

SUNDAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 17, 2021



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Nursery 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School follows the
Children's Moment

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Our community meal
outreach program continues.
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 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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Rev. Penny Swartz, Minister Emeritus

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 | October 17, 2021

Prelude

Sonata I: Movement II
Judy Kabodian, Organ

Charles W. Ore

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 Loving Creator, you fashioned us in your image
And endowed us with dignity.

**All We are one human family:
Beautiful and blessed in every way.**

One Lord Jesus, you breached every barrier in order to
free us, challenge us and heal us.

**All We are one human family:
Called to love and serve one another in Christ's name.**

One Divine Spirit, you have set a holy spark in every soul
So our hearts are ablaze with love.

**All We are one human family, the body of Christ
In this place and in this time.
With one joyful voice, let us worship and praise God!**

***Gathering Hymn**

“Great God of Every Blessing” (v. 1-3)

no. 694

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Great God of Every Blessing
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Procession of the Light of Christ

Parker Wells, Acolyte

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

God of mercy, we lift up this prayer of confession and pray for your forgiveness.

Forgive us for the times we have remained silent in the face of injustice. Forgive us for imagining the oppression of others is not our concern. Forgive us for accepting things the way they are rather than following the ways of Jesus. Forgive us for the fear that keeps us quiet and the doubt that keeps us from acting. Forgive all our sins and fill us with the light of your love, a light that can lead us forward. We pray in Jesus' 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!**

Children's Moment

Anthem

"Thou Art God"

Lionel Bourne

Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

*Thou art the peace of all things calm. Thou art the place to hide from harm. Thou art the light that shines in dark. Thou art the heart's eternal spark. Thou art the door that's open wide. Thou art the guest who waits inside. Thou art the stranger at the door. Thou art the calling of the poor. **(Repeat)** Thou art my Lord and with me still. Thou art my love, keep me from ill. Thou art the light, the truth, the way. Thou art my Saviour this day, my Saviour this day, thou art my Saviour this very day.*

Scripture

John 9:1-12

Sermon

"Let the Light Shine"

Rev. Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell

***Hymn of Response**

"The Church of Christ in Every Age" (v. 1-3)

no. 320

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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***

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these gifts become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

"Lord, Make Us More Holy" (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 313

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again: holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again: loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful; Lord make us more faithful; Lord make us more faithful, until we meet again: faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

Lord, Make Us More Holy
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****Benediction***

Benediction Response

Postlude

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Arr. Michael Burkhardt

****Please stand as able***



Floral Dedication

In celebration of Wes Reedy's birthday from Susan and the family.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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. The text for **October 20th** is Mark 10: 46-52

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: We are reading the book, *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice*, by Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell and Christopher J. Doucot.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon in the Robertson room. We are presently discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. Our discussion leader is Sandy Bryson.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: TODAY, October 17th, in place of Lunch and Lounge, we'll be attending the luncheon following worship, followed by Dr. Craigo-Snell's presentation from 1-3 p.m. **October 25th** we'll meet again for Pub Theology, location TBD.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: Middle and High School youth group are both being held on Sunday. From 5:30-6:30 p.m. join us for MS youth group, then a joint dinner between MS and HS from 6:30-7 p.m. MS/HS youth choir will follow from 7-7:30. HS youth group will begin at 7:30 and continue until 8:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Elisha Smith at esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

TOWN & GOWN: Town & Gown meets 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](#). You can register to [attend via this link](#). Our next speaker, Dr. Jennifer Cobbina, is a professor in the School of Criminal Justice at MSU. Her research focuses on corrections, prisoner reentry, and the understanding of recidivism and desistance among recently-released female offenders. You are invited to attend Dr. Cobbina's presentation on **October 19th** in the Robertson Room or online via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TROOP 2

Troop 2 welcomes you to join us as we celebrate our 100th year anniversary with The Peoples Church! Join us on Sunday, October 31st, 2021 as we share our Scout Sunday presentation during the 10:30 a.m. service and host our long-standing tradition of Dutch oven cobblers with our Cobblerfest immediately following. We will also have on display the historical 100-year-old charter document with The Peoples Church, one of the longest relationships between a troop and an organization in the United State.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

5TH ANNUAL HAL MEMORIAL

LECTURE SERIES

The 5th Annual HAL Lecture is being held **TODAY, October 17th**. This year, we are pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell, professor and author. Join us after service for a luncheon. And from 1-3 p.m., attend Dr. Craigo-Snell's presentation, ***Christianity, Racism and the Blessing of Faith***. This presentation offers a theological introduction to the topic of racism, through a Christian lens. With lots of room for questions, discussion, and new ideas, Rev. Dr. Craigo-Snell will engage what race and faith mean to The Peoples Church. This event will be held in-person with a live broadcast of Dr. Craigo-Snell's presentation on our YouTube channel.

THE READING PEOPLE

We will be meeting **October 21st** from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Cheryl Leece will be leading us through *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah.

HARVEST FESTIVAL/BOY SCOUTS

Mark your calendars for **October 31st**, for the Harvest Festival and the 100th Celebration for Troup 2! Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to church, and to join us afterward for crafts, games, food, cobbler and more!

DORCAS CIRCLE

We will be meeting for the first time since March of 2020 on **October 19th!** For more information contact Jess Eyselinck, at jessica@eysselinck.com

PEOPLES FORUM

The next installment of Peoples Forum will take place on **October 24th**. Join us online or virtually, to hear from Elaine Hardy, East Lansing Diversity Director. Peoples Forum is held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Robertson Room, and now virtually, Sundays before worship.

SAY CHEESE!

During the first week of October, you should have received an email from Sign Up Genius to sign up for a photo appointment in November. Photos make great Christmas gifts! Appointments are available first come, first served. If you did not receive an email, please call Beth Lundy at the church office, ext. 4453, to make an appointment.

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

TPC is looking for a part-time Hospitality Coordinator (20-24 hours), pay of \$16-18/hour depending on experience. The Hospitality Coordinator is responsible for all catering needs involving the use of the kitchen, and coordinating the shared use of the kitchen by approved church groups. Qualified candidates should send resumes to personnel@thepeopleschurch.com.

YOU'RE INVITED

The Peoples Church of East Lansing cordially invites you to the Installation as Pastor for Dr. Shawnthea Monroe. **Saturday, October 23, at 1:00 pm**. A reception will follow the service in the Robertson Room. If the spirit moves you, **wear red!** It is the traditional color to celebrate an ordination.

Plant Yourself Into These Opportunities

Members will be meeting to discuss what variety of plantings will be going along our Northeast boundary, the border we share with the Abbot. If you are interested, and have a knowledge of plants and hedges, we would appreciate your input!

New members are needed for:

Earth Stewardship Ministry

Building and Grounds ministry

Fine Arts Committee

The Community Engagement Ministry is committed to supporting colleges and seminaries affiliated with our four denominations: The American Baptist Church, The Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), The United Church of Christ, and The United Methodist Church. To that end, Community Engagement has created a **MATCHING FUNDS** opportunity. Any member of The Peoples Church who provides financial support to a denominationally affiliated college or seminary can apply to have those funds matched by Community Engagement. CE will match qualifying new gifts up to \$500. **But act soon** – the matching funds are limited and we will match on a first come, first served basis. Contact Bev Mason, masonbj2790@gmail.com, for further information.



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The poster features a dark purple background with white and orange text. It includes a glowing jack-o'-lantern in the bottom left corner and stylized purple fence posts on either side of the central text.