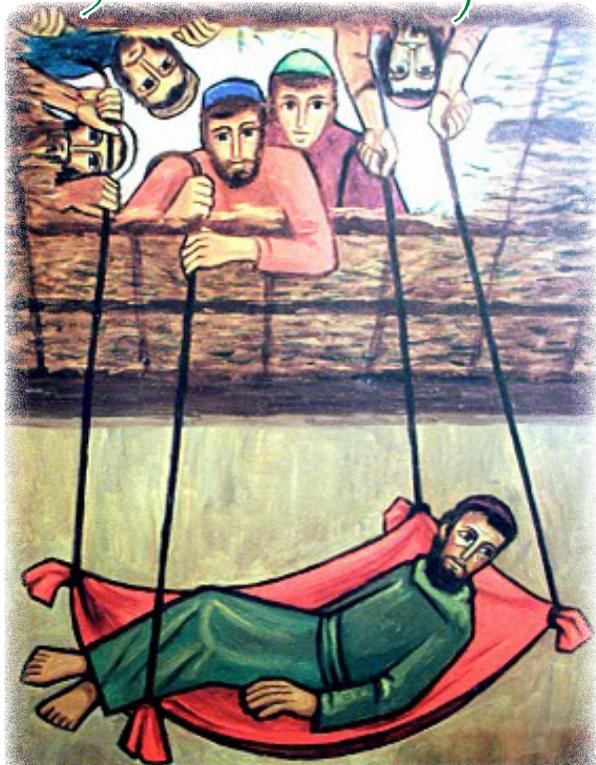


SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 10, 2016

When Jesus saw their faith ...



*he said to the paralyzed man,
"Son, your sins are forgiven."*

+ MARK 2:5 +



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Carol Choir 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

**Off this Week.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Holy Moly | Children's Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class

WNL! returns Jan. 13

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Cal Kerr, Chairperson
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MEET ROB KEITH

Children's Christian Education Director



A long, long time ago in a church not so far away, my faith journey began ... I was 10 years old when my family began attending The Peoples Church, and where I met a wonderful woman named Mary Anne Larzelere, the church's director of children's education at that time. She encouraged me to join the youth group. I soon I discovered the bell choir had a nice ring to it, so I joined that too. I felt like I belonged and became hooked on church. Even during college, I stayed active at The People Church as a youth group leader. I eventually earned a bachelor's degree in psychology (focused on youth development) from Michigan State University, and then an opportunity to teach English at a school in Japan for a year cropped up. Since "Spartans Will," I took it. I returned to East Lansing and earned a master's degree in educational technology from MSU while I worked as a tech leader in their 4-H program. I met my better half, Lisa, and now 10 years and two kids later — Devin, nearly 8, and Lucy, 5 — I was working as a stay-at-home dad when my life's journey came full circle back to The Peoples Church. I am excited to see where this next step of my faith journey will take me, and if I even have a fraction of the impact on children's lives here that The Peoples Church has had on mine, I will consider myself truly blessed.



**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 | JANUARY 10, 2013

Prelude "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" Johann Pachelbel

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 51)

Leader: May your love and mercy be upon us today, O Lord.

People: Cleanse and refresh us from every misstep.

Leader: Let your joy and gladness dawn in our spirits,

People: and the loving power of your Spirit make us new.

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O God,

People: and let your Spirit lead us in truth and righteousness. Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" **No. 143**
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession

**Forgiving God,
Have mercy on our souls
according to your unwavering love;
according to your abundant mercy
wipe away our sins and the guilt we have carried for so long.**

**Instead, write on our hearts your love
Your boundaries for our lives
Your salvation that sets us free from our sins,
To live the abundant life you have for each of us.**

Sung Assurance of Pardon "We Are Forgiven" **No. 447**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Mark 2:1-12

(Pew Bible Page 1,002, Large Print Page 1,524)

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

Rev. Drew Filkins &
Rob Keith, Director of Children's Christian Education

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.*

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Where Shepherds Lately Knel't"

Carl Schalk

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 51

(Pew Bible Page 566, Large Print Page 823)

Sermon

"I'm Forgiven Because of Your Faith"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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

Celebration of Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Ethan Mason Bramlet

Born July, 12, 2015

Son of Lindsey and Todd Bramlet

We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness and service which he exemplified to the world.

Baptismal Hymn (10:30 a.m.)

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

No. 488

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

“Noel Angevin”

Cesar Frank

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

Leader: Lord, you stopped to heal the sick, cure the lame
and give sight to the blind.

Be our vision that we too may give time to others
and respond to their needs.

People: Lord, give us the gladness of your help
and support us with a willing spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

No. 726

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

“Allegro in B^b”

Leon Boellmann

Today's Floral Offering

Given by Cheryl and David Ronk in celebration of their wedding anniversary.



CONNECT

THE PEOPLES CHURCH MUSICAL CO-OP

Pastor Andrew invites the musicians of The Peoples Church to join together in song from 6 to 6:30 p.m. each Monday beginning Jan. 11. We will gather in the Robertson Room. All instruments and levels are expertise are welcome. Music for easy to play folk settings, hymns and traditional Americana will be provided. Join us each week or as often as you can for music, fun and fellowship. The Peoples Church Musical Co-op is hosted at the requests of students from our Campus Ministry program.

MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE MARQUETTE

Pastor Andrew will lead a 2 p.m. worship service on the first Sunday each month beginning Feb. 7 at The Marquette retirement community at 5968 Park Lake Rd in East Lansing. All are welcome.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! | JAN. 13

From 12 apostles to the world: What helped lead to the growth of Christianity? Dave Forsberg will present 6:30 p.m. session discussing sociological-based viewpoints from Rodney Stark's book "The Rise of Christianity: How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant Religious Force in the Western World. A community meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

BURCHAM HILLS BIBLE STUDY | JAN. 14

Pastor Andrew will lead an evening Bible study of the Gospel of Mark beginning Thursday at the Burcham Hills Retirement Community at 2700 Burcham Dr. in East Lansing. Join him and the residents of Burcham Hills each week from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

PEOPLES FORUM | JAN. 17

Next Sunday we welcome back (by popular demand) the Hon. James Jamo, Ingham County Circuit Court Judge. He will talk to us about "Mental Health Issues Facing our Courts Today." Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

We study the Bible each Monday at 11 a.m., looking at key stories, events and themes throughout. Join us anytime.

MEN'S GROUPS

Our Tuesday Morning Men's group meets each week at 7 a.m. in the Robertson Room. Our Wednesday Men's Group meets each week in the Fischbach Library at noon.

IMPORTANT: NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Budget Meeting will take place during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 31.



SERVE

SOUTHSIDE KITCHEN

Our church continues to serve lunches at the Southside Kitchen on a monthly basis. It's exciting to see how our volunteer base has grown. The Peoples Church has once again been given the third Tuesday of each month in 2016 (Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 15, Apr. 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20). If you are interested in helping with this wonderful mission, contact Janet Perron at RPerron631@aol.com and let her know the dates you can serve.



SHARE

HELP SERVE COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

We all love our morning coffee, juice, tea and maybe a snack or two when we join in fellowship at church. Maybe you've thought about helping out by serving, brewing, baking or cleaning up? Now is a great time to start! Serving others during our Sunday morning fellowship time is fun, easy to learn and allows you to meet, greet and even eat while serving! Sign during fellowship time or contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com or Ann Lindley at alindley@msu.edu. We are happy to provide training!

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. Contact her at gnichols@thepeopleschurch.com to add your name to her roster of helpers.



SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM

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

The Peoples Church Recycling Program is a volunteer service to the members of our faith community. Items can be dropped off near our sign in the Northwest Entrance. Please be sure to only drop off items at this location on the Sundays that they are to be collected. It is difficult for us to store all of the items we recycle. Also, clean and rinse the items you bring in. Soiled items will be discarded in the trash. Recycle many other items each day at our Recycling Center across from the Church Office.

FIRST SUNDAY: SMALL BATTERIES
SECOND SUNDAY: POLYSTYRENE FOAM

THIRD SUNDAY: PLASTIC #1-7
FOURTH SUNDAY: GREEN GLASS

2016 HEARTS ON FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF & EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER



Sunday, February 7
Snider Social Hall

Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service

Members of the Greater Lansing Pottery Guild have generously donated some of their best bowls! Proceeds from the event will benefit those in need in our community.

We'll have a friendly tasting competition, complete with prizes and lots of fun to warm us all on a February afternoon! We are still looking for chili chefs, tasters and diners. The chili cook-off is an event not to be missed!

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

COUNT ME IN FOR THE ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF!

YES! I will bring a pot of my favorite chili to share.

I can help set up (10 - 11:30 a.m.)

I can help clean up (12:30 - 2 p.m.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____