

SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 29, 2017

LOOKING AT HIS DISCIPLES, HE SAID:

BLESSED

ARE YOU WHO ARE POOR, FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

BLESSED

ARE YOU WHO HUNGER NOW, FOR YOU WILL BE SATISFIED.

BLESSED

ARE YOU WHO WEEP NOW, FOR YOU WILL LAUGH.

BLESSED

ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU, WHEN THEY EXCLUDE YOU
AND INSULT YOU AND REJECT YOUR NAME AS EVIL,
BECAUSE OF THE SON OF MAN.

+ LUKE 16:21-22 +



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 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Kids Serve | Children's Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS | Our Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

Alan Canady, Chairperson
elders@thepeopleschurch.com

A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR . . .

Is it strange to say I enjoy our congregational meetings? Truly, these Sundays represent something very special for me.



These moments, when couched in worship, continue a tradition of faithful women and men seeking God's will for the betterment of the community.

We make these decisions together in order to be inspired by the testimonies of one another, motivated by the faith of our neighbors and continuously guided by the Holy Spirit to do what is best for the kingdom of God universal, not just what we may personally want, hope or expect.

Today's meeting focuses on the proposed 2017 budget as prayed over and discerned by our Council of Elders.

These plans include mission, personnel expenses, building and grounds improvements, Christian Education and plans for the future of The Peoples Church.

We have experienced five straight years of congregational growth in attendance, giving and participation.

Let us continue this path forward, praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and trusting in God's abundant grace.

Pastor Andrew



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ONLINE**

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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.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 29, 2016

Prelude "Oh! Had I Jubal's Lyre" G.F. Handel

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord" **No. 635**
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

The annual congregational budget meeting takes 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. The ministries proposed by our Council of Elders for 2017 are intended to be shared by the whole church community. While only members of the church are permitted to vote, it is important that all participants in our church community be included in this discussion.

Call to Order and Worship Alan Canady, Chairperson
Council of Elders

Leader: In Luke's Gospel, Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude to a level place.

People: **There he called, healed and taught.**
There he spoke, "Blessed are ..."
There he named the blessed — the saints of the faith.

Leader: O God, call us together as you did those so long ago to discover your blessed people.
Today, in this place, Christ gather us.

People: **Let us remember, confess, celebrate and embody the blessed saints of God.**
Christ, come among us. Amen

Gathering Hymn "Here I Am Lord" **No. 69**
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer for the Church Universal

Lord of all things seen and unseen, on this day we ask for your guidance as we look forward to the future of The Peoples Church. At the same time, help us pray for all your houses of worship in this world. Let us partner with all denominations as we mutually strive to be your children in this world. Bless our work, our dreams and our calling to be your hands and feet in this world. Bless your church, now and forevermore. Amen.

Solo

"Heaven Bound Light of Mine"
Leah Brzyski, soprano

arr. Philip Kern

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.*

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

Thad Morgan, Clerk

First Reading

Psalm 92
(Pew Bible Page 593; Large Print 871)

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.

Second Reading

Luke 6:1-26
(Pew Bible Page 1,032; Large Print 1,569)

Sermon

"We Should Pray More, Right?"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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

Presentation of the 2017 Budget (10:30 a.m.)

Budget Action (10:30 a.m.)

Members' Moment for Questions and Comments (10:30 a.m.)

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.) "How Can I Keep From Singing?" arr. Craig Courtney

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

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds, planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly so that God's way may be realized anew in this world. Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious garden. Amen.

Sending Hymn "Go to the World!" No. 295
(Please stand if able.)

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 "Finale" from *Concerto V* G.F. Handel



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2017 HEARTS-ON-FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF & EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER | FEB. 5

The 2017 Hearts-On-Fire Chili Cook-Off and Empty Bowls Fundraiser will take place following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Feb. 5 in Snider Social Hall. Sign up to enter your chili or help out during the event at ThePeoplesChurch.com. Questions? Contact the Welcome Ministry's Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com.

WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE MARQUETTE

Pastor Andrew leads a 2 p.m. communion service on the first Sunday of each month at The Marquette retirement community chapel at 5968 Park Lake Rd. in East Lansing.

PARENTS & KIDS GROUP

Parents and caregivers with children age 5 years and younger are invited to gather as part of a monthly fellowship group. We will gather again on at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 in the gymnasium. Questions? Contact Margaret at mtassaro@gmail.com.



SHARE

ACCEPTING DONATIONS: WPC JEWELRY & MORE SALE

The Women of Peoples Church will host their annual Jewelry & More Sale on May 20 and 21. Donations are needed. We are in search of old, new, estate, costume, collectible and broken jewelry. We also will accept jewelry boxes, scarves, handbags, art, CDs and DVDs, wallets, MSU items, puzzles and games, watches and silver items. Donated items can be dropped off at the Church Office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ask your friends and family for donations as well. Tax receipts available.

RECYCLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Earth Stewardship Committee is in need of volunteers to deliver Styrofoam collected as part of our Sunday Recycling Program to Dart Container in Mason. Are you interested in joining our team? Contact Facility Director Andy Mayville at 517-908-4444 or amayville@thepeopleschurch.com.



PEOPLES CHURCH
CAMPUS MINISTRY

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP: 'WALL OF BLESSINGS'

Thank you to all who have taken envelopes from our Wall of Blessings. If you were unable to participate last Sunday, there are still opportunities available. Please be sure to visit our Wall of Blessings in Friendship Hall - 12 dozen envelopes numbered from 1 through 144. Each envelope includes a message from a student and suggests participants make the corresponding donation of \$1 to \$144. Keep the message and return the envelope with your donation to the office or Sunday of fertility by Feb. 5. Gifts made through Wall of Blessings support our annual Spring Break Mission Trip. We are excited to partner with Habitat for Humanity in St. Lucie County, Fla., this year and our grateful for your prayers and support.



GROW

WNL!: HERMENEUTICS | FEB. 1, 8 & 15

To be human is to be hermeneutic or interpretive. Reality is only accessible to us through interpretation. Beginning this week, Pastor Drew will lead a three-part study in hermeneutics. We will examine the global understandings of knowledge, how interpretation influences us and the location of meaning. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Come early for our weekly community meal, served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

PEOPLES FORUM | FEB. 5

Next Sunday, the Peoples Forum welcomes Florence Uwimbabazi to share with us about her journey from Rwanda to East Lansing; her challenges and her goals. Florence participates with our Campus Ministry program. She is graduate student at MSU studying public relations. Join us at 9 :30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join us for our ongoing study of the Book of Revelation at 11 a.m. each Monday in the Robertson Room. All are welcome.

WNL!: RYAN APPLE IN CONCERT | FEB. 22

On Feb. 22, classical guitarist Ryan Apple will be join us for a special concert. Ryan last encouraged us with his music during in November 2015 and he is excited to come back. Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall and Ryan's concert at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room.



SERVE

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.

HELP WITH HOMEWORK

Our Edgewood Village Partnership is looking for volunteers to help students with homework from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (M-Th). Interested? Contact Mimi Burpee at 517-374-1313.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Be a Habitat for Humanity volunteer! All ages and skill levels are welcome. Caroline Jacobs, Faith & Community Engagement Director with the Habitat for Humanity Capital Region office will visit the Peoples Forum on Mar. 19. Contact her or Volunteer Program Coordinator Sami Chau at 517-374-1313 to learn more about how you can help out. You may also contact Mimi Burpee, Community Engagement Ministry chairperson, at 517-349-0806 to learn more about how The Peoples Church partners with Habitat for Humanity.

McLAREN HOSPICE

McLaren Hospice is looking for volunteers to visit with patients in nursing facilities or their homes a few hours each month. No experience in health care is necessary to become a volunteer. A free orientation session is provided to help volunteers feel comfortable and understand the importance of their role. Questions? Contact Suzanne Mauer at 517-975-9915 or Suzanne.Mauer@mclaren.org.

ONE *faith* ONE *hope* ONE *family* IN CHRIST

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2017

PLEASE RETURN PLEDGES BY FEB. 19. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL GENEROSITY.

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

2017 HEARTS OF FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF & EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER

YES! I want to participate in the 2017 Hearts on Fire Chili Cook-Off and Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Feb. 5 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

- I have a fantastic chili to share. I will bring a warmed crock-pot full of delicious chili to Snider Social Hall by 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 5.
 - Youth Entry (Under 18)
 - Adult Entry (18 and Over)
- I will help set-up for the event.
 - Saturday, Feb. 4 (Time TBD)
 - Sunday, Feb. 5 (9 to 10 a.m.)
- I will help during the event as a server, rover or buffet line worker.
- I will help clean up after the event. (Noon - 2 p.m.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Questions? Contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com or 517-256-2655.