opportunity to meet our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell.

Menu

Fried Chicken ~ Baked Chicken
Redskin Potato Wedges
Wild Rice with Mushrooms
Mixed Greens Salad
Dinner Roll
Fresh Fruit Bowl

Children's Table Menu

Chicken Tenders
Macaroni & Cheese
Veggies & Dip
Fresh Fruit
Coffee ~ Tea ~ Ice Water
~ Lemonade

October Portal

The deadline for the October Portal is **September 15th!** Please submit all articles to eprice@thepeopleschurch.com. If you, or someone you know, is unable to access an online version of the portal, please contact the office at 517-332-5073 to be added to the Portal mailing list.