

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## NOVEMBER 14, 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

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### 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 | November 14, 2021

## **Prelude**

Idyl  
Judy Kabodian, Organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

## **Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

## **\*Call to Worship**

One God welcomes all who are anxious and heavy burdened.  
Set down your cares and worries before the Lord.

**All This is God's house and we are welcome here.  
There is room enough for all.**

One God welcomes all who are numb and world weary.  
Set down your defensiveness and cynicism before the Lord.

**All This is God's house, full of light and love.  
There is hope enough for all.**

One God welcomes all who are busy and distracted.  
Set down your devices and desires before the Lord.

**All This is God's house, a place of majesty and mystery.  
There is peace and wholeness for all.**

One Children of the living God, are you prepared to worship?

**All With all we have and all we are, we will praise the Lord!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

"As Morning Dawns" (v. 1, 3-4)

no. 665

*As morning dawns, Lord, hear our cry. O sovereign God, now hear our sigh. As first light brings the sun's warm rays, accept our sacrifice of praise.*

*Your steadfast love shall welcome all who seek your house and on you call. O lead us, Lord, in righteousness, as through this day your name we bless.*

*Let all who seek you then rejoice, and sing to you with joyful voice. For you shall bless the righteous, Lord. Forever be your name adored.*

As Morning Dawns  
Text: Fred R. Anderson (1986)  
Music: William Knapp (1738)  
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## ***Prayer of Confession***

God of compassion, have mercy on us as we confess our sins. We are not the stewards Christ calls us to be. Riches possess us while others go without. We mismanage your creation and use it for short-term gain. You have provided all we need but we hunger for more. We believe in scarcity rather than your gracious abundance. Relieve us of these burdens and show us how to live lightly on this earth. 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***

"The Apple Tree"

K. Lee Scott

Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ, the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree. With Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

### ***Scripture***

Mark 13: 1-8

### ***Sermon***

"Hold on Loosely"

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

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

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" (v. 1-3)

no. 712

*As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield, so we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land: of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.*

*A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give, to make our life an offering that all may truly live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christlike love, all life in Christ made new.*

*(hymn continued on next page)*

*In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought  
Text: Frank von Christerson (1960)  
Music: English folk melody (1906)  
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## ***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.**

## ***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***

**We dedicate this offering to the work of this church, Holy God. May the money we give and the time we share be a source of hope and healing. Help us to be the hands and heart of Christ in this world. This is our true calling and deepest desire. Amen.**

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

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own" (v. 1-4)*

no. 708

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust,  
O Lord, from thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our  
first-fruits give.*

*The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a  
Christ-like thing.*

*And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do  
it unto thee.*

We Give Thee but Thine Own  
Text: William Walsham How (1858)  
Music: Mason and Webb's Cantica Laudis(1850)  
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### ***\*Benediction***

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

## ***Postlude***

Postlude in C Minor

J. S. Bach

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

## 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 passage for **November 17th** is Revelation 1:4b-8.

**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 **TODAY** in the Campus Ministry Lounge. This **Tuesday at 8 p.m.** we'll meet for dinner and continue our study on Hell: Is it 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. **November 16th** we will hear from a group of presenters! Nicole Jedding is currently working on a Masters in Program Evaluation at Oxford, and Kate Frieden and Macken Keefe are current Social Science Scholars. Their talk will discuss their research: a project designed to test the common assertions (a) that cocaine users were more often demonized than opioid users and (b) this had to do with implicit racism. You are invited to attend this powerful and important presentation in the Robertson Room or online via Zoom.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TROOP 2 SERVICE PROJECT—Save those Grocery Bags!**

The BSA Scouts are making beds for the homeless out of plastic grocery bags! It's called Plarn. Please bring plastic bags to the Church before **November 23rd** and place them in the box across from the Welcome Desk.

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

The main church office will be closed on **Thursday, Nov. 25th**, and **Friday, Nov. 26th** for Thanksgiving—we'll see you on **Sunday, Nov. 28th!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

### DECEMBER PORTAL

The deadline for the December edition of the Portal is **November 15th**—don't delay in submitting your article! Submissions should be sent to [eprice@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:eprice@thepeopleschurch.com).

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Time is running out to be photographed for our new church directory! There are openings this **Monday, Nov. 15th**, next week **Monday, Nov. 22** and **Wednesday, Nov. 24**. We are doing things differently this year with Blue Denim Photography and you can preview and order your images online. No pressure to choose anything that day! You can sign up by visiting [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) and search for [blundy@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:blundy@thepeopleschurch.com).

### PEOPLES FORUM

The next installment of Peoples Forum will take place on **November 21st**. Join us to hear from Judy Putnam, a Columnist for the Lansing State Journal. Judy will be speaking on *Feel Good Human Interest Stories*—a great topic for the Holiday season! Peoples Forum is held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Robertson Room and virtually, Sundays before worship.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

There will be **NO** Sunday School on:

- **Nov. 21st**, Youth Sunday
- **Nov. 28th**, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- **Dec. 5th**, Music Sunday



**Floral Dedication**  
*In memory of Daisy T. Angell*

### 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).

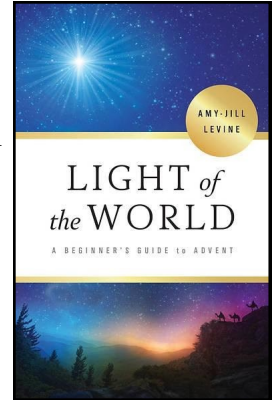
### MESSAGE FROM THE HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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!

## Advent Study and Reflection

Our pastors will be leading a weekly study and reflection time during Advent. The class will be offered twice a week, on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 11:45 a.m., choose the class that best fits with your schedule. The classes will follow *Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine. The first Sunday class will be held **Nov. 28th**, our Wednesday class will begin **Dec. 1st**.

If you are interested in purchasing the book in order to study along with us, let us know by emailing [office@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:office@thepeopleschurch.com)! Books are \$10 each and we will be ordering them on **November 15th**.



## Advent Celebration

Women of Peoples Church cordially invite you to our 2021 Advent Celebration held **December 5th** at **11:45 a.m.** in the Snider Social Hall.

Our program will be presented by

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell:

*God is With Us: The Incarnation and Why it Matters*

Tickets: \$8.00 a person

Reserved Tables: six are \$40.00

Contact Cheryl Leece to reserve your table:

[leececm@gmail.com](mailto:leececm@gmail.com) or 517-410-1313



## EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Calling all Elves - Christmas is coming and we are going to need your help! We are busy collecting wish lists from the children at Edgewood Village. Opportunities for you to shop and purchase a gift, or to financially support this activity will be available. More details will be given in the **Nov. 21st** bulletin!