

# Congratulations

## CLASS OF 2017



### ORDER OF WORSHIP | MAY 21, 2017

**Prelude** (8:30 a.m.) "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Lee Evans  
*Dr. Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez, guest pianist*

**Prelude** (10:30 a.m.) "Ring Joy"  
*Coppertone Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed*

**Choral Introit** "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" No. 239  
(10:30 a.m.) *Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

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

#### **Procession of Graduates**

**Call to Worship** Rev. Drew Filkins

Leader: We praise you, Lord!  
We give thanks to you with our whole heart

**People: Great are your works, full of honor and majesty  
and studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: The works of your hands are faithful and just.

**People: Your precepts are trustworthy.**

Leader: Our reverence for you is the beginning of wisdom.

**People: You are to be praised forever.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 475  
(Please stand if able.)

**Procession of the Light of Christ** Abby Lindley & Jack Filkins, acolytes

**First Reading** Proverbs 2:1-15  
(Pew Bible Page 629; Large Print 1,933)

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
*Whether you are young  
or old, rich or poor,  
doubtful or hopeful ...  
no matter where you  
are in your faith jour-  
ney, 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.*

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Chapel  
10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m. - Dinner  
6:15 p.m. - Worship  
*Begins June 7*



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

“Old Time Religion”

arr. Moses Hogan

**Recognition of Graduates** (10:30 a.m.)

Jacob Gates, Youth Director

**Prayer for Graduates** (10:30 a.m.)

**God of our beginnings,  
We thank you for the gifts of our graduates;  
their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity,  
their open speech and encouraging words.  
Their contributions have blessed and challenged us,  
and we have become a richer  
and more diverse community because of them.**

**As they step forward into the world that awaits,  
comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence.  
Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus  
as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit.  
Guide their feet as they move through life,  
protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness  
while they help to lead future generations  
into the warmth and promise of your light.**

**We ask this blessing upon each of them,  
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**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.*

**Second Reading**

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21  
(Pew Bible Page 1,167; Large Print 1,768)

**Sermon**

“Because I’ve Got a Degree”

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***

“Be Still my Soul”

arr. Lee Evans

### ***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 the past, God of the present, and God of the future – bless our gifts, our ideas, and our callings so that we may be ambassadors of faith, hope, and love wherever we are called and wherever we may be. Guide our hearts to say, do, and be the presence of grace that your son, Jesus Christ, taught us to be. In the Holy Spirit we confidently pray. Amen.**

### ***Closing Hymn***

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

No. 488

### ***Benediction***

#### ***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***

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

arr. Phillip Kereven

***Immediately following our 10:30 worship service, we will be led by the bagpipers into the Memorial Garden for our annual Service of Remembrance. This time of recognition and thanksgiving for our departed friends and family will include the reading of names of congregants who have died in the past year. Please join Pastor Drew for this important time of prayer and thanksgiving.***

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Grace Henry  
Samuel Maves

Jessie Mitchell  
Allie Piper  
Josh Rick

Jeffrey Rockwell  
Thomas Shafer

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### VBS NEEDS YOUR EMPTY CONTAINERS

"Hero Central" is looking for clean plastic containers of all shapes and sizes for our Craft Headquarters. If you have some items to share, drop them off at the church office. Children who have completed Kindergarten through the fifth grade can register for our 2017 VBS program June 19-23 at Woldumar Nature Center. Cost for the week is \$25 (pre- and post-camp care is available). Questions? Contact Julie Bills.

### REBEKAH/ HANNAH CIRCLE | MAY 24

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet on May 24 in the Robertson Room. Join us as Barbara Houghtaling tells us about her three months abroad. Questions? Contact Joan at 517-349-1074 or Gretchen at 517-322-5132.

### DESK RECEPTIONISTS

Volunteers are needed to offer their time as a desk receptionist at the Edgewood Village Net-

work Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You may offer your help once a month or more depending on your availability. Please contact Cheryl Leece at leecem44@gmail.com or 517-410-1313 to learn more or sign up.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

Calling all gardeners . . . Come lend your "green thumbs" or just enjoy working with friends at the Edgewood Village Garden this summer. We will gather from 5 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday from May through August. Please contact Lary Hill at onerlary@comcast.net or 517-339-2502 to learn more or sign up.



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