



ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 12, 2020

Prelude "The Peace May Be Exchanged" Dan Locklair
Judy Kabodian, organ

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe
Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship

- One: A voice of power and majesty calls out to us:
This is my son, the beloved! Listen to him!
- All: Jesus gathers us together in this holy place.
We are anxious to hear what he will say.**
- One: God takes us by the hand and leads us.
In covenant with God, we bring the light of Christ to the world.
- All: Through the waters of baptism, we become part of Christ.
Through the waters of baptism, we are set free.**
- One: Give thanks and praise to God, all people of faith!
Rejoice and sing, for our salvation is near!
- All: We will worship with joy and give glory to God's name!
In Christ we are made whole and made one!**

Gathering Hymn "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" No. 490

Procession of the Light of Christ Ida Filkins, acolyte

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m.**
Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m.**
Carol Choir Rehearsal
Confirmation Class
PCYG Bible Exploration
Peoples Forum
- 10:30 a.m.**
Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School
- 11:30 a.m.**
Coppertones Rehearsal
Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Dance 149

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

- 5:30 p.m.**
Community Meal
- 6:00 p.m.**
Youth Choir Rehearsal
Children's Education
- 6:30 p.m.**
Adult Formation Classes
Peoples Church YouthGroup
Yoga Class

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.



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Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified you. God of justice, we admit that we have benefited from systems of injustice. God of light, we recognize that we have hidden our light from others and lived in the shadows of the world. Holy One, we repent of all our sins, especially the sin of limiting your love. Help us to be fully committed to the way of Jesus. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Restore in Us, O God" (verse 1) No. 434
**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9
(Pew Bible Page 721; Large Print 1,085)

Passing the Peace of Christ (*Please stand if able*)
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Installation of Elders/Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.) Rev. Drew Filkins
Ken Beall • Rick Comstock • Carol Dooley • Bev Mason • Mary Nowack • Bob Watson

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Verse 1
Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light,
Word of God our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying, round thy throne.

Verse 2
Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock in Thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own,
In the love of joys unknown.

Second Reading Matthew 3:13-17
(Pew Bible Page 967; Large Print 1,471)

Sermon "Through the Water" Dr. Monroe

Hymn of Response "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" No. 182

Prayers of the People & 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.

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Invitation to Give

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Michaela Larsen, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

Act of Praise

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

In response to your gift of grace, dear God, we dedicate this offering to the work of this church. May everything we say and do bring the light of Christ into the world. Bless these gifts and this church. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

No. 297

Benediction

Benediction 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

"Toccata in C"

Johann Pachelbel



Floral Dedication:

Given in memory of Celia Wycoff Marxer and Carol Turner, by Frank Marxer.

2020 EMPTY BOWLS CHILI COOK-OFF

The Empty Bowls Chili Cook-Off is back on **February 9** following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Snider Social Hall! Members of the Greater Lansing Potters Guild have generously donated some of their best hand-crafted bowls for sale with proceeds benefiting the hungry in the Greater Lansing Area. We need chili entries, volunteers, and of course bowl buyers and tasters! Prizes will be awarded for the top three vote-getters in two divisions: Youth and Adult (18+). To sign up to be a volunteer, go to The Peoples Church website (homepage), click on the Chili Cook-Off news event and sign up. Don't miss this fabulous event!



THE PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum welcomes Judy Putnam, journalist with the Lansing State Journal, on **January 19**. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Join us each Wednesday night for a community meal at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall, followed by adult programming in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

PCYG WINTER RETREAT

The PCYG Winter Retreat will be over the weekend of **January 31, 2020**. This year the retreat is in Flint, MI for a mini-mission weekend. Our students will be working with Crossover Downtown Ministry and the St. Andrew's Soup Kitchen, with time for fun along the way! Email Joe Kennedy at jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com for more details.

THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet on **January 16** at 1:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. We will be discussing the book, *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama. All are welcome!

WPC JEWELRY SALE

The Women of Peoples Church are gearing up for their annual jewelry sale in May. As you clean out your closets this winter, please consider donating your jewelry, purses, scarves, housewares, antiques and more to the jewelry sale. Drop off your donations to the church office during business hours, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join Pastor Drew for Monday Morning Bible at 11:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room as we continue to study John's Gospel. All are welcome!

DORCAS CIRCLE CORRECTION

Dorcas Circle will not meet in the months of January or February. Updates for meeting times and location will be announced in future weekly bulletins and the monthly *Portal* newsletter.

SERMON PREVIEW BIBLE STUDY

Join Dr. Monroe on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room for a lively discussion and study of the scripture text for the up-coming sermon. Bible text for Wednesday, January 15:1, Corinthians 1:1-9. All are welcome!

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.