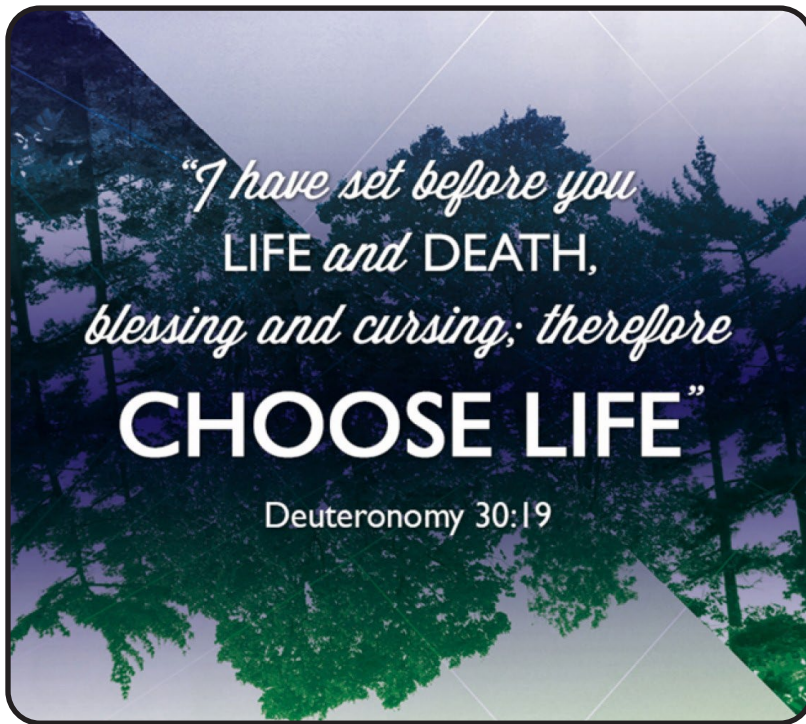


SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 16, 2020



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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

*** OFF THIS WEEK**

WEDNESDAY

NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

Children's Education

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes

Peoples Church YouthGroup

Yoga Class

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.

Bob Cantrell, 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.



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.

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!**

ORDER OF WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 16, 2020

We welcome the Rev. Roger Underwood to The Peoples Church this morning. Rev. Underwood is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Church. A native of North Carolina, Rev. Underwood and his wife Sharon are members of Knollwood Baptist Church (Winston-Salem), which is affiliated with the American Baptist Church, the Alliance of Baptists and the Co-operative Baptist Fellowship.

Prelude

"Two Welsh Hymn Tune Settings"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

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

Cooper Mellor, confirmand

One: Enter this holy sanctuary and listen for God's voice.
The Holy One speaks words of wisdom.

**All: The Creator calls us to lives of meaning;
God has set before us the ways of life and death.**

One: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**All: Happy are those who keep God's decrees,
Who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways.**

One: May we fix our sights on the way of Christ.
May we always choose the road that leads to life.

**All: We will praise God with an upright heart!
Let us rejoice and worship the Lord!**

Gathering Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 366

Procession of the Light of Christ

Jack Fickies, acolyte

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, trusting in your mercy, we confess our sins before you. We confess that we worship many false idols. We are attracted to money and power and fame. We prefer being entertained to being engaged. We follow the path of least resistance and lower our expectations. Forgive us for the times we have broken your commandments and worshiped false gods. Give us the strength to choose the way that leads to life, to prosperity and to You. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

First Reading

Psalms 119:1-8

(Pew Bible Page 610; Large Print 899)

Passing the Peace of Christ (Please stand if able)

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

Sacrament of Baptism/Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Aurora Bauer

Born May 9, 2019

Daughter of Cameron and Courtney Bauer

Mila Ekye-Addai

Born November 2, 2019

Daughter of Kwabe and Kayla Ekye-Addai

Call to Celebrate New Life

Words of Institution

Presentation

Elder to Congregation: Do we, the members of the church of Jesus Christ present here at The Peoples Church, promise to be Aurora and Mila's family of faith, now and always, offering whatever they might need to better serve and follow our Lord and Savior? And do we promise to encourage them to walk humbly with the Lord all the days of their lives?

Congregation: **By God's grace, we do.**

Elder: Brothers and sisters, we now celebrate the gift of grace in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Congregation: **There is one body and one spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God, creator of us all.**

Prayer

Baptism

Congregational Response: **We thank you God for Aurora (Mila)! Bless her and keep her, now and forever. Amen.**

Presentation of Gifts

Introduction

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Be Thou a Smooth Way"

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Ralph M. Johnson

Second Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
(Pew Bible Page 206; Large Print 291)

Sermon

"Knowing Right from Wrong" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" No. 688

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Roger Underwood
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 (10:30 a.m.)

"Give Me Jesus" arr. Howard Helvey
Micheala Larsen, soprano

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

Holy One, we present this offering as a sign of our gratitude and our faithfulness. Bless these gifts and this congregation. Help us to be the church: to care for those in need, to stand with the oppressed, to love without exception, and to walk in the ways that lead to life. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 306

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

"Postlude in D" Healey Willan

LEANING INTO LENT

The season of Lent is just around the corner. During this time, people often give something up or take on new habits. We are encouraging people to join small groups during the season of Lent this year and are looking for people to host small groups—6-10 people, for 6 weeks and facilitate the conversation. We will be using April Yamaski's book, *Lent: Christ is for Us*. There are readings that go along with the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday and questions to help encourage conversation. If you are interested in hosting or attending a group, please contact Pastor Drew or fill out the sign-up sheet at the back of this bulletin and return in the offertory plate.

SERMON PREVIEW BIBLE STUDY

Join Dr. Monroe on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room for a lively discussion and study of the scripture text for the upcoming sermon. Text this week is Matthew 17:1-9. All are welcome!

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **February 23**, The Peoples Forum welcomes Carl Liedholm, who will lead a discussion on the "Economics of Intercollegiate Sports." Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Join us each Wednesday night for a community meal at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall, followed by adult programming in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

THE JERICHO EFFECT

The Women of Peoples Church are happy to welcome Rev. Case Van Kempen on **February 18** for a presentation on his new book, *The Jericho Effect: What if We Tried it God's Way for a Change?* Join us for light refreshments at 10:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



GREAT DECISIONS

Our next *Great Decisions* Program is scheduled for **February 27**, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the Robertson Room. Dr. Jeffrey Andresen, MSU Professor of Geography and State of Michigan Climatologist, will lead a discussion on the critical topic of Climate Change. Climate change has become one of the defining issues of our time. As much of the world bands together to come up with a plan, the U.S. remains the notable holdout. What is the rest of the world doing to combat climate change? What impact will the effects of climate change have on global geopolitics?

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle will meet on **February 26** at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe and our program will focus on "A Vision of The Peoples Church and Women's Circles." All are welcome.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

The Deborah Circle will meet on **February 19** at 6:30 p.m. in the Snider Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join Pastor Drew for Monday Morning Bible at 11:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room as we continue to study John's Gospel. All are welcome!

KEEP THE SOCKS COMING!

Winter is still here and the people who use the City Rescue Mission Services still need our socks. We have been so generous this winter—let's keep up the donations! The Mission appreciates being able to share our socks with those in need. Please bring in your donated, NEW, socks for children and adults and place them in the donation box just outside the church office.

CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 23
(following the 10:30 a.m. worship service)

SNIDER SOCIAL HALL

Come One, Come All! Our family fun event—The Peoples Church Carnival—is coming soon! Join us for carnival games, food, and of course, FUN!

Everyone is welcome and bring your friends!

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 15-19 AT WOLDUMAR NATURE CENTER

Registration for this year's VBS, *Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, will open soon. We are looking for adult volunteers to be station leaders, help with registration, decorations, set up and more! Middle and high school students are needed for counselors. Email Kathi Mitchell at: kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com, if you would like to join the fun!





ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

8:00 a.m. & Noon—McCune Chapel

5:30 p.m.—A soup & bread dinner held in Snider Social Hall

6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary

Imposition of ashes at all services.

LEANING INTO LENT SMALL GROUP SIGN-UP



NAME(S): _____

PHONE OR EMAIL: _____

- I AM INTERESTED IN **HOSTING** A LEANING INTO LENT SMALL GROUP
- I AM INTERESTED IN **ATTENDING** A LEANING INTO LENT SMALL GROUP

Please return sign-up form in the offertory plate or to the church office.