

# Sanctuary Service, November 26, 2023

“And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.’”

Matthew 25:40



## SERVICE INFORMATION

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

There is NO 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.



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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.

## JOIN US REMOTELY!

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livestream of the  
worship service, you  
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of East Lansing  
on YouTube!

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# Order of Service | November 26, 2023

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

**Prelude**

Processional  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Dale Wood

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Nancy Danhof

One O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All We will come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
We will make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

One Let us worship and bow down before the Lord!  
For God is good and God's mercy endures forever!

**All O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
For God is our hope, our strength and our salvation.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

Make a Joyful Noise to God! (v. 1-3)

no. 54

*Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise! Great your wonders here displayed,  
unexcelled throughout our days. Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.*

*Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just: walked the chosen through  
the sea, brought their enemies to dust. Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies, and  
rejoice.*

*Bless the Lord, our refuge sure, let our songs of praise be heard! By whose justice, we are tried;  
by whose grace, our guilt deferred. When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your  
heavenly home.*

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Text: Ruth Duck, 1995

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### ***Prayer of Confession***

**Creator God, today we celebrate the reign of Christ, but we confess we do not follow the example of Jesus. Jesus was courageous, but we are cautious. Jesus was trusting, but we are suspicious. Jesus was meek, but we are ambitious. Jesus made friends with outcasts, but we prefer to play it safe. Jesus poured himself out for the good of others, but we seek our own welfare. Jesus gave his life for us, yet we still hesitate to call him Lord. Forgive us, O God. Restore our faith and renew our hope. 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***    (There is no Sunday school after the children's moment.)

### ***Anthem***

Thanks be to Thee    G. F. Handel (arr. James Allan Dash)  
Sanctuary Choir directed by Ben Clements

Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of this year, for peace on earth, both far and near. For life and health, for friends so dear, for thy great love ever near, for all these things we thank thee, Lord. Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of the year, for peace on earth both far and near.

### ***First Scripture Reading***

Psalm 95:1-7

Nancy Danhof

### ***Second Scripture Reading***

Matthew 25:31-46

### ***Sermon***

"Woke Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

*The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth, when you will see my promise: salvation come to birth. My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land and you will be delivered by my almighty hand.*

*The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one, when you will read my warning in moon and stars and sun. Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear for I am your redeemer, and I am drawing near.*

*The days are surely coming when we will know at last the fullness of God's presence, God's promise, come to pass. Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land and we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.*

The Days are Surely Coming  
Text: David Gambrell (2009)  
Music: Welsh folk Melody; Llwybrau Moliant (1872); harm. The English Hymnal (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.**

***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 compassion, these gifts represent our commitment to you and the work of this church. May this offering help clothe the naked, feed the hungry, comfort the lonely, and heal the broken. We do all this for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand to preach your true salvation in every age and land: pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure, to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.*

*Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth, we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth: one holy people gathered in love beyond our own, by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.*

*Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak, where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak, there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.*

*This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head. The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings: the final consummation, the glory of all things.*

O Christ, the Great Foundation  
Text: Timothy T'ingfang Lew (1933)  
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1864)  
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**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**Postlude**

Postlude on "Nun Danket Alle Gott"  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Eric H. Thiman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**8:30 SERVICES:** There will be no 8:30 a.m. services during the month of December. We encourage all of our regular 8:30 service goers to join our 10:30 a.m. services during Advent and Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** Because Christmas Eve lands on a Sunday this year, there will be only one morning worship service at 10:30 a.m., and there will be two evening services at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. We hope you will join us in celebration, adoration, and worship this Christmas Eve.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** If you would like to make a poinsettia dedication this Christmas season, please sign up for a poinsettia order at the Welcome Desk, or email your order to [office@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:office@thepeopleschurch.com) by **Sunday, December 10**. Please include your name, and who your gift is in memory, celebration, or honor of. Poinsettia orders are \$20. Checks should be made payable to The Peoples Church with 'Poinsettias' indicated in the memo line. Poinsettias will be displayed during worship on **Sunday, December 17** and can be picked up following the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve service.



## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)***

**CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE:** Boy Scout Troop 2 is selling festive holiday wreaths to fund their outdoor activities. The 22-inch traditional round Christmas wreaths are made from fresh-cut Michigan Fraser Fir boughs and will last well into the new year. Scouts decorate each wreath with a bright red bow, pinecones, and berries. The scouts will be selling wreaths **after the service today**, if there are still some left. Wreaths cost \$25. For more information, or to pre-order a wreath, contact Lise Mitchell via email at lhmitch@troop2el.org.

**CHURCH TOUR:** The next Peoples Church 'Talk 'n Tour' will take place **next Sunday, December 3 following the 10:30 a.m. service**. If you are interested in learning more about our beautiful church, please meet at the front of the Sanctuary.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEETINGS:** There are still two opportunities to attend presentations about the proposed capital campaign and learn about project descriptions, timelines, architectural renderings of the proposed projects, and overall budget estimates. 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 are: **Thursday, November 30 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.** These meetings will take place in the Robertson Room. On **Sunday, January 21, 2024, following the 10:30 a.m. service** there will be a special congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the proposed Capital Campaign. If you are unable to attend the January 21 meeting, you may pick up a Request for Absentee Ballot at the Welcome Desk, or one can be mailed or emailed to you upon request.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH:** Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting again at **noon this Wednesday, November 29 at Coral Gables restaurant in East Lansing**. The restaurant will need a close headcount to secure a reservation, so please call (517) 349-1074 to let the lunch organizers know you would like to attend.

**THE KNITTING PEOPLE:** The Knitting People will meet Thursday, November 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Robertson Room to share our projects and bless our completed items. We invite interested knitters and crocheters to join us! Yarn and needles are available. We are working on prayer shawls, baby blankets, hats, mittens, and slippers for chemo patients. Questions? Email Mary Anne Larzelere at malarz@aol.com.

**EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Share Christmas joy by providing a gift for a child at Edgewood Village. If you would like to purchase a gift for a child, or if you would like to support this program financially, please contact Emily Anderson via e-mail, anderson2910@icloud.com, or by phone, (517) 648-0632, and she will provide all the information you will need.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** This year's children's Christmas Pageant will be a performance of 'The Reluctant Innkeeper,' which will take place **during the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 10**. A cookie party will follow the service! If you are interested in donating cookies to the cookie party, please contact our children's education director, Alexa, by emailing ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)***

**MSU BRASS HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Come join us for a wonderful evening of holiday music! The Michigan State University Brass will perform a concert of holiday, classical, and popular music at The Peoples Church on **Sunday, December 10 at 7 p.m.** This family-favorite event, which is sponsored by the TPC Fine Arts Committee, will include talented student musicians and their professors from the MSU College of Music. The concert is free of charge, and at intermission concert-goers will be treated to an offering of Christmas cookies and hot beverages.

### ***PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH***

**COLLEGE MINISTRY:** Campus Ministry meets **after the 10:30 a.m. service** for Lunch & lounge, and **twice a month** for activities and outings. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing [hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com).

**ACHE:** Adults Connecting & Having Events is a group for young adults that meets twice a month for activities and events. Email Pastor Haley at [hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com) to learn more about how to get involved with ACHE.

**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 Isaiah 11:1-6.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** **Today, following the 10:30 service until 2:30 p.m.,** PCYG is going to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas! There will be no regular gathering or music rehearsals tonight. For more information about PCYG, contact Elisha, by emailing [esmith@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:** 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!