

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 7, 2019



*"...and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at his left."*

Matthew 25:33

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**

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
Yoga Class



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.

Jodi Cook, 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.

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 | APRIL 7, 2019

Prelude

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Wilbur Held

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: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people. Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

People: **We need not fear. In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.**

All: **We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that your love may surround all who enter here; for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 366

Procession of the Light of Christ

Abigail Schuette, acolyte

Prayer of Confession

All: **Lord of abiding love and infinite patience, we have come from times of stress and difficulty, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, your house, we again bow our heads in contrition, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Open our eyes, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion; for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even though we are a stubborn people, still God absolutely loves and forgives us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **We are forgiven indeed. Thanks be to God!**

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 Psalm 98:4-9
(Pew Bible Page 596; Large Print 875)

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" No. 498
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" No. 182
"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" No. 212

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.) "In Bright Mansions Above" arr. Roland M. Carter
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading Matthew 25:31-46
(Pew Bible Page 994; Large Print 1,513)

Sermon "Waiting on Jesus: The Sheep and Goats Who Know Nothing" Rev. Case Van Kempen
 [@Connect2TPC #TPCsermon](#)

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.) "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Dale Wood
Christine Roberts, mezzo-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

God of our salvation, you have claimed us as citizens of heaven; but we know that often our lives have looked no different from anyone else's, our minds too often locked on earthly things. May the gifts we bring to your church this morning be symbolic of our desire to let go of all that doesn't reflect who we are and whose we are. May we be more faithful witnesses, knowing that we are on a journey to an eternity with you. In our Redeemer's name, we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Come! Live in the Light!"

No. 749

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

"O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High"

arr. David N. Johnson



Floral Dedication:

Given in memory of our granddaughter Sara, by Mike and Betty Moore.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS TODAY!

New Members Classes take place in the Centennial Room and last roughly an hour and a half. Child care is provided. This meeting will explore the history, governance, mission and values of the church as well as programming and volunteer opportunities. Membership is also discussed, but there is never any obligation to join. Can't make today's class? The next New Members Class will be on **Wednesday, April 10** at 6:30 p.m.

TROOP 2 PANCAKE BRUNCH

Troop 2 Boy Scouts are back with their annual pancake brunch fundraiser! Next **Sunday, April 14**, be sure to join us downstairs in the Snider Social Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, for pancakes and other delicious brunch food.



On **April 10**, join Joe Kennedy, Youth Director, and The Peoples Church Youth Group for an evening of sharing stories and activities with one another. WNL! usually features separate adult and youth programs, but tonight we will combine for double the fun! Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

PEOPLES FORUM

On **April 14**, the Peoples Forum welcomes Jim Pock, Major General, U.S. Army. Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Deborah Circle will meet on **Wednesday, April 10** from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Centennial Room. Everyone is welcome to join us! Contact Jess Eysselinck at jess@eysselinck.com for more information.

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): _____

Given By (Please Print): _____

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

