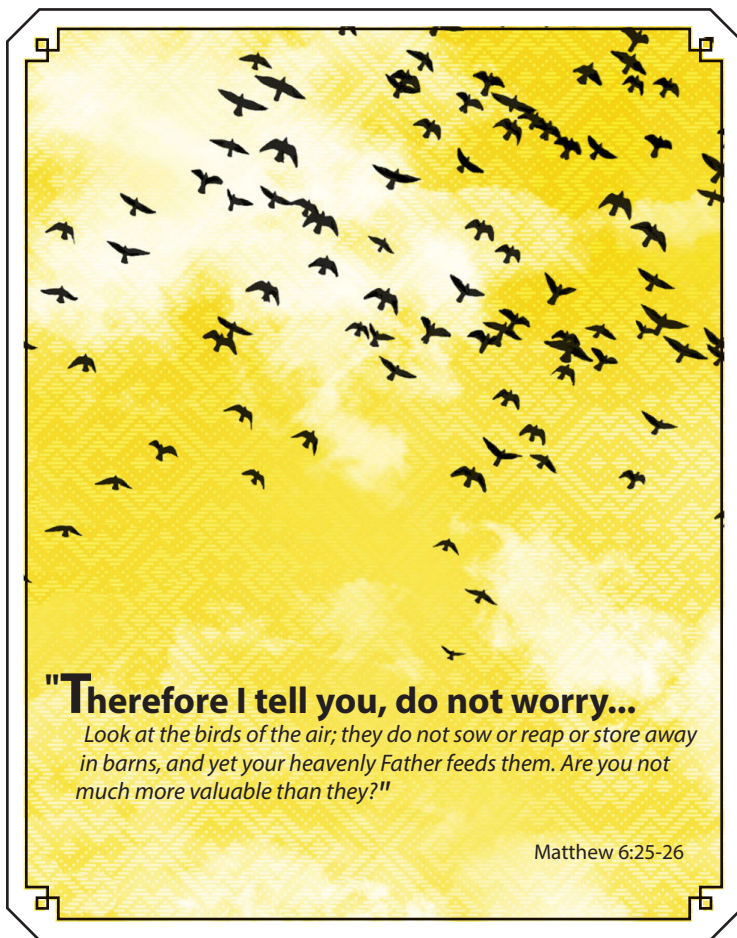


SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 3, 2019



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

6:10 p.m.

Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

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 Youth Group
Campus Ministry Bible Study
Yoga Class



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

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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.



Don't miss out on weekly happenings, here, at The Peoples Church.

Sign up, today, for our Friday email by going to ThePeoplesChurch.com and enter your email address toward the bottom of the homepage.

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.



ORDER OF WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Prelude

"The Lord's My Shepherd"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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

Leader: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

People: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

Leader: But Christ calls us to the mountain to receive a new vision.

People: We are not sure we are ready for that.

Leader: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for he is your guide.

People: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us.

Gathering Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

No. 403

Procession of the Light of Christ

Ava Giltner, acolyte

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Emersyn Louise Diener
Born August 10, 2018

Rev. Betsy Aho

Statement of Faith

We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness and service which He exemplified to the world.

Baptismal Hymn

"Baptized in Water"

No. 482

First Reading

Matthew 6:7-21
(Pew Bible Page 970; Large Print 1,476)

Celebration of Holy Communion

Rev. Drew Filkins

Communion Hymns

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" No. 490
"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" No. 500
"When Peace Like a River" No. 840

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. L.L. Fleming

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

(Pew Bible Page 971; Large Print 1,477)

Sermon

"Simpler Is Better"

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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Prayers of the People; 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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"The Quiet Heart"

John Ness Beck

Will Johnson, tenor

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

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world. Amen.

+ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING + (10:30 a.m.)

Jodi Cook, Chair of Council, Presiding

I. Declaration of Quorum

Thad Morgan, Clerk

II. Presentation of Updated Budget

III. Congregational Response/Members' Moment

IV. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

All: As we take our holy worship and sacred work from this place into our daily lives, may we be sustained through the love of our gracious Lord. May we feel the presence of our Savior walking beside us, and know the power of the Spirit in both our actions and our words. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

No. 546

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

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

arr. Flor Peeters



**Floral Dedication:
Given to the Glory of God.**

PEOPLES 101

Interested in finding out more about The Peoples Church? Join us in the Centennial Room (downstairs) **TODAY** following 10:30 a.m. worship to learn more!

THE PEOPLES CHURCH VISITATION TEAM

The Peoples Church Visitation Team visits our members who can no longer attend church on a regular basis. They make contact with our homebound members at least once a month and help keep them up-to-date on what is happening at The Peoples Church. This can be a rewarding type of Christian ministry and an opportunity to get acquainted with some of our long time members. If you are interested in joining our team or if you are aware of anyone who would appreciate a regular visitor, please call Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517.332.5132 or Pat Brogan at 517.337.1446.



The Peoples Church is excited to welcome Dr. Suzanne McDonald, who has been studying and reflecting on the topic of dementia for 20 years. Her series, "Dealing Faithfully with Dementia," is for those who want to be faithful to God and the Gospel, and also faithful to the very difficult realities of the disease, as they walk beside those with dementia and their caregivers. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room on February 6 and 13.

PEOPLES FORUM

On **February 10**, the Peoples Forum will welcome Rabbi Becca Walker from MSU Hillel. Meet us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEER OPENING

Building and Grounds Ministry is looking for the next Grounds Clean-up Coordinator! The coordinator identifies tasks needed to be done, organizes volunteers and handles scheduling. Matt Gosselin, our current coordinator, will serve as a mentor and work alongside the person (for 2019) who volunteers for this role. If interested please call Rob Privette at 248.804.1354 or email at rmpagain@yahoo.com.

ADDITIONAL PARKING

The Lansing Psychology Associates, located directly across the street from The Peoples Church and behind Jonna's, has graciously offered additional parking in their lot for those attending services on Sundays.



WPC JEWELRY SALE COMING IN MAY!

The Women of Peoples Church Annual Jewelry Sale is happening in May. Donations of jewelry, purses, scarves, puzzles, etc. are being accepted. If you have any items to donate, please drop off in the church office during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mon - Fri).



THANK YOU FROM MICHAEL & BETTY MOORE

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the support and prayers from so many of you while Mike was recovering from his emergency heart surgery due to his Aortic Dissection/Aneurysm. It was humbling and healing for us to be the recipients of so much love! The staff of Sparrow Hospital where Mike spent 5 weeks even commented on the outstanding church community support. Presently, Michael is home, participating in Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation and expecting a full recovery.

In appreciation,
Michael and Betty Moore



TALENT SHOW TODAY!

Join us downstairs in the Snider Social Hall following
the 10:30 a.m. service for our Talent Show and
Empty Bowls fundraiser!

Enjoy some chili and make donations for handmade
empty bowls to fight hunger!

SEE YOU DOWNSTAIRS!



The Talent Show is packed with Talent!

Here is our line-up (subject to change by the moment, but this is really close!):

Joshua Barton - Guitar & Vocal

Asa Harvey - Piano

Christopher Hibbs - Singing

Abby Lindley - Flute

Eysselinck Family - Singing (& possible spontaneous dancing)

Brad Williams & Pastor Drew - Ukulele Duo

Haley Phillips - Singing

Ava Harvey - Piano

Zoe Aho - Guitar & Vocal

Lary Hill - Musical Finale

Don't forget to stop by the empty bowls tables! The beautiful, handmade bowls have been donated so that all proceeds support Southside Community Kitchen!



Winter Retreat February 8-10, 2019

PCYG students, middle and high school aged, are participating in Winter Fest at the United Church of Big Rapids the weekend of February 8-10. Students will ski, snowboard, craft, and participate in a weekend mission project with other progressive church youth programs throughout the state! Cost is an all-inclusive \$80, with scholarships available if needed. Contact Joe Kennedy at jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com with questions or to sign up.



Join Pastor Drew as he leads a Couple's Enrichment Retreat at The Grand River Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids, **March 1-3, 2019**. The cost is \$200 per couple which includes a relationship inventory, Friday evening activities and the cost of the accommodations. Meals are on your own. Scholarships are available to help with the cost should you need it.

Whether you have been together for one month or sixty years, there are always things to work on and a need to get away. If you are interested email Pastor Drew at dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com.