

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## OCTOBER 31, 2021



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823  
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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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Elizabeth Reed, Children's Music & Bell Choir Director  
Judy Kabodian, Musician in Residence  
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**

**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

# Order of Service | October 31, 2021

## **Prelude**

Fanfare on "A Mighty Fortress"

arr. James Pethel

Judy Kabodian, Organ

*Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.*

## **Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **Celebration of 100 Years of Scouting at The Peoples Church**

### **\*Call to Worship**

One God's ways are just and true  
For God's mercy endures forever.

**All God's commandments are trustworthy  
For God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One In Christ, God reconciles the world.  
Let us rejoice and give thanks!

**All In Christ, we find our savior and our companion.  
We will rejoice and sing praises to God!**

### **\*Gathering Hymn**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 275

*A might fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.*

A Mighty Fortress is Our God  
Text: Martin Luther (1529)  
Music: Martin Luther (1529)  
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### **Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

We confess that we have not kept your laws, O God, nor have we followed you with our whole selves. We have taken your word and twisted it to fit our inclinations. When you cry out to us through neighbors in need, we make excuses and busy ourselves with unimportant tasks. When we do a good turn for others, we seek credit and attention. Lord God, have mercy upon us. Turn our inward gaze towards your presence. Help us to see Christ in all people we encounter. We pray all this 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**

**"Fight the Good Fight With All Thy Might"**

John Gardner

Directed by Dr. Jon Reed

*Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally. Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine eye and seek his face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: His boundless mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love. Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.*

### **Scripture**

Mark 12: 28-34

### **Sermon**

**"Fear and Trembling"**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

### **\*Hymn of Response**

**"The Church's One Foundation" (v. 1-2, 4)**

no. 321

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forever more: till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

The Church's One Foundation  
Text: Samuel John Stone (1866)  
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1864)  
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## ***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer***

Rev Dr. Devon Herrell

**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.**

## ***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 love, all we have comes from you. Bless this offering and the spirit in which these gifts are given. May all we say and do bring glory to your name and healing to the world. Amen.**

### ***\*Sending Hymn***

**"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (v. 1-3, 6)**

**no. 687**

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:*

*Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past  
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Music: Attr. William Croft (1708)  
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### ***\*Benediction***

### ***\*Benediction Response***

## ***Postlude***

Psalm XVIII

Benedetto Marcello

***\*Please stand as able***

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## 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 passages for **November 3rd** are Revelation 21:1-6a and Isaiah 25:6-9.

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP:** We are reading the book, *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice*, by Dr. Shannon Craig-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:** Join us for Lunch and Lounge after service—we'll be attending the harvest festival! **Tuesday's at 8 p.m.** we meet for dinner and bible study—our topic for November: Is Hell Real?

**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](mailto:esmith@thepeopleschurch.com).

**TOWN & GOWN:** Town & Gown meets weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Our next speaker, Dr. David Lowry, is a professor in the Department of Plant Biology at MSU. There he manages a lab which studies how plants adapt to new ecological demands, how new species arise, and how this knowledge can help us in developing improved crop species. You are invited to attend Dr. Lowry's presentation on **November 2nd** in the Robertson Room or online via Zoom.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Join us after church in the Snider Social Hall for the **Harvest Festival &** crafts, games, food!

### TROOP 2 COBBLERFEST

Following the service we will host our long-standing tradition of Dutch oven cobblers with our Cobblerfest in Friendship Hall. 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 States.

### PEOPLES FORUM

The next installment of Peoples Forum will take place on **November 7th**. Join us online or virtually, to hear from Bev Mason, chair of the Community Engagement Ministry, as she discusses the local missions of Peoples Church. Peoples Forum is held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Robertson Room and virtually, Sundays before worship.

### ALL SAINTS DAY

The Peoples Church will commemorate All Saints Day, **Sunday, November 7th**. If you have experienced a loss in the last year, please email the church at [office@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:office@thepeopleschurch.com) with their full name, so we can honor your beloved.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

November is *almost* here and soon we will begin our appointments for the Pictorial Directory. There are still a few times available, especially the second week of November. If family is coming into town for the Thanksgiving holiday, we also have appointments on the 22nd and 24th. Don't delay signing up – we don't want to miss you!

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Every holiday season, the Women of Peoples Church provide families in the Lansing area with Holiday Food Baskets. This year we look forward to serving our community like we always have—with a few small changes and some help from you! As an alternative to food baskets, we will offer a “food credit” at a small grocery store. This arrangement provides the family the ability to determine what food best fits their needs during the holidays and only restricts alcohol, tobacco and cleaning products. With your financial assistance we can adopt the same 30 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and provide them with a memorable holiday. We greatly appreciate your help in supporting our community, and pray we are one day able to deliver food to these families in person!

### GIFT CARDS FOR REFUGEE SERVICES


Yesterday's news was the evacuation from Afghanistan. Today's reality is that the evacuees/refugees have started to arrive here in Lansing. These Afghanis (estimated 300) are in addition to the 400 other refugees from other parts of the world arriving here in Lansing. TPC traditionally does a gift card drive for Refugee Services to purchase footwear for the arrivals and this is needed more than ever this year. A well marked box will be in the office for Meijer and Target gift cards (any amount). Gift cards will be accepted **until December 12th**. Thanks in advance for past support for underwear and gift cards. Questions? Contact Ruth Worthington at [worthin2@msu.edu](mailto:worthin2@msu.edu).



## Congregational Meeting-Annual Fall Election Meeting

Sunday, November 7th, 2021

*Nominee information packets available at the Welcome Desk*



### **FINE ARTS SEEKS NEW MEMBERS**

As you walk the halls of The Peoples Church you have probably noticed the rotating art exhibits that are displayed in the building every few months. These exhibits are the result of the work of the Fine Arts Committee, which is charged with promoting a coordinated and creative use of the arts to enrich the programs of our church. It is a vibrant and active cultural force within our church.

Now, as several long-time members retire from the committee, it is looking for new volunteers to join its ranks. Next year's exhibit calendar promises to be outstanding and fresh hands will be vital to its success.

It is not required that volunteers be artists, but simply have an interest in art. The Committee is particularly interested in welcoming volunteers who have a background in communications; those who can assist with the production of the exhibit catalogs and help with promotion activities. Contact Committee Chair Suzanne Mills at [suemills@comcast.net](mailto:suemills@comcast.net) if you're interested in becoming involved with this unique and enriching program. To learn more about the committee's activities, you are encouraged to visit its new page on the TPC website: <https://www.thepeopleschurch.com/fine-arts>

### **WPC Seeks Board Candidates**

Looking for ways to share your gifts of time and talent at The Peoples Church? Consider joining the Board of the Women of Peoples Church (WPC). WPC is looking to fill several vacancies for the 2022 Board of Directors and has issued a call for candidates.

Open positions include Vice President/President-elect, Spiritual Life Coordinator, Historian, Communications Coordinator, Nominating Committee Chair, and Hospitality Coordinator. Board members attend quarterly meetings and help implement WPC programming and events. The new Board will assume office in January.

If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, or have questions about Board/Position responsibilities, please contact Susan Nowicki, 2021 WPC President at [susan.nowicki@att.net](mailto:susan.nowicki@att.net) or visit the WPC page on the church website:

<https://www.thepeopleschurch.com/women-of-peoples-church>