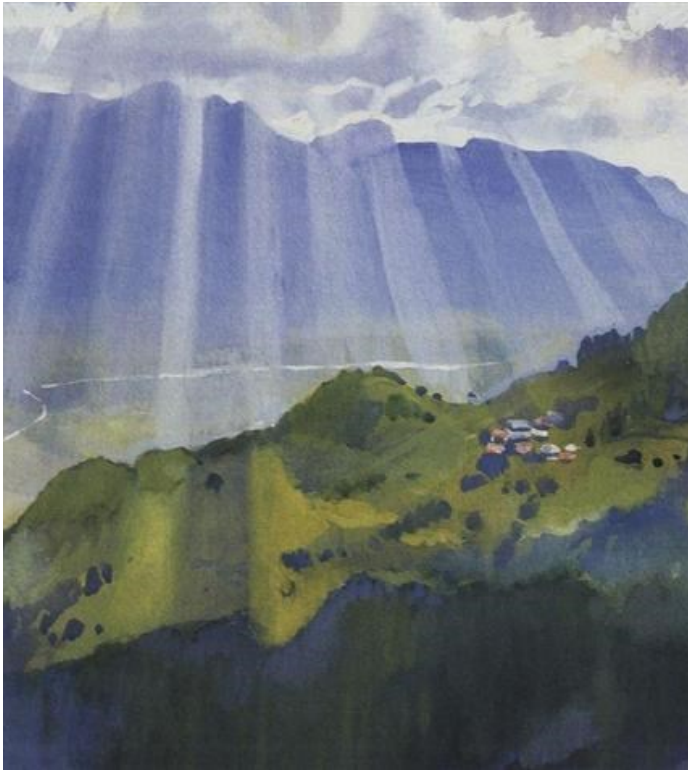


Youth Sunday

November 20, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday School begins after the Children's Moment.

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.

W@PC

Wednesdays @ Peoples Church is paused for this week as we prepare for Thanksgiving.

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get overstimulated 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. Bev Mason, 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, dial (844) 933-0517 and follow prompts.

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

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Order of Service | November 20, 2022

Prelude

The Beautiful Treasures of Heaven
Clarion Ringers, Directed by Elizabeth Reed

arr. Carl Wiltse

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

Welcome

Rev. Penny Swartz

Introduction of PCYG

Elisha Smith

***Call to Worship**

Haley Phillips

One We come together this morning to remind one another
to rest for a moment on the forming edge of our lives;

**All To resist the headlong tumble into the next moment
until we claim for ourselves awareness and gratitude;**

One Taking the time to look into one another's faces
and see there communion: the reflection of our own eyes.

**All This house of laughter and silence, memory and hope,
is made holy by our presence together.**

***Gathering Hymn**

We Gather Together (v. 1-3)

no. 336

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his
own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so
from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let
thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

Prayer of Affirmation

Piper Williams

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore, we are saved by hope. Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore, we are saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore, we are saved by love. No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as from our own; therefore, we are saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.

Moment of Silence

Prayers

Prayers of Intercession
Youth Choir, Directed by Elizabeth Reed

Michael Bedford

With all our hearts and minds we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, and for the unity of all people, we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of all nations, cities, and towns, we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and all whom we love, we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the good earth, and for wisdom to conserve it, we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the ability to see the beauty and wonder of all creation, we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve, we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the sick, and for all who need your care, we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer

****Passing the Peace of Christ***

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

Children's Moment

Kailynn Guthaus

Scripture

Jeremiah 29: 11-14a

Xander Guthaus

Isaiah 43: 1-2, 4a

Zach Wells

The Message

"Trust"

Cooper Mellor

Anthem

Come and Be Joyful
Youth Choir, Directed by Elizabeth Reed

Hal Hopson

Come and be joyful, praise to the Lord in song; He is our refuge, he is our everlasting strength. Alleluia. Merrily sing we Alleluia. Come and be joyful, praise to the Lord in song; He is our shield and he is the rock of our salvation. Alleluia. Let all instruments sound his praise; Cymbals, tambourine, trumpets, too. Let all instruments praise the Lord. He is gracious, tender is his mercy; God of love, wise and true is he. Tell his glory, tell it to all people; Praise the Lord, praise his holy name. Come and be joyful, praise to the Lord in song; He is our refuge, he is our everlasting strength. Alleluia. Merrily sing we Alleluia. Merrily sing we Alleluia.

Invitation to Prayer

Quinn Guthaus

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**

Now Thank We All Our God
Clarion Ringers, Directed by Liz Reed

Kevin McChesney



To make a gift online, please scan the 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

Abby Lindley

We dedicate these gifts to you, O God, as an expression of our faith. However, you have placed your faith in us that we will be good stewards of these offerings. Open our minds and our hearts that we might imagine and bring about the best possible uses of these resources. May this act of giving draw us closer to you and extend a blessing to all who are helped through our sharing. Amen.

Benediction Blessing

Quinn Guthaus, Xander Guthaus, Rhiannon Kewin, Haley Phillips

***Sending Hymn**

Help Us Accept Each Other (v. 1-4)

no. 754

Help is accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach is to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing heart.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Martha Cynn Thompson

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Frances Callahan

Coppertone Ringers, Directed by Elizabeth Reed

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET DONATIONS: Every holiday season, The Peoples Church provides families in our community with Holiday Food Baskets. The program currently cooperates with Christian Services, which has a long-standing outreach and vetting program of needy families in the Greater Lansing area. With your financial assistance, our church will provide festive meals to 30 families and members, feeding up to 120 individuals. If you wish to donate, please drop off a check at the office or in the offering tray. Checks should be made out to *The Peoples Church* with the subject line *Holiday Food Baskets*. We greatly appreciate your help in supporting our community!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have any prayer requests or wish to be part of The Peoples Church prayer chain, please contact Jan Perron at jrperron@comcast.net.

NO ENGAGING THE WORD OR W@PC THIS WEEK: Since it is the week of Thanksgiving, Engaging the Word Bible Study (in-person November 21st and online November 23rd) and Wednesdays @ Peoples Church (November 23rd) are on hold for this week.

AGE ALIVE'S TOWN & GOWN / JOHN WALES MEMORIAL LECTURE: A special MSU AgeAlive Town & Gown Lecture Series presentation honoring the late John Wales will be held on November 22nd from 5 – 6:30 pm. The session titled, “Drivers and Impacts of Erosion Along Great Lakes Coastlines,” will be presented by Ethan J. Theuerkauf, Ph.D., MSU Assistant Professor, Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences in honor of Wales’ interest in conservation and community involvement. The session will be held in-person in the Robertson Room of the Church and virtually by Zoom. A brief reception with food and light refreshments will follow the presentation from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Those interested in attending in-person or virtually are encouraged to register due to space limitations. For additional information or to register, please visit <https://www.seniorambassadorsprogram.org/2022-2023.html>.

TAIZE SERVICE: This month’s Taize service is Sunday, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. The services consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. This service is inter-denominational and all are welcome. We are also looking for someone to play the piano for these services. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Dymond at dymondsn@gmail.com.

KNITTING PEOPLE: Knitting People will meet on Thursday, December 1, from 1-3 p.m. in the Robertson Room. We invite you to join us to knit and crochet baptismal blankets, prayer shawls, slippers, hats and mittens for people in our community. We have needles, yarn, and patterns, just waiting for your helping hands!

MUSIC SUNDAY: Music Sunday will be December 4th during the 10:30 worship service. The sanctuary choir will be performing Vivaldi’s Gloria with orchestra. Please join us as we lift our voices in song!

HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT: The Fine Arts Committee is pleased to announce that following a three-year hiatus due to Covid, the MSU Music Department's Holiday Brass concert will return to The Peoples Church on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. with a free concert in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS ORATORIOS CONCERT: Find inspiration this holiday season through the uplifting sound of the MSU Choral Union, University Chorale, and State Singers as they join forces with the MSU Symphony Orchestra in two gems of the season: selections from J. S.

Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* and Camille Saint-Saëns' work of the same name, written as an homage to the Baroque master. This event is at the Wharton Center in Cobb Great Hall on December 10th at 8 p.m. Tickets for this performance are available at whartoncenter.com/events.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The children are excited to perform a live Christmas Pageant during worship on December 11th! We will have our traditional cookie party after the performance. If you would like to donate baked goods for everyone to enjoy, please contact Kathi Mitchell at kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com. The cookie party is always a lot of fun and we welcome everyone who wants to congratulate our cast on a job well done!

ADVENT TEA: Join the Women of Peoples Church after worship on December 11th for a special gathering celebrating the season of advent. We will enjoy a delicious brunch, fellowship, music and more. Our featured speaker will be The Peoples Church's beloved Mary West, who will speak on the topic: *A Word to the Wise*. **Tickets for this event are for sale at the Welcome Desk today after worship.** Tickets are \$10 per person; children under 8 are free. **We are also looking for volunteers** to assist with set up, clean up, and to bring cookie donations in on the 11th. Please contact Susan Nowicki, Event Chair, at susan.nowick@att.net if you would like to volunteer or you have questions.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: There will not be 8:30 or 10:30 worship on Sunday, December 25th. However, you are invited to join The Peoples Church for our **6 and 9 p.m. services on Christmas Eve**. Churches that are having a service on Christmas morning include; University United Methodist (11 a.m.) and All Saints Episcopal (10 a.m.).

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT: Share the Christmas joy by providing a gift for a child at Edgewood Village, here in our local community. If you would like to purchase a gift, please contact church member Emily Anderson via e-mail at anderson2910@icloud.com or by phone at 517-648-0632. She will provide you with all the information you will need: gender and age of the child, item the child wishes and details for delivering the gift. If you would simply like to financially support this activity, that is an option too.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Our community doors have been wide open this year welcoming not only anticipated refugees but also those fleeing Afganistan and Ukraine. Many of the latter arrived with the clothes on their backs and are now in need of winter shoes and boots. We respond, first by a gift from the Community Engagement committee to Refugee Services and second by **collection of Meijer and Target gift cards from our congregation**. The donation box will be at the Welcome Desk during Sunday services and otherwise in the office - beginning Sunday Nov. 27th until Sunday Dec 18th. Many thanks!