

KICKOFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

BLOOM

A New Season Of Growth!



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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.

Chicken Dinner

* Coppertones Rehearsal

Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry

* Dance 149

* Begins 9/15/19

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 STAFF

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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.

ASL Interpreted Service

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



MAKE A GIFT

Please note, we have a new link for online giving (below):

<https://onrealm.org/thepeopleschurch/Give>

See back page for more information on **REALM!**

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Prelude "Praise the Lord With the Drums and Cymbals" Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Judy Kabodian, organ

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.

Moment for Mission Tabitha Mpamira-Kaguri, Nyaka

Call to Worship Jodi Cook

Leader: King of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God, from everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord. Your law brings life, O Lord, and we meditate on it day and night;

People: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

Leader: You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse ourselves in you;

People: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

Leader: You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work of our hands;

People: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

Leader: Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

People: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

Leader: This is our God, the Holy One.

People: We come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the sacrifice of praise.

Gathering Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 1

Procession of the Light of Christ Abigail Schuette and Brooklyn Burke, Acolytes

Call to Confession

All: O God, our Heavenly Creator, we confess that we have lost our way. Too easily we are distracted from what really matters. In our better moments we recognize that life is better than death and love is superior to hate. Yet,

(continued)

far too often in the heat of the moment, we lose our heads— and perhaps worse—we lose our hearts. We do things and say things that betray our lack of faith and perhaps even our lack of emotional control. We each strive to control our life. We strive to make a name for ourselves. We make every effort to protect our loved ones and ourselves. We are well meaning, Lord, but sometimes we choose paths that lead us away from you. So today we acknowledge our sin and confess our shortcomings, and with humility we ask you to help us strive for the greater gifts and to show us a still more excellent way.

Words of Assurance

Leader: The Lord of the Universe assures us that in our human lives before God we are to “first sit down and estimate the cost.” Be assured that our greatest possession—the only possession that we can never lose—is our possession of you, O God. We are God’s people. It is God who made us and we are God’s. “We are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.”

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

Congregational Response “We Come to You for Healing, Lord” (verse 1) No. 796
**We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.**

First Reading Psalm 1
(Pew Bible Page 536; Large Print 771)

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

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

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "At the River" Aaron Copland
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading Luke 14:25-33
(Pew Bible Page 1,047; Large Print 1,591)

Sermon “Measure Once, Cut Twice” Rev. Drew Filkins
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Responsive Hymn “Take Up The Cross, the Savior Said” No. 718

Prayers of the People

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)

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.)

*"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes
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

Loving God, we present now what we have brought to you, things that are both visible and invisible. The coins and paper represent our work and express in a clear and visible way our love and thanks. But we also bring as an offering the fragile dreams and hopes that we have. These invisible gifts are what sustain our lives. Receive all that we have brought in love, O God. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

No. 546

Benediction *(Please stand if able)*

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

"Psalm 100"

Michael Burkhardt



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

CHICS BIBLE STUDY

The CHiCs (Connected Hearts in Christ) women's Bible Study will start again on **September 12** from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and will continue to meet weekly in the Robertson room. We will be studying Philip Gulley's book, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*. Philip Gully will be at TPC on October 13 and will speak at both services; there will be a lunch and a lecture after. Please contact Beth Lundy at Lundybb@comcast.net or 610.246.0029 with any questions.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S OFFERING

During the month of September, the children of our congregation are holding a special drive to benefit Love Clothing Center of Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Lansing. They are collecting packages of NEW underwear for those in need in our community. During the Children's Moment in the 10:30 a.m. service, we welcome your child to bring their donation forward for collection. All sizes and styles are needed.

PEOPLES FORUM



The Peoples Forum will resume on **September 15, 2019**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. To kick us off, we welcome Jody Knoll, WKAR Senior Broadcaster. Join us!



WNL! is back on **September 11, 2019**. Join us in the Robertson Room, as we kick off our month-long series on *Women of the Bible*. Kate Jones will be leading our discussion where we will learn and explore the stories of the women who shaped Moses' life. Join us at 6:30 p.m. (after the community meal at 5:30 p.m.).

BLOOM MAGAZINE: VOLUME 2 NOW OUT!

Be sure to grab the latest BLOOM Magazine located at the Welcome Center, in Friendship Hall, and in Snider Social Hall.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class is an important part of a student's life in the church. At The Peoples Church, we encourage our students in 8th grade or above to join us. In this class, we explore the Christian faith through conversation, study, and relationships.

Confirmation classes take place on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room. We meet beginning mid-September and continue through early April. If you have a student that is interested in being part of confirmation class, please contact Pastor Drew.

RINGERS & SINGERS WANTED

Clarion Ringers (the adult bell choir) and the Sanctuary Choir are looking for new (adult) members to start immediately! 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 bell choir are on Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Practices for Sanctuary choir are on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping to make joyful music and are college-age or older, please email Liz Reed at lizreed@aol.com about becoming a member of the Clarion Ringers. Or, if you are interested in becoming a member of the Sanctuary Choir, email office@thepeopleschurch.com or just come to rehearsal.

VISITATION TEAM

The Peoples Church Visitation Team is looking for volunteers. Our volunteers visit members of our church who are in retirement homes or who are still at home, but unable to attend church on a regular basis. Our mission is to help these members feel connected to the church. We ask visitors to make a contact at least once per month. If interested in being a volunteer, or if you know a member who would appreciate a visit, please contact Pat Brogan at 517.337.1446 or Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517.332.5132.

BLOOM WITH US!

Join us downstairs in Snider Social Hall following today's 10:30 a.m. worship service for our 2019 KICKOFF CELEBRATION AND CHICKEN DINNER!

GROWING OPPORTUNITIES!

Get information on:

- Groups
- Events
- Bible studies
- Activities and more!



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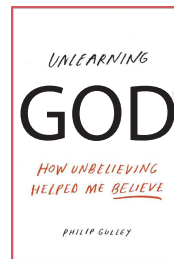
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Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe



Featuring Philip Gulley
Quaker Pastor, Author and Speaker

You're invited to read his book, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*, in preparation for this event.



Books will also be for sale during this event.