

Sanctuary Service, All Saints Sunday November 5, 2023



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THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SERVICE INFORMATION

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & livestreamed on YouTube.

There is Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

Professional nursery care is provided for children under 3.

A nursing room is available for those who need it. Ask an usher or the Welcome Desk for directions.

Please join us after the service in our front lobby for coffee hour and fellowship!

LISTENING DEVICES

We now offer listening devices that amplify sound from stage microphones, which are available upon request.

ASL INTERPRETED SERVICE

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome American Sign Language interpreters for our Sunday worship services

SENSORY TOOL KIT

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get over-stimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.

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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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

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worship service, you
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Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

One: We have come to affirm our historic faith;
To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

**All: We have come to remember God's blessings to us;
To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

One: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,
To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever.

**All: In the company of all saints we cry:
Glory, honor and praise be to God on high!**

***Gathering Hymn**

"For All the Saints" (v. 1-3)

no. 326

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

For All the Saints

Text: William Walsham How (1864)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

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Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you send us saints and we ignore them. You send us saints and we persuade ourselves that they are fools or meddlers. You send us saints and we call them crazy and hide them away. You send us saints and we hate them for reminding us that we have gone astray and wandered far from your path and plan. You send us saints and we deny them, again and again and again. Have mercy on us, O God, and reform our hearts and minds. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

There is Now a New Creation

no. 774

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Children's Message

Congregational Meeting — Election of Elders and Leaders

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34

Sermon

“Models of Faith”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Anthem

Lux Aeterna from ‘Requiem’

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed
Melanie Walker, Soloist

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours. Even so saith the Spirit, for they rest.

Latin: Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam Dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis; requiem aeternam.

English translation: May everlasting light shine upon them, O Lord, with thy saints in eternity, for thou art merciful. Grant them rest eternal.

Naming of the Saints (* indicates former church member)

Deborah Simonds- Albrecht	Irene Cantlon* Kyle St. Claire	Addison Hitchcock Sue Hopkins	Jason Meade Bob Moore*
Marilyn Baker	Alice Crist*	Hans Hunziker	Ellen Mueller
Ken Beachler*	Gene Cornelius*	Doug Johnson	Mike Paytas
Charles Blackman*	Bill Dailey*	Mary Lou Johnson*	Ray Perron
Sarah Ann Blake	Julie DeGraw*	Gerald H. Knapp	Barb Potter*
Jerry Boren	Janice E. Dyke	Richard Kuhlman	Paul Price
James Brinker	William J. Dyke	John LaVassaur	Betty Stevens
Sue Brock	Debra Edwards	Ed Marin	Carolyn Such
Pat Brogan*	Luella Erbes*	Jene Matheson	Jim Walker*
Arylie Campbell*	Jim Fagan	Jane McComb	

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Invitation to Give

Offertory



To make a gift online, please scan this QR code.

****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 all, we seek not to be saints but to simply be your people. As we offer these gifts, we pray for your blessing, hoping these gifts would be used to touch the lives of the broken, the lonely, the seeking, the hungry, the hopeless. This is our prayer. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faithful God, you have refreshed our hope and joy in this holy meal. May you continue to bless the meek and the merciful, the fearful as well as the faithful. May we enter into the world with renewed purpose and a sense of your ever-loving presence. Amen.

Sending Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken (v. 1-4)

no. 516

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Text: Louis FitzGerald Benson (1924)

Music: V. Earle Copes (1959)

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***Benediction**

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Wilbur Held



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THANK YOU FROM THE PERRON FAMILY: Your abundant showering of love and support felt like a huge hug to our family at Ray's celebration of life. Thank you for being our community of faith and giving us opportunities to carry on Ray's mission. *Lovingly, Jan Perron and Family*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH TOUR: The Peoples Church 'Talk 'n Tour' will take place **today following the 10:30 service.** Please meet at the front of the Sanctuary to learn more about our beautiful church on this guided tour.

HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE: The Peoples Church is hosting Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez for our annual Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture **next Sunday, November 12 at 1 p.m.** The title of her lecture is 'Jesus & John Wayne and the Evangelical Reckoning.' Dr. Du Mez will give a brief presentation during our 10:30 a.m. sanctuary service, and there will be a luncheon following the service before her full lecture at 1 p.m. This free event is open to anyone who wants to attend, and all are welcome. Dr. Du Mez is a New York Times bestselling author and professor of History and Gender Studies at Calvin University. Her most recent book is 'Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation.' Dr. Du Mez will do a book signing following her lecture.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEETINGS: There will be several congregational meetings in the month of November to present the capital campaign information with project descriptions, timelines, architectural renderings of the proposed projects, and overall budget estimates. These meetings will be open to all members of The Peoples Church and will be held at a variety of times to best accommodate schedules. If you have any questions regarding these meetings, please call the co-chairs of the capital campaign: Nancy Danhof (517) 285-1666, and Sandy Draggoo (517) 719-2919. The remaining meetings will be: **Sunday, November 5 at 12 p.m.; Thursday, November 9 at 10 a.m.; Sunday, November 19 at 12 p.m.; Tuesday, November 21 at 7 p.m.; Thursday, November 30 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.** All capital campaign meetings will take place in the Robertson Room.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM: During November and December, we will be collecting money to support 30 families with buying holiday meals. Each family will receive a \$75 food voucher to a local  grocery store. We need \$2,000 each for Christmas and Thanksgiving to support this program. Donations will be collected through December 31, and can be made online by scanning the QR code, or in the church office. We are collecting a special offering today for this program, envelopes for which can be found at the Welcome Desk.

ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION: The Fine Arts Committee cordially invites the congregation and members of the community for a special reception in honor of our resident artist, Chance Liscomb, and his exhibit on display at the church. The reception will be held on **Tuesday, November 7 from 4 to 7 p.m.** Refreshments will be served.

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL: The Visiting International Professional Program at MSU is partnering with local churches to find families to host international professionals for a Thanksgiving meal. VIPP provides professional training and exchange programs for organizations and professionals from all over the world. If you are interested in offering hospitality to a visiting professional at your home this Thanksgiving, please send an email to office@thepeopleschurch.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

INTERFAITH GATHERING OF HOPE & SOLIDARITY: On **Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m.**, there will be an interfaith gathering at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing sponsored by the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing. The purpose of this event is to show solidarity and support for our Jewish and Muslim neighbors as the war in Gaza continues. Offerings of supportive letters and financial gifts will be collected during the gathering.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting & Having Events is a group for young adults that meets twice a month for activities and events. On **Saturday, November 11 at 8 p.m.**, ACHE is headed to Crunchy's for karaoke. On **Saturday, November, 18 at 7 p.m.**, ACHE will have a Friendsgiving meal in the campus lounge. Turkey and primary sides will be provided, but more sides are welcome. Email Rev. Haley at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com to RSVP for these events and to keep up with other ACHE news.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads the in-person study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and the **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068627263>. Pastor Haley leads a Bible Study at **9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Robertson Room**. This week's passage is Matthew 25:1-13.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will meet tonight for Coppertones rehearsal at 5 p.m., youth choir rehearsal at 5:45 p.m., and regular gathering at 6:30 p.m. The PCYG Friendsgiving is coming up on Sunday, November 19! Prepare your favorite dish and come enjoy laughter and good food! For more information about PCYG, contact Elisha, by emailing esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

PORCH OF HEAVEN: Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Telder Room**. It involves reading scripture, silence, mindfulness and sharing. Visit Porch of Heaven tomorrow evening, or email Tom Schaberg at tschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading 'Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home' by Richard Foster. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room**.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S GROUP: Join the men's Wednesday discussion group that meets **every Wednesday at noon in The Robertson Room** for good conversation and donuts. Currently the group is reading 'Saving Jesus From the Church' by Robin Meyers.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Our Wednesday Community Dinners are back! Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall!** At **6 p.m.** Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym, and Pastor Haley leads a discussion on faith and the news at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!