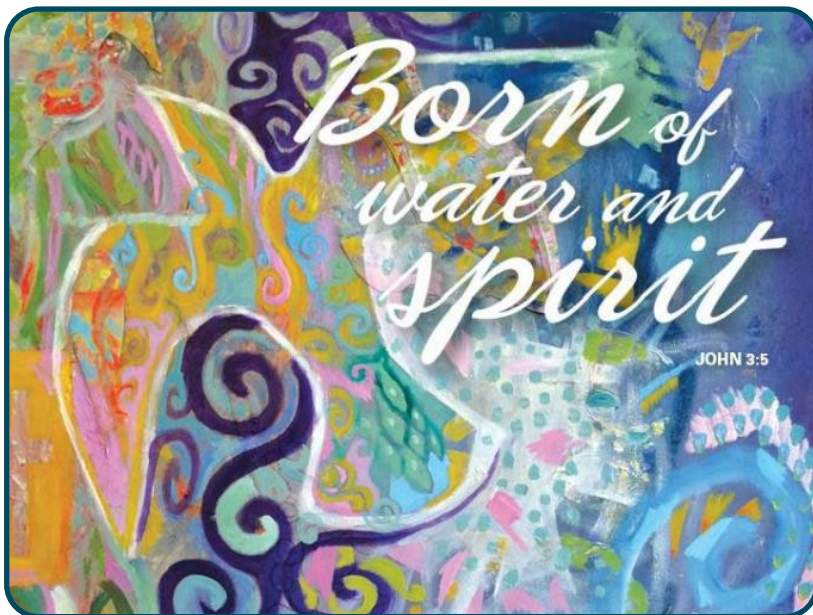


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2020



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

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.



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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.



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>

ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 8, 2020

Prelude

"Prayer"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Jacques Lemmens

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

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

Carmen Robles, confirmand

One: I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
from where does my help come?

**All: My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

One: We look not to the mountains or valleys,
even heaven or earth,

All: For God is found among us.

One: Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

All: God is here among us.

One: Come, let us worship the God of Creation,
the God of People, the God of Community.

**All: Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way.
Let us worship together in faith.**

Gathering Hymn

"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

No. 45

Procession of the Light of Christ

Blake Burke & Ida Filkins, acolytes

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our selfish concerns with earthly things and our failure to acknowledge your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, for that blindness to the wonder of your presence that causes us to live our lives from day to day without knowing you. Have mercy on us. Give us grace to discern the suffering servant Lord in the midst of our lives, to worship and serve you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that through him the world might be saved. Though we were dead through our sins, in great mercy, God has spoken a word of healing and made us alive together with Christ. Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

Congregational Response "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (verse 4)

No. 444

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.**

First Reading

Psalm 121

(Pew Bible Page 616; Large Print 909)

Passing the Peace of Christ *(Please stand if able)*

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

Solo (8:30 a.m.)

"Precious Name"

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Peter Boylan, baritone

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Song of Peace/Dona Nobis Pacem"

Donnelly and Strid

Carol Choir and Youth Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

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

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Keeping My Eyes On You"

Stan Pethel

Youth Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Second Reading

John 3:1-17

(Pew Bible Page 1,064; Large Print 1,617)

Sermon

"Jesus Reveals"

Rev. Drew Filkins

Hymn of Response

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 634

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.

Invitation to Give

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"God So Loved the World"
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

John Stainer

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

Loving God, giver of all light and life, you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. May these gifts help us to lift up the light of Christ in our community so that all might experience God's justice and mercy; through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 687

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

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

arr. Gordon Young



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

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 John 4:4-26. All are welcome!

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **March 15**, The Peoples Forum welcomes Charles Blackman. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

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

BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

The Library Committee is pleased to announce the first annual "Book Scholarship" of \$250 to go toward the purchase of college books. It will be awarded to a 2020 graduating high school senior. Contact Joe Kennedy to receive an application which will be reviewed by the Library Committee.

The application deadline is March 30, 2020.

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—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.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

In honor of *March is Reading Month*, the Library Committee is hosting a story time on **March 15** after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our guest readers will be Rev. Dr. Monroe and Kathi Mitchell. The children will be picked up after Sunday School in the library that day. Parents are welcome.

CORRECTION: READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet **March 19** (not March 20) from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. The book we will discuss is *Next Year in Havana*, by Chanel Cleeton. All are invited!

REFUGEE SERVICES COLLECTION COMING SOON!

Our spring refugee collection for St. Vincents Refugee Services is coming soon. We will be collecting travel-size items that will be arranged into personal hygiene packets. Starting **March 29**, bring in your donated, travel-size items of shampoo, body wash or soap, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc., and place them in the red donation box (located at the Welcome Center). Collection dates will be March 29 and April 5. Thank you for your generosity!

KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet **March 26** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome to join us and help knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, hats and mittens, and slippers for church members, friends, and local missions.

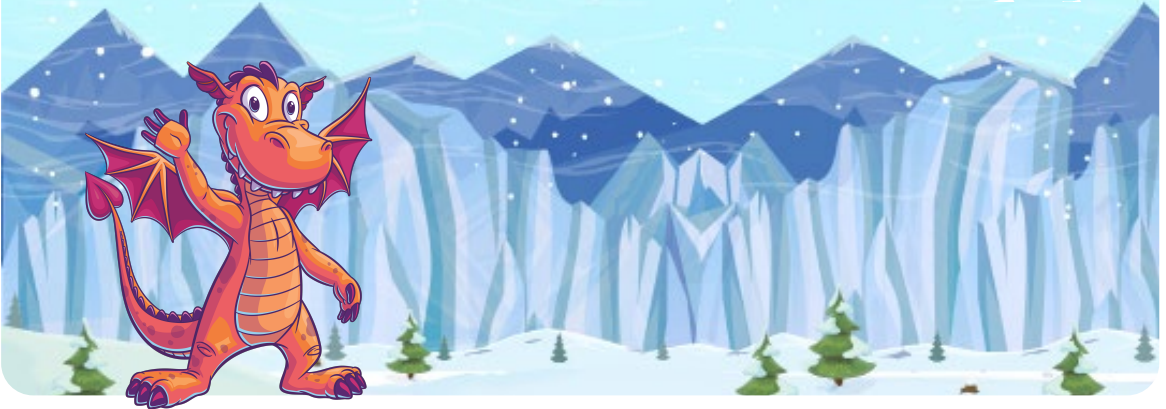
REFUGEE BENEFIT CONCERT

The All Faith Alliance for Refugees (AFAR) is holding their 2nd Annual Refugee Benefit Concert, on **March 22** at 3:00 p.m., to raise money for Refugee Services at St. Vincent Catholic Charities. This concert will feature choirs from refugee communities as well as a combined interfaith choir. All are welcome; join us at Kingdom Ministries (3000 W. Miller Rd., Lansing).



**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*, is open today! 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!



Family FUN Night

MARCH 28

Plan to join us for our next Family Fun Night, **March 28** from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We'll have board games, crafts, minute-to-win it games, and fort building in the Youth Den. There will be plenty of food and fun! Look for a registration link in your email. Bring your family and friends!

HOLY WEEK 2020



PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 5

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary



MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 9

6:30 p.m. - Chapel (with foot washing)



GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 10

6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary (Service of Tenebrae: The Extinguishing of Light)



EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 12

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary (with Brass; ASL Interpreter at 10:30 a.m.)

JEWELRY & USED BOOK SALE MAY 16-17, 2020



The Women of Peoples Church and the Library Committee are gearing up for their annual jewelry and used book sale in May. If you have donations for the sale (jewelry, purses, scarves, housewares, antiques, etc.), please drop them off to the church office during business hours, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Book donations should be placed in the Snider Social Hall on the stage.



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