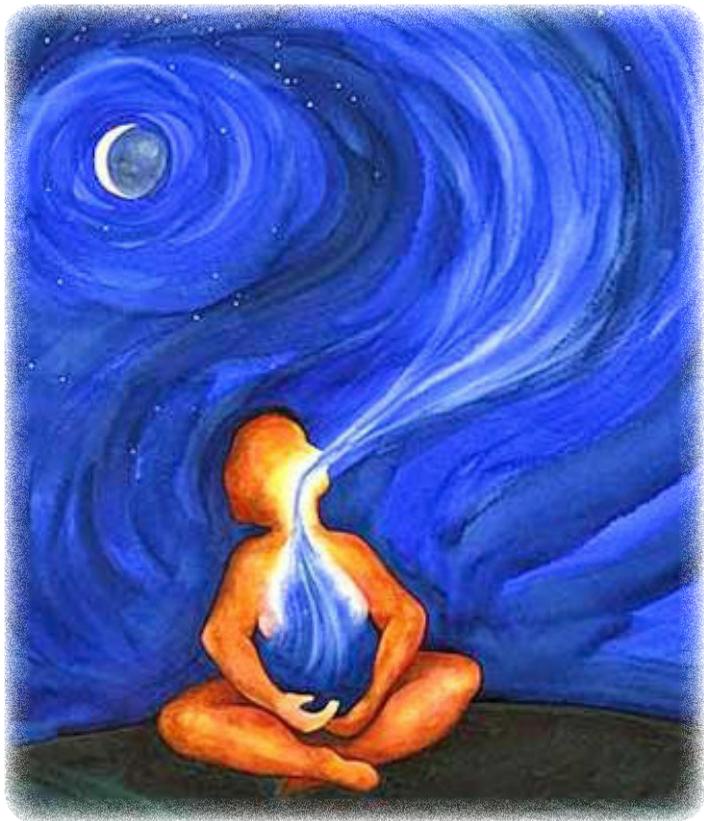


# SUNDAY WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 13, 2015



*"Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." - Genesis 2:7*



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823  
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## SUNDAY MORNING

**8:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Chapel

**9:30 a.m.**

Adult Sunday School  
Children's Chapel  
Confirmation Class\*  
PCYG Open Hang Out  
Peoples Forum\*

**9:45 a.m.**

Carol Choir Rehearsal\*

**10:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Children's Sunday School

**11:30 a.m.**

Coppertone Rehearsal\*  
Campus Ministry

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.**

Dance 149  
Youth Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 p.m.**

Adult Formation  
Faith Builders | Children's Education  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Yoga Class

*\*Off this week*

## CHURCH OFFICE

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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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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

### A NOTE ABOUT THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY AND SUNDAY WORSHIP



This year we will be using the Narrative Lectionary as our guide through the Word of God during Sunday morning worship. The Narrative Lectionary takes us through the entire story of scripture during the academic year. We will start in Genesis and follow the stories of the Old Testament until Christmas. After Christmas, we will be exploring Jesus' life through Mark's Gospel before finally looking at the early church after Easter. This is a great way for us to study the scriptures and reflect on our place in God's narrative as we worship together.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL

**SEPT. 16**

BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,  
Baked Beans and Peach Cobbler



## MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

**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.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

### **Prelude**

"Voluntary in C Major"

Henry Purcell

### **Welcome to The Peoples Church!**

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

*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: In the beginning God created all things,

**People: and God saw that they were good.**

Leader: At our beginning, God created us

**People: unique and irreplaceable, loved and treasured by God.**

Leader: In all our beginnings, God creates something new

**People: so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,  
in the laughter of friends,  
in the colors of creation,  
and in this beautiful place.**

Leader: Come, let us worship our creating God!

### **Gathering Hymn**

*(Please stand if able.)*

"Come! Live in the Light!"

**No. 749**

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

Karli Gonzales & Audrey Cook, acolytes

## **Prayer of Confession**

Betsy Aho, Campus Ministry Director

Leader: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

People: **Through your spirit, we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.**

Leader: Forgive us when we are frightened of the future  
or pull back from the demand of your calling.

People: **Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past,  
to acknowledge your grace in the present moment,  
and to trust you for our future.**

Leader: Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship.

People: **We seek to be renewed and refreshed.  
Guide us, love us, and forgive us, Lord, we pray. Amen.**

## **Choral Response of Assurance** (10:30 a.m.)

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

*Children are dismissed to participate in Sunday School at this time. (10:30 a.m.)  
They will return to the Sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.*

## **Celebration of Holy Communion** (8:30 a.m.)

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **New Testament Reading**

Mark 1:16-20

(Pew Bible Page 1,001, Large Print Page 1,523)

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

"Great and Glorious"

Franz Joseph Haydn

*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

## **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 2:4b-25

(Pew Bible Page 2, Large Print Page 3)

## **Sermon**

"Renewed, Renewing, and Renewal"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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## **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.**

### **Offertory**

**"With Verdure Clad" from *Creation*  
Leah Brzyski, soprano**

Franz Joseph Haydn

### **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, whose giving knows no ending,  
we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us;  
we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us;  
we offer up ourselves in service and praise.  
Receive these gifts by your grace.  
Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit  
to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen**

### **Sending Hymn**

**"Our Help is in the Name of God"**

**No. 330**

***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**

**"Festival Flourish"**

Gordon Jacob



## CONNECT

### SEPTEMBER DATES SET FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS | SEPT. 21-22

Production of the The Peoples Church 2015 pictorial directory continues this fall. All members and friends are invited to have a family photo taken to be included as part of this celebration of our faith community. For those who were unable to have their portrait taken this spring, Lifetouch photographers will return to take photos September 21-22. You can make an appointment online at **ThePeoplesChurch.com** or stop by the sign-up table in Friendship Hall following Sunday worship. There are no sitting fees and each family will receive a free 8x10 portrait (as well as a directory when it is published this fall). For questions or to make an appointment by phone, contact Phyllis Grummon at 517-332-5073.

### DORCAS CIRCLE | SEPT. 15

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room for “India Sojourn with Cultural Connections/ Women Weaving Worlds” presented by Margie Steinkamp. Questions? Contact Phyllis Gaulden at 517-482-0930.

### PHOEBE CIRCLE | SEPT. 23

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 10 a.m. at Pat Brogan’s home in East Lansing. Questions? Contact Renate Carey at 517-324-0262.

### REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE | SEPT. 23

The Rebekah-Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Sept. 23 in the Robertson Room for a presentation about The Edgewood Village Partnership. Questions? Contact Cindy Carson at 517-862-8896.

*We will once again host our Dinners for Eight program. Sign up as singles or couples and enjoy four dinners throughout the upcoming year with other members of our faith community. This is a great way to meet new people from our family of faith and enjoy catching up with old friends.*



## DINNERS FOR EIGHT

### REGISTRATION IS DUE BY OCTOBER 1.

Contact Cheryl Leece at 517-410-1313 or [leece@msu.edu](mailto:leece@msu.edu) or return form into the Church Office.

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### **OUR SCOTTISH ADVENTURE & THE PARISH MODEL | SEPT. 16**

Pastor Andrew will offer reflections from his summer “pulpit swap” with the Rev. Malcolm Rooney of The Glens and Kirriemuir Old Parish in Angus, Scotland. Join him at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room during this fall’s first *Wednesday Night Live!* on Sept. 16. Our weekly community meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

### **READING PEOPLE | SEPT. 17**

The Reading People book club meets at 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Robertson Room. This month’s selection, “Brown Girl Dreaming” by Jaqueline Woodson, will be discussed on Sept. 17. “Ordinary Grace” by William Kent Krueger will be our next book for Nov. 19.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS | SEPT. 20**

Confirmation Class for the 2015-2016 school year will begin on Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Snider Social Hall with an informational meeting for parents and students who are interested. Students will continue to meet from 9:30 -10:15 a.m. in the Centennial Room most Sundays until Confirmation Sunday in the spring. Typically, Confirmation is done in 8th grade at The Peoples Church, but older students are welcome. Contact Betsy Aho to register.

### **PEOPLES FORUM | SEPT. 20**

Join us next Sunday as we welcome William Beekman, MSU Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, who will update us on some of the current issues facing the university. The Peoples Forum hosts a variety of engaging and interesting “voices from our community” each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome.

### **MONDAY MORNING BIBLE**

We will be studying through the entire Bible between September and May of 2016, commencing at 11:00 a.m. on Sept. 14. We will look at key stories, events and themes throughout the Bible. All are welcome to come and explore God’s story. For more information, contact Pastor Drew.

### **TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP**

Our Tuesday Morning Men’s group meets at 7:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room. We will be going through the six-week Bible study “Quiet Strength Men’s Bible Study” by Tony Dungy. Books are available at our first meeting.

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MEN’S GROUP**

Our Wednesday Men’s Group will begin meeting on Sept. 16 in the Fischbach Library at noon. We will be talking about “Meeting Jesus AGAIN For the First Time” by Marcus Borg and our discussion will be led by Rev. Dr. Frank McAuley.

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MONDAYS | 5:00 P.M. | AKERS DINING HALL

 **PEOPLES CHURCH**  
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TUESDAYS | 2:00 P.M. | GB FOOD COURT



## SERVE

### MISSION TRIP: VILLA EL SALVADOR, PERU

Pastor Drew will lead a mission trip Jan. 22-30 to serve along side our friends at *Los Martincitos*. Space is limited. He will host an informational meeting following worship on Sept. 20. Questions? Contact Pastor Drew.

### KNITTING PEOPLE | SEPT. 23

Knitting People will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 23. Join us to knit and crochet prayer shawls, baby blankets, hats and mittens for children and adults in local shelters. New knitters, we will help you learn. Questions? Call Mary Anne at 517-214-1487.

### VISITATION TEAM

Our Visitation Team spends time with Peoples Church members confined to their homes or retirement community. Our next team meeting is at 1 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the Robertson Room. Call Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446 or Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517-332-5132 to learn more.



## SHARE

### SEEKING YOUTH ADVISORS

There will be an informational meeting following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sept. 20 for adults interested in volunteering or chaperoning with the Peoples Church Youth Group. No special skills required; just a willingness to get to know some great students! RSVP to Jacob Gates at [jgates@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jgates@thepeopleschurch.com) or 517-332-6264.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Find out how you can help. Contact Meaghan Gonzales at 517-908-4447 or [mgonzales@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:mgonzales@thepeopleschurch.com).



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