

SUNDAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 8, 2015



*“When all the people saw this,
they fell prostrate and cried,
‘The Lord is God! The Lord is God!’”*

+ 1 KINGS 39 +



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Christmas Program Rehearsal
Confirmation Class
PCYG Open Hang Out
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

6:30 p.m.

Art as Worship | Adult Formation
Health Matters | Adult Formation
Holy Moly | Children's Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Jim Kelly, Chairperson
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ELECTION OF ELDERS

The fall congregational meeting to elect new elders and representatives is taking place during today's 10:30 a.m. worship service. If you are a visitor in our midst, please know you are welcome and encouraged to be a part of this service. While only members of the church are permitted to vote, it is important that all participants in our church community be included in this time of discernment.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL

NOV. 11 | Cream of Tomato Soup, Pot Roast, Potatoes & Root Vegetables, Dinner Rolls and Banana Pudding



**MAKE A
GIFT
ONLINE**

COVER ART: "Elijah and the Prophets of Baal," painted porcelain tile, Syria, 1699.

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.*

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Prelude "Praeludium II" Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Based on 1 Kings 18) Jim Kelly, Chairperson
Council of Elders

Leader: How do we know we are on God's side?

People: By following our Lord of love, grace, truth and hope.

Leader: How do we know God is with us?

People: By recognizing the Holy Spirit in every child, woman and man.

Leader: How do we show God's presence?

People: Through miracles of faith, hope and love.

Leader: Let us worship our God of past, present and future, who is alive in Jesus!

Gathering Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above!" No. 645
(Please stand if able.)

Procession of the Light of Christ

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power.

Forgive us. Grant us patience to open our eyes to recognize your presence in our lives — to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

We praise you for your faithful love. Amen.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

“E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come”
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Paul Manz

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 18:20-39
(Pew Bible Page 354, Large Print Page 502)

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

Communion Hymn (8:30 a.m.)

“Come to the Table of Grace”

No. 507

Children’s Moment (10:30 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.

*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.*

Declaration of a Quorum (10:30 a.m.)

Thad Morgan, Clerk

Approval of Agenda (10:30 a.m.)

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.

New Testament Reading

Titus 1:5-9
(Pew Bible Page 1,200, Large Print Page 1,815)

Sermon

“450 vs. 1 ... Majority Rules?”

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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Election of Officers (10:30 a.m.)

Congregational Response / Members' Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.) "If With All Your Hearts" from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn
Isaac Frishman, tenor

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 hope and joy, help us use our gifts and talents to realize your vision for this world. Make us aware of your miraculous power through healing, caring and serving. By your grace, guide us in mission. Through your Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn "We All Are One in Mission" No. 733

Adjournment (10:30 a.m.)

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 "Fugue in D Minor" Felix Mendelssohn

Today's Floral Offering | Given by Patricia & Duane LeRoy in memory of
Billy & Virginia Hanel and Duane & Margaret LeRoy.



CONNECT

SAVE THE DATE: ADVENT TEA | DEC. 2

The Women of Peoples Church will host its traditional Advent Tea at 1 p.m. on Dec. 2 in Snider Social Hall. All are welcome to join together for "The Songs and Stories of Christmas." For more information, contact Cindy Carson at 517-862-8896 or Susan Coopes at 517-339-0450.

MEMORIAL DEDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY FLOWERS



Sunday Floral Dedications offer members weekly opportunities to celebrate and remember loved ones. Dedications may be reserved with a memorial gift of \$85 to benefit the Sanctuary Fund. Reserve a Sunday using the notebook at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office at 517-332-5073.



GROW

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GROWING OLD - PART 4 | NOV. 11

Barbara Mannino LLMSW of the Tri-County Office on Aging will present "Caregiving – Surviving Burn-out." Caring for someone with a long-term debilitating disease impacts every aspect of your daily life. Barb will explain many forms of help that are available and vital to your survival. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Our weekly *Wednesday Night Live!* community meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.



THE ARTS OF WORSHIP - ART AS A FORM OF WORSHIP | NOV. 11

Local artist and Peoples Church member Janet Hoffman-Erickson will continue her weekly *Wednesday Night Live!* art series this week. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium. Our weekly community meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.



PEOPLES FORUM | NOV. 15

Next Sunday, Dr. Gordon Roman presents, "This Most Amazing Day." Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the The Robertson Room. All are welcome.



DORCAS CIRCLE | NOV. 16

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16. at Jan Perron's home. Bill Terrill will talk with us about "Identity Theft." Questions? Contact Jan Perron at 517-337-2656 or Phyllis Gauden at 517-482-0930.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Our Tuesday Morning Men's group meets at 7 a.m. in the Robertson Room. We are currently discussing "Dissident Discipleship" by David Augsburger. Books are available.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MEN'S GROUP

Our Wednesday Men's Group meets in the Fischbach Library at noon. We are talking about "Meeting Jesus AGAIN For the First Time" by Marcus Borg and our discussion is led by Rev. Dr. Frank McAuley.



SERVE

2016 PERU MISSION

Limited spots are available for our upcoming January 22-30, 2016 mission to Villa El Salvador, Peru. Contact Pastor Drew to learn more.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Our Community Engagement Ministry is looking forward to helping many families in the greater Lansing area have a holiday meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Donation envelopes are located in the pews for those who would like to financially support this effort.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church sponsors Operation Christmas Child with shoebox gifts. Shoeboxes are available for pick up in the Northwest Entrance and include instructions about how to fill it to support local children and the Samaritan's Purse international effort. Questions? Call Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446.

SNOW PANTS

Snow pants are often badly needed for children in grades K-6. Our Community Engagement Ministry is collecting new or gently used snow pants, or funds to purchase them. Contact Lary Hill at 517-339-2502.



SHARE

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gerri Nichols, our hospitality coordinator, is looking to have a crew of reserve volunteers who are willing to help in the church kitchen from time to time for memorial receptions and other events as they come up. Complete the form on the back of this bulletin to add your name to her volunteer list.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATORS NEEDED | NOV. 22

Catch the spirit of Christmas by helping decorate our church's Chrismon tree. We are in need of people able to climb ladders at 2 p.m. on Nov. 22. Questions? Contact Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446 or pbrogan500@aol.com.

EXPLORING SOCIAL MEDIA

The Women of Peoples Church is looking for a few Facebook-savvy women to help develop and manage a WPC Facebook group. We envision this group will be able to share thoughts and concerns, offer support and encouragement, offer favorite quotes of affirmation, announce meetings and other community happenings. This could be a special ministry for our women's group. If this appeals to you, contact Ruth Ann Ference at 517-381-5186 or raference2@comcast.net.



SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM

NEXT DROP-OFF: PLASTIC #1-7 (THIRD SUNDAY)

YOUTH SUNDAY & CAKE AUCTION

Next Sunday, **NOV. 15**, the Peoples Church Youth Group will lead worship services and host its annual PCYG Cake Auction to benefit the group's summer 2016 mission trip to the Adirondack Mountains in Upstate New York.

SEMINARIAN SUNDAY

Sunday **NOV. 22** is Seminarian Support Sunday at The Peoples Church. Our Campus Minister and UCC seminarian, Betsy Aho, will preach and a special offertory will be collected to benefit her education expenses.

WE'RE HOSTING EAST LANSING'S ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

In a spirit of unity and gratitude to God, The Peoples Church will host the East Lansing Area Clergy Association's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. on **NOV. 23**. The Rev. Kit Carlson of All Saints Episcopal Church will preach and leaders from many faith traditions will help lead worship. All singers are welcome to rehearse with a combined choir at 6 p.m. under the direction of Dr. Jonathon Reed. An offering will benefit St. Vincent Catholic Charities' refugee resettlement fund. Refreshments will be served.

SIGN UP | *Return forms to Offertory Plate on Sunday or the Church Office during the week.*

YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I will help with: Thanksgiving Baskets | Nov. 21
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Christmas Baskets | Dec. 19
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

YES! PUT MY NAME ON THE KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS RESERVE LIST.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____