

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 31, 2019



*"For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them."*

Matthew 25:29

## 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

\* **Off this week**

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**Will Return on  
April 10.**



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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.

## READ THE PORTAL!

The *Portal* newsletter is the best source of information for the latest and most up-to-date news and events. It comes out at the beginning of each month and is included in the weekly Friday email. Or be sure to grab a hard copy located at the Welcome Desk or in the church office.

## ASL Interpreted Service

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



# ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 31, 2019

## **Prelude**

"How Firm a Foundation"  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

arr. Lee Hastings Bristol

## **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: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

**People: Delight in God's goodness!**

Leader: Praise God who gives each person gifts to be nurtured and shared.

**People: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

**People: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 307

## **Procession of the Light of Christ**

## **Call to Confession**

Leader: Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. God is close to all who call on the name of God, listening to their cries for help, and offering them salvation. So let us join in confession, knowing that God will hear our prayers and forgive.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Lord of mercy and justice, you have given us so many talents and gifts to be used in your world. You have given us these gifts because you trust us to use them well — and you will be with us in all our work. But we disappoint you when we denigrate the value of the talents or become so fearful of failure that we don't believe that we are capable of helping in this world. Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts you have given to us and to trust in your guidance in using them. Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic or indifferent to the needs around us. Give us hearts for serving you all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Rejoice and celebrate! The Holy Spirit has placed God's trust and love deep within our hearts. As people who have been forgiven, we have been called and trusted to serve God.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Congregational Response** "O Save Me, God, And Hear My Cry" (verse 1) No. 812  
**O Save me, God, and hear my cry: my prayer to you ascends.  
And vindicate me by your might; on you my hope depends.**

**First Reading** I Thessalonians 4:13-18  
(Pew Bible Page 1,188; Large Print 1,798)

**Communion** (8:30 a.m.)

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

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

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

**Solo** (8:30 a.m.)

**Anthem** (10:30 a.m.) "Keep Your Lamps!" arr. Andre Thomas  
*Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

**Second Reading** Matthew 25:14-30  
(Pew Bible Page 994; Large Print 1,512)

**Sermon** "No More Fear of Failure" Rev. Case Van Kempen  
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**Hymn of Response** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" No. 716

### **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** (10:30 a.m.)

"My Lord, What a Morning"  
*Will Johnson, tenor*

arr. Mark Hayes

### ***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***

**Lord of blessings and hope, we give to you these gifts as tokens of our lives. Use these gifts for healing and hope in your world. Use us as instruments of peace; for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Sending Hymn***

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

No. 361

***Benediction***

Congregational response: "**Jesus is Lord!**"

### ***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***

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

arr. Ron Boud



#### **Floral Dedication:**

**Given in memory of Linda Brookover-Bourque & Edna and Wilbur Brookover  
by Patty, George, Eliza and Sam.**

## REFUGEE COLLECTION DRIVE

Today is the last day of the St. Vincent Refugee Services drive for donations of NEW men's and women's underwear of various sizes. Be sure to place your donations in the red basket at the welcome center. Thank you!



There will be no WNL! programming on April 3. WNL! will return on Wednesday, April 10. Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

## PEOPLES FORUM

On **April 7**, the Peoples Forum welcomes Pastor Case, who will answer questions on the construction project next door and discuss, "*The Will of God as a Way of Life.*" Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

## JOIN A CHOIR!

The Clarion Ringers and the Sanctuary Choir are looking for new adult members to join them in making music! Whether you want to make music with your hands or with your voice, we welcome you to be part of The Peoples Church Music Ministry. All you need is to be able to read music and make the practices. Practices for the Clarion Ringers are on Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and the Sanctuary Choir practices on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Email Liz Reed at lizdreed@aol.com if you are interested in joining the Clarion Ringers or email office@thepeopleschurch.com if you are interested in joining the Sanctuary Choir. Or, you can just come to a rehearsal!

## HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Help families in the greater Lansing area have a wonderful meal on Easter Sunday. Volunteer drivers are needed to help deliver Easter Food Baskets on **Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m.** We will meet at Market Fresh on the corner of Jolly and MLK. Interested? Sign up on the form located on the right.

## EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

Yes, I (We) would like to help the sanctuary come alive with Lilies on Easter morning.

Please accept my gift of \$20 in support of the Sanctuary Decoration Fund.

- In Memory of
- In Celebration of
- In Honor of
- To the Glory of God

**Dedication** (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Given By** (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 12.**



## YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS ON APRIL 20 AT 9:00 a.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOLY WEEK 2019



### **PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 14**

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 18**

6:30 p.m. - Chapel (with communion)



### **GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 19**

6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary (with Choir)



### **EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 21**

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service in Chapel (with communion)

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary (with Brass)

## *The WPC Annual Strawberry Breakfast*

**May 4, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.**

**Snider Social Hall**

Join the Women of Peoples Church for fellowship, a presentation and of course a full breakfast, including a classic, strawberry shortcake!

**Special Guest: Pastor Case**

**Tickets: \$8 each or  
\$40 per table of 8.**

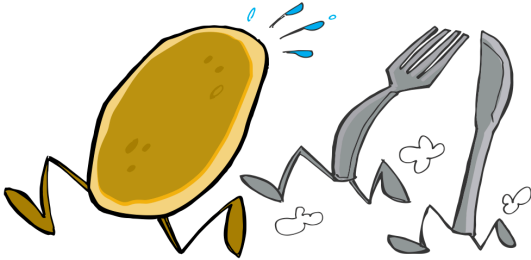
(Tickets will be sold beginning April 14)

**TROOP 2 AND VENTURE CREW 2**

# Pancake Brunch

Fund Raiser

Sunday, April 14th, 2019



**At the Peoples Church of East Lansing**

200 W Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI

**Please Join Us In The Snider Social Hall  
Following The Sunday Service,  
Beginning At 11:30am**

**Pancakes & Sausage, Applesauce,  
Coffee, Tea, Milk & Juice Will Be Served.**



## JEWELRY & USED BOOK SALE

**MAY 18-19, 2019**

**HOURS:**

**SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Presented by:  
The Women of Peoples Church &  
The Peoples Church Fishbach Library Committee

