

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## OCTOBER 20, 2019

"Grant me justice against  
my adversary."

Luke 18:3



## 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

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## 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 Youth Group

Yoga Class



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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## 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.*

## ASL Interpreted Service

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



## MAKE A GIFT

Please note, we have a new link for online giving (below):

<https://onrealm.org/thepeopleschurch/Give>

See back page for more information on **REALM!**

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Kathi Mitchell, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor; please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | OCTOBER 20, 2019

**Prelude** (8:30 a.m.) "Voluntary in B Flat Major" John Stanley  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

**Prelude** (10:30 a.m.) "Jesus Loves Me" & "Kum Ba Ya" Traditional  
*Coppertone Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed*

### **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**

**Leader:** We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

**People:** **This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.**

**Leader:** We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

**People:** **This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.**

**Leader:** We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

**People:** **This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Come, Great God of All the Ages" No. 309

### **Procession of the Light of Christ**

Jack Fickies and Javier Robles, Acolytes

### **Prayer of Confession** (based on Jeremiah 31:31-34)

**Leader:** God promised a new covenant through the prophet Jeremiah, who said that one day the law would be written on our hearts and all would know God.

**People:** **Often, when we are confused and closed and worn, we wonder if that day will ever come.**

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Leader: God's promise throughout the law and prophets is made alive in us. God will always be our God and we will always be God's people.

**People: Let us be glad, for God remembers our sin no more.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Leader: May the God of healing grace restore our weary souls.

**People: May the Christ of glory teach us that it is through service that we gain honor.**

Leader: May the Holy Spirit grant us a new sense of purpose and direction.

**People: May we anticipate with eagerness God's coming covenant and the changes it will bring. Amen.**

**Congregational Response** "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" (verse 1)

No. 796

**We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,  
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.**

### **First Reading**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(Pew Bible Page 789; Large Print 1,197)

**Communion** (8:30 a.m.)

**Children's Moment** (10:30 a.m.)

**Passing the Peace of Christ** (Please stand if able)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Anthem** (10:30 a.m.)

"The Call of Wisdom"

*Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

Will Todd

### **Second Reading**

Luke 18:1-8

(Pew Bible Page 1,051; Large Print 1,596)

### **Sermon**

"A Tenacious Faith"

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Dr. Monroe

### **Hymn of Response**

"A Grateful Heart"

No. 652

## **Prayers of the People**

*(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)*

**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.**

## **Moment for Ministry**

John Lindley

## **Offertory** (10:30 a.m.)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
*Will Johnson, tenor*

arr. Richard Walters

## **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**

**Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. You call us to follow Your example—to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Continue to write your law of love on our hearts. Give us an unwavering passion for justice, and a tenacious faith that will not rest until the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief, and the outsider finds a welcome. Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 687

## **Benediction** *(Please stand if able)*

## **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**

"Epilogue"

Norman Gilbert



**Floral Dedication:  
Warmest welcome to Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe.**



## WELCOME REV. DR. SHAWNTEA MONROE!

We happily welcome Rev. Dr. Shawntea Monroe, Senior Pastor, to The Peoples Church family! Feel free to introduce yourself following worship and give her a warm welcome.

## SAVE THE DATE: PARIS TO PITTSBURGH

On **November 3**, the Earth Stewardship Committee will be hosting a community conversation centered around climate change action and featuring a free screening of the film, *Paris to Pittsburgh* and a moderated discussion afterward. Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room.

## PEOPLES FORUM

On **October 27**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Paul Tarr who will present to us about the Michigan Mental Health System Historical Perspective. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

## HOLIDAY WREATH & POINSETTIA SALE

Starting **TODAY**, you can purchase a holiday wreath or poinsettia from the Women of Peoples Church. Purchases may be made between worship services or following the 10:30 a.m. worship service at the Welcome Desk. All sales benefit the ministries of the Women of Peoples Church which, in turn, benefit various nonprofit organizations in the Greater Lansing area.

## REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle will meet for lunch and Conversation, on **October 23**, at 12:30 p.m. at Coral Gables Restaurant in East Lansing.

## THE KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **October 24** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us; all are welcome!

Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (following the community meal), as Pastor Drew leads a study on Jonah. This prophet is often quoted and often misunderstood.

## TPC 24/7: ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!

If you haven't already, be sure to download *REALM*, our new updated online program that allows you to be connected with us 24/7, Anytime, Anywhere! Update personal info, give online, view giving history, and more! Go to your app store, search for "Realm Connect" if using an iPhone or "Connect Our Church" if using an Android. Use the passcode of: thepeopleschurch.

## YOUTH SUNDAY AND CAKE AUCTION

The Peoples Church Youth Group will be taking over worship on **November 10** for our annual Youth Sunday! Then, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, join PCYG in the Snider Social Hall for their annual Cake Auction and bid on a cake or two! Proceeds from the auction will benefit this year's mission trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

## MITTEN STATE RIVALRY TAILGATE

The Women of Peoples Church invite you to participate in the "Mitten State Rivalry Tailgate" on **November 16!** Come with an appetite, and wear your favorite team colors (green and white or maize and blue). The tailgate will begin one hour prior to kickoff and will take place in the Robertson Room. Join us for fun, fellowship, food, and of course, the game; everyone is welcome!

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Save the date for this year's Family Game Night to be held on **November 16**, here, at The Peoples Church! Everyone is welcome to participate; bring your favorite board games, card games, video games, etc., and come enjoy fellowship, fun, and food! More details to come.

# ~ HARVEST FESTIVAL ~

## TODAY!

Snider Social Hall & Gym

following the 10:30 a.m. service

Everyone is welcome to join us  
for food, games, crafts, and fun!



**NOVEMBER 16, 2019 • 9 a.m. - Noon**

**I WANT TO HELP ON FALL YARD CLEAN UP DAY!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will bring my own:**  Rakes  Trimmers  Blower  Ext. Cords

Hedge Trimmers  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Matt Gosselin at 517.484.6813 or [mattcatgosselin@comcast.net](mailto:mattcatgosselin@comcast.net) with questions.

Place in offertory plate, or leave in church office.



# BLOOM

## A New Season Of Growth!

### Plant the seed. Nurture growth.

Join Dr. Monroe, the Council of Elders, and other members, as we look toward the future growth of our church during two Seedling Receptions in the Robertson Room. Plan to come to one of the following sessions to see what God has in store for The Peoples Church:

Sunday, October 27, Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



## MITTEN STATE RIVALRY TAILGATE

Saturday, November 16

Tailgate will start one hour prior to kickoff in the Robertson Room.



Join us for fellowship, food, fun, and to watch a great rivalry game on the big screen!

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