

Join Our Team

We are now hiring for the following positions:

Peoples Church Preschool is looking for a Full-Time, Co-Lead, Toddler Room **Teacher**. Applicants must have a degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent.

Please contact the preschool at: djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

Peoples Church is hiring two full-time (30 hours) support positions:

Finance Administrator (requires a bookkeeping background) and Communications Coordinator (requires expertise in Microsoft Suite and Social Media).

Please contact **xxxxx** for more information.



THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings.

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

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.



PHONE NUMBER

To join the worship service via telephone, please dial
(844) 933-0517
and follow the prompts.

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ONLINE**

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Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

“The Lone, Wild Bird”

arr. David N. Johnson

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight. And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me. The ends of earth are in thy hand, the sea's dark deep and far off land. And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me. The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.

Scripture

Luke 24:44-53

44 Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high. 50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Sermon

“Jesus Has Left the Building”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (verses 1 and 2)

No. 435

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Call to Worship

One: Enter God's house in a spirit of expectation
For God is doing wonderful things!

**All: God has promised a reign of peace!
By our words and deeds, we anticipate that time.**

One: Jesus promised all disciples would be clothed in power.
Through the Spirit, Jesus has blessed one and all.

**All: We will clap our hands and shout with joy!
God is doing wonderful things in our midst!**

Gathering Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (verses 1, 2, and 4) No. 268

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him
as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in
beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning
eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time; creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably
sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Prayer of Confession

**God of time and eternity, we recognize that we live in an age of impatience. We want in-
stant answers to our questions and immediate gratification of all our desires. Yet you call on
us to wait in hope and expectation, trusting in your response. Forgive us for our impatience.
Forgive us for wanting to set boundaries on your presence. Forgive us for trying to contain
your power and your reach. Forgive all our sins and help us to be faithful as well as patient.
We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Moment of Silent Reflection**Assurance of Pardon****Congregational Response**

**By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven
above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord**