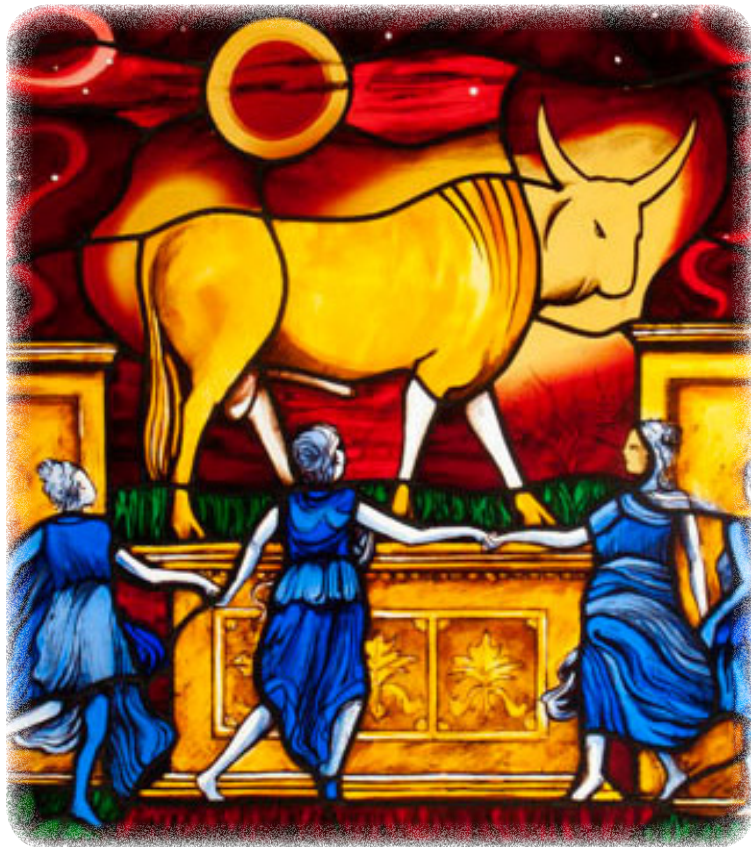


# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## OCTOBER 9, 2016



*"I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people."*

+ Genesis 32:9 +

## SUNDAY MORNING

**8:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Chapel

**9:30 a.m.**

Adult Sunday School  
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.**

Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry  
Coppertones Rehearsal  
Dance 149

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## 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



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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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## A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR . . .

I want to call your attention to two fantastic events happening here at The Peoples Church this month.



The first, because I like to run, is **PASTOR ANDREW'S FUN RUN** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Oct. 16. Come to worship ready to join us for a 5K run or 1-mile family-friendly walk immediately afterward. A light luncheon will be served in Snider Social Hall upon our return.

The second, and this is a big deal, is our **NEW BOILER DEDICATION AND CELEBRATION** on Oct. 23. Join us as the Alma College Choir returns to lead our 10:30 a.m. worship service. The choir will join us afterward for a celebration luncheon and dedication of our new boilers in Snider Social Hall.

Thank you to all who so generously gave to our 2016 Annual Campaign to ensure support of this vital capital improvement project. I look forward to celebrating with you on Oct. 23.

*Pastor Andrew*



**MAKE A  
GIFT  
ONLINE**

**ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE**

**COVER ART** | "Golden Calf," stained glass  
by Paweł Przyrowski, Angels & Gypsies, London.

**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 | OCTOBER 9, 2016

**Prelude** (8:30 a.m.) "Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" Flor Peeters

**Prelude** (10:30 a.m.) "Israeli Tune" arr. James C. Smith  
*Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed*

**Choral Introit** (10:30 a.m.) "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"  
*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**Call to Worship** Betsy Aho

Leader: In the days of Noah,  
God placed a rainbow in the sky  
as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

**People: In the colors of the rainbow,  
we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.**

Leader: In the days of Moses,  
the words of God were written on tablets of stone,  
as the sign of a covenant  
between God and all of God's people.

**People: In the tablets of stone,  
we see the sign of God's hope  
for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.**

Leader: In the days of the prophets,  
God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

**People: As members of the Body of Christ,  
we see the sign of God's promise among us in our family of faith.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness" No. 657  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**Prayer for Forgiveness** (Inspired by Exodus 32)

**We forget the commands you have given us for good and happy lives. We forget that we are your people. Sometimes we forget on purpose. At other times, we just are so busy or want something so badly that we really do forget. We try to go our own way, do what we want, and make our own plans. Forgive us in Jesus' name and remind us that you call us back to remembrance through your gifts of love and grace. Amen.**

**Congregational Response**      "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"      No. 469

*Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

**First Reading**      Exodus 32:1-10  
(Pew Bible Page 88; Large Print 126)

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

**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.)  
You may pick up your child in the McCune Chapel following the worship service.*

**Solo** (8:30 a.m.)      "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"      arr. Dale Wood  
*Jonathon VanKuren, tenor*

**Anthem** (10:30 a.m.)      "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"      arr. Mark Hayes



**Second Reading**      Exodus 32:11-14  
(Pew Bible Page 88; Large Print 126)

**Sermon**      "God said, 'Leave Me Alone.'"      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.**

## **Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

**Offertory** (10:30 a.m.)

“Song of Joy”

Arnold Sherman

## **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**

**Forgiving God, help us use our gifts to glorify your work, instead of trying to make idols of our work, our careers, and our longing for something different. Through your sanctifying blessing, make these offerings holy sacrifices for your people now and always. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*(Please stand if able.)*

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

No. 662

**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**

“Toccata in C Minor”

Johann Pachelbel

THE PEOPLES CHURCH WELCOMES COMEDIC FOLK MUSICIANS  
**LOU & PETER BERRYMAN** THIS EVENING. THE CONCERT BEGINS AT 7 P.M.

**Today's Fellowship Offering** | Given by Marion Heil & Susan Godfrey in memory of Roy H. Heil.

**Today's Floral Offering** | Given by Dee & Dave Przybylski in loving celebration of Dean Telder's birthday.

## **NORTHWEST ENTRANCE, ELEVATOR CLOSED MONDAY MONDAY MORNING BIBLE CANCELED THIS WEEK**

The Northwest Entrance and the Elevator Entrance will be closed on Monday as a crane is erected to lower piping into the chimney while work crews put finishing touches on the installation of the new boilers. Additionally, there will be no Monday Morning Bible this week due to limited building access. Thank you for your understanding as this capitol improvement project is completed.

## **SEMINARY SUPPORT SUNDAY | OCT. 16**

Next week, a special offertory will support the seminary education of our own Betsy Aho. Join us as we celebrate and support her final year of seminary!



## **CONNECT**

### **PASTOR ANDREW'S FUN RUN | OCT. 16**

Join Pastor Andrew for a fun 5K run or 1-mile family-friendly walk immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Oct. 16. A casual luncheon will be offered in Snider Social Hall as runners and walkers return.



### **WPC RETREAT: 'THE CUP OF LIFE' | OCT. 13**

The Women of Peoples Church will host its annual Fall Retreat from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 in the Robertson Room. Our presenter will be Jean Schaub, who will talk to us about "The Cup of Life." Jean teaches religious studies at Sienna Heights University. Light breakfast and lunch provided. Cost is \$25. Tickets are available each Sunday in the Northwest Entrance and at Circle Meetings.

### **MEN'S FALL RETREAT: 'EVERYBODY MATTERS' | OCT. 21-23**

All men are invited to a weekend of fun games, delicious meals, great conversations and spiritual refreshment Oct. 21-23 during our Fall

Men's Retreat at the Howell Nature Center. This year's retreat, "Everybody Matters" will be led by LaShawn Erby, a Christian social activist and entrepreneur. The retreat begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and ends Sunday morning with a chapel service. Cost is \$100 for the weekend or \$75, Saturday only. Registration brochures are available in the Northwest Entrance.

### **ALMA COLLEGE CHOIR & BOILER DEDICATION | OCT. 23**

We will once again welcome the Alma College Choir to The Peoples Church as they help lead our 10:30 a.m. worship service on Oct. 23. A lunch reception and new boiler dedication celebration will follow in Snider Social Hall.



### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! COMMUNITY MEAL**

5:30 P.M. | SNIDER SOCIAL HALL



### **OCTOBER 12**

Cream of Broccoli Soup, Roast Beef,  
Redskin Potatoes, Steamed Corn,  
Seasonal Fruit and Cupcakes





## GROW

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! | OCT. 12**

#### **'LISTENING TO OTHER FAITH TRADITIONS'**

We continue our adult formation program "Listening to Other Faith Traditions," on Oct. 12 during *Wednesday Night Live!* *This week we welcome Father Mark Sietsma of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Lansing.* Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Come early to enjoy our weekly Community Meal with friends at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

### **DORCAS CIRCLE | OCT. 18**

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 7 p.m. on Oct. 18 in the Robertson Room. Our program will "Funeral Interments Do's and Don'ts" with Andy Mayville. Questions? Contact Phyllis Gauden at 517-483-0930.

### **REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE | OCT. 26**

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet for lunch at Coral Gables in East Lansing, at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 26. Questions? Contact Joan at 517-349-1074 or at Gretchen at 517-322-5132.

### **READING PEOPLE | OCT. 20**

The Reading People will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 20 in the Robertson Room to discuss William Shakespeare's "Macbeth." Questions? Contact Joanne Keith at 517-349-5977.

### **BURCHAM HILLS BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Andrew leads a weekly Bible study of Judges from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. each Thursday, on the fourth floor at Burcham Hills, 2700 Burcham Dr. in East Lansing. All are welcome.

### **PEOPLES FORUM | OCT. 16**

Next Sunday, the Peoples Forum welcomes CEO, speaker and author Molly West Fletcher as she presents "Be Fearless." Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



### **GREAT DECISIONS: MIGRATION | OCT. 20**

Sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. We meet from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. On Oct 20, Dr. Leslie Page Moch, a historian of European migration and a professor in MSU's History Department, will speak on the topic of "Migration." As a record number of migrants cross the Mediterranean Sea to find refuge in Europe, the continent is struggling to come up with an adequate response. The annual 2016 Great Decisions topic books are available in the church office for \$20 each. Questions? Contact either Mary Anne Larzelere at malarz@aol.com or Sandy Bryson at sbryson@msu.edu.



### **TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP**

Join us for great morning fellowship and wonderful faith-focused discussion. We are reading "Strength of Love" by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We gather at 7 a.m. each Tuesday in the Robertson Room.



### **WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP**

Join us for lively discussion with friends as we continue our study of Paul, led by the Rev. Dr. Frank McAuley, a retired Baptist minister and member of The Peoples Church. We meet at Noon each Wednesday in the Fischbach Library.





## SERVE

### KNITTING PEOPLE | OCT. 27

The Knitting People will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 27. New knitters are invited! We are continuing our work on prayers shawls and baby items, mittens and hats. Questions? Call Mary Anne at 517-214-1487.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church once again sponsors the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Church members are invited to pack a shoe box for children in the United States and abroad. Boxes may be picked in the Northwest Entrance each Sunday throughout October. Please return your box before Nov. 13.

### RECYCLING PROGRAM

Our Recycling Program Sunday Collection is now reserved for **batteries and polystyrene foam ONLY**. Items can be dropped off in the Northwest Entrance on Sunday **ONLY**.



## SHARE

### FALL YARD DAY CLEAN UP | OCT. 22

*Many hands make light work ...* Join members of the Building & Grounds Ministry for our annual Fall Yard Day clean up from 9 a.m. to Noon on Oct. 22. Help to make our church campus beautiful and make a new friend or two along the way. Questions? Contact Matt Gosselin at mattcatgosselin@comcast.net or 517-484-6813.

### PEOPLES CHURCH VISITATION TEAM

As part of our Community Engagement Ministry, the Peoples Church Visitation Team visits members of our church who are in retirement homes or still in their own homes but unable to attend worship services on a regular basis. Our mission is to help these members feel a connection with our church family. If you would like to be a part of our team or know of a member who would appreciate a visit, contact Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446 or Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517-332-5132.

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

### I WANT TO HELP ON FALL YARD CLEAN UP DAY | 9 A.M. - NOON ON OCT. 22

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring my own:  Rakes  Trimmers  Blower  Hedge Trimmer

Ext. Cords  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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