

SUNDAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 24, 2019



*"Truly I tell you, today you will
be with me in paradise."*

Luke 23:43

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!

**Will Return on
December 4, 2019.**

**The church office
will be closed
November 28 - 29, 2019.**

Happy Thanksgiving!



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Jodi Cook, Chairperson
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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 | NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach
Judy Kabodian, organ

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Hymn of Grateful Praise" arr. Karen Buckwalter
Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

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: Let us praise Jesus Christ our king for the wonderful things he has done.

People: He sends out his word to heal us.

He satisfies the thirsty with the water of life.

Leader: He fills the hungry with the abundance of his kingdom.

Let us praise Jesus, redeemer of all things.

People: May we always trust in his goodness and love, and have faith in his grace and mercy.

Leader: May we always believe he cares about justice and righteousness, and draw our life from his eternal purposes.

People: Let us praise Jesus Christ our king and savior.

Leader: May we be filled with the hope and promise of his coming, and give our lives to follow him.

People: May we be gripped by his kingdom ways, and walk with assurance and trust into his grace and peace. Amen.

Gathering Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 263

Procession of the Light of Christ Brooklyn Burke and Javier Robles, Acolytes

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, our King of majesty and justice, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies at the depths of our souls. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart by hope for your purposes of justice and healing. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. Reshape our hearts and lives for your kingdom, that we can live, and move, and dream according to that hope to which you have called us. Forgive us, revive us, and mold us in your image. Amen.

Time for Silence and Reflection

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news! God has granted a glorious inheritance for his holy people. If you are in need, our God is with you. If you have been blessed, God has called you. For God is our King, and his ways are ways of peace and healing.

People: **Thanks be to God! We are called to be a people of peace and healing. Amen.**

Congregational Response "Jesus, Remember Me" No. 227

First Reading Psalm 46
(Pew Bible Page 563; Large Print 818)

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

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Solo (8:30 a.m.) "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Anna Laura Page

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

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "Let All Things Now Living" arr. Katherine K. Davis
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading Luke 23:33-43
(Pew Bible Page 1,059; Large Print 1,609)

Sermon "What Kind of King?" Rev. Drew Filkins
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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(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.

Call to Offering

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Celebration"

Cynthia Dobrinski

Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

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 (Prayer of Saint Boniface)

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us. In our weakness, you are strength; in our darkness, you are light; in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace. We cannot number your blessings; we cannot declare your love: For all your blessings we bless you. May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sending Hymn

"For The Fruit of All Creation"

No. 36

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

"Voluntary on the Doxology"

Henry Purcell



**Floral Dedication:
Given to the glory of God.**

DECK THE SANCTUARY TODAY!

Following the 10:30 a.m. service, we will be preparing the Sanctuary for Advent season. We welcome you to stay a few minutes after the service to help decorate and we appreciate the extra hands!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

There will not be a *Wednesday Night Live!* community meal or programming on **November 27**. Please join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. when *WNL!* returns on December 4.

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle is hosting *A Celebration of Christmas Music* with special guest artist, Joe Kennedy, on **December 4**, in the Robertson Room. This program will begin at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us for this special event.

HOLIDAY WREATH & POINSETTIA SALE

December 1 is the last day to purchase a holiday wreath or poinsettia. Be sure to place your order at the Welcome Desk between worship services or following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All sales benefit the ministries of the Women of Peoples Church which, in turn, benefit various nonprofit organizations in the Greater Lansing area.



MSU HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT

Save the date! The MSU Holiday Brass Concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee, will be held on **December 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the community. Join us for a delightful evening.

BIBLE EXPLORATION

PCYG Bible Exploration will start back up on **December 15** at 9:30 a.m. in the youth den. Email Joe at: jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com with any questions.

PEOPLES FORUM



On **December 1**, The Peoples Forum welcomes Matt Reed, Federal Attorney. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

TICKETS FOR THE WPC ADVENT TEA

The Women of Peoples Church Advent Tea is on **December 8**. This event will take place in the Snider Social Hall from 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Enjoy a delicious buffet, music, and an inspirational guest speaker. Admission is \$8 per individual or \$50 for a table of eight. **Purchase, or reserve a seat, between worship services each Sunday, now through December 1.** You can also email Susan to purchase tickets at susan.nowicki@att.net.

MUSIC SUNDAY: DECEMBER 15

Music Sunday is coming up on **December 15**. This year's program will be *A Service of Lessons and Carols*. Join us at the 10:30 a.m. worship service for joyful music featuring a string orchestra.

WINTER REFUGEE COLLECTION

For years our congregation has supported the Refugee Services program at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Charities. Even with the significant decrease in incoming legal refugees vetted by the United Nations, the refugees already established in the Lansing area have ongoing needs as they create their new lives. Because needs are so individualized, the decision has been made to again collect gift cards from Meijer or Target. Collection dates will be **December 1, 8 and 15** in the Northwest Entrance. St. Vincent Refugee Services sends a huge thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with Sunday School. If you love children and want to share the love of Jesus with them, contact Kathi Mitchell at: kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

7:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing
5509 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Lansing, MI

Rev. Dr. Melvin Jones, preaching
Everyone is welcome to attend.



EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

You're invited to help the children at Edgewood Village enjoy a wonderful Christmas. **Starting TODAY and on December 1**, a Christmas tree with gift ideas will be in Friendship Hall. Select one of the ornaments from the tree, purchase the item listed and return the new, unwrapped gift by December 15 so it can be wrapped and delivered before Christmas morning! If you can assist with gift wrapping on Tuesday, December 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room, please sign up below and put in the offering plate.



YES! I CAN HELP WRAP GIFTS FOR EDGEWOOD VILLAGE! PLEASE CONTACT ME.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS



The Community Engagement Ministry looks forward to helping families in the greater Lansing area have a holiday meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are looking for drivers to help deliver this year's baskets. If you are interested in being a driver, fill out the form below and return it to the church office or give to Joan Wright.

YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Name: _____

Phone: _____

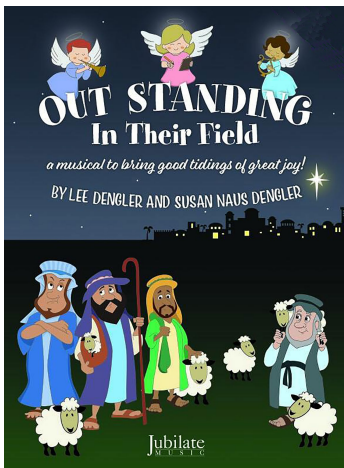
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I will help with: Thanksgiving Baskets
November 23

Christmas Baskets
December 21

Questions? Contact Joan Wright at 517.349.1074.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: DECEMBER 8



Join us at our 10:30 a.m. worship service on December 8 for our annual Children's Christmas Pageant.

Out Standing In Their Field tells the Christmas story with a ragtag group of shepherds and a colorful company of angels.

It's sure to be a service you won't want to miss!

MUSIC SUNDAY! DECEMBER 15

Music Sunday is on December 15 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Join us to hear joyful music fill the Sanctuary with *A Service of Lessons and Carols*, featuring a string orchestra.

