

SUNDAY WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 17, 2017



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.

Coppertones Rehearsal
Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Dance 149

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Children's Education K-5

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class
(Childcare for infant/preschool)



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Appointments by Pastoral Referral

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Alan Canady, Chairperson
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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.

COME ONE, COME ALL

to the All Church Carnival on September 24 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Join us in the Snider Social Hall for free games, food, and prizes for everyone!

FUN FOR ALL!



MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Following the Children's Moment, Julie Bills, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor; please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Prelude "Pavane" Robert Elmore

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "The Heavens Are Telling from Creation" Franz Josef Haydn
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

First Reading Luke 2:41-52 Rev. Betsy Aho
(Pew Bible Page 1028; Large Print 1562)

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us listen to the voices of our children and our children's children.

People: **For God calls all people, of all ages, in all times to speak, serve and love.**

Leader: In this place, on this day, let us worship God, the loving parent who calls us all.

People: **Help us accept this call with the faith, enthusiasm, and excitement of a child!**

Gathering Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 15

Procession of the Light of Christ Kate Gronowski and Evie Laxton, Acolytes

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.

Congregational Response "God Welcomes All"

No. 399

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

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

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

(Children are invited to participate in Sunday School at the conclusion of the Children's Moment)

Passing the Peace of Christ *(Please stand if able)*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "I Am With You"

Craig Courtney

Second Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

(Pew Bible Page 20; Large Print 29)

Sermon

"There's Just One Thing I Need You To Do..."

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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Hymn of Response "Bless All Who Trust in God (Psalm 128)"

No. 47

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

Mark Hayes

Michaela Larsen, soprano

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

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. Teach us to measure our wealth, not by what we have, but what we have given away. Let us give generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Make a Joyful Noise to God! (Psalm 66)”

No. 54

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

“Gavotte”

Samuel Wesley

Today’s Floral Offering

Given to the glory of God!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Have you thought about joining The Peoples Church? Come to one of our next New Members Classes for more information. You have your choice of Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, October 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room (located in the lower level inside the Snider Social Hall). Classes last about 90 minutes. If interested, please call the church office at 517-332-5073 to register and request child care if needed.

FIGHTING HUNGER: CROP WALK

Save the date to fight hunger in this community and the world! The 2017 CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. at Lansing STEM Academy (2600 Hampden Drive, Lansing). More information available at crophungerwalk.org and from Loretta Johnston who will be signing up walkers and accepting CROP Walk donations in upcoming weeks.

THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People are starting the year with East Lansing's One Book, One Community selection. Please join the discussion of *A Long Way Home*, by Saroo Brierley and Larry Buttrose on Thursday, September 21 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Linda Nuttall will lead the discussion.



SERMON PREP

Join Pastor Andrew for a preview of Sunday's scripture readings. This dynamic group helps prepare Sunday sermons and offers wonderful opportunities to dive deeper into scripture. All are welcome to attend at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Robertson Room.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday is TODAY! Funds collected by our congregation will go to Church World Service for blankets for those fleeing their home, recovering from disaster, and dealing with other hardship situations all around the world. The Community Engagement Ministry thanks you in advance for your contribution!

THE PEOPLES FORUM

Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. On September 24, The Peoples Forum will welcome Jack Branta with The Peoples Church Endowment Fund. Jack, along with Wally Markham, will be sharing updates on the endowment fund—its purpose, its growth, and its future. This year, the Fall Forum schedule includes many outside speakers along with a smattering of representatives from various TPC committees. We are delighted that this venue allows for vital information to be conveyed to our attendees. Be sure to join us!



LET'S PLAY: PARENTS & KIDS GROUP

After a summer break, let's meet up again! On Sunday, October 8, in the sweet spot between services at 9:30 a.m., let's get together in the gym on the lower level for some fun. Kids can run (or crawl) around and parents can chat and enjoy a warm drink! This group is geared toward families with infants through preschoolers; older siblings are welcome, too! For more information, contact Margaret Tassarò at: mtassarò@gmail.com.

GENEROUS HURRICANE RELIEF!

Many thanks to the congregation for your continued generosity. The collection for hurricane relief totaled \$5,180! Funds will be divided and sent to two of our denominational relief funds—Presbyterian Disaster Relief for Hurricane Harvey and Untied Methodist Committee on Relief for Hurricane Irma. Your overwhelming support is appreciated!

FIRST WPC BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Centennial Room.

DORCAS CIRCLE

Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. The guest speaker will be from the Literacy Coalition. For more information, please contact Phyllis Gauden at 517-482-0930.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Wednesday, September 20 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in The Lounge. Deborah Circle will continue to meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Questions? Please contact Jess Eysselinck at jessica@eysselinck.com.

REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE

Wednesday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Andy Mayville, our Facility Director, will lead a discussion on "The Peoples Church Funerals and Memorial Garden."

PHOEBE CIRCLE

Wednesday, September 27 at 9:30 am. in the Robertson Room. Join us for fellowship, music, and singing. Judy Kabodian, our gifted organist, will present, "Music Fills My Heart & Soul." For more information, please call Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446.

OCTOBER PORTAL NEWSLETTER REMINDER

The deadline to get your information in for the October **Portal** Newsletter is tomorrow, September 18. Email Pastor Betsy with your information at: eaho@thepeopleschurch.com.

SUNDAY FLOWER MEMORIAL GIFTS

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.



A GARDEN JOURNEY

FALL RETREAT 2017 | OCTOBER 14 (10 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

The Women of Peoples Church will host its annual Fall Retreat at Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, MI on October 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 for the day and includes a guided tour, tram ride and lunch. Contact Jessica at: jessica@eysselinck.com to register today!



Women
of Peoples Church



LUKE: A Gospel in Two Acts

Join us each Monday as we gather in the Robertson Room for *Monday Morning Bible*. Pastor Drew will lead us as we study through, and explore, Luke and Acts—a wonderful gospel set in two parts. Meetings are every Monday at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. - Community Dinner (Snider Social Hall)

6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (Youth Den)

Children's Programming (3rd Floor)

6:30 p.m. - Yoga (Yellow Room, 3rd Floor)

Adult Programming (Robertson Room)

• **This week: Texts of Terror with Pastor Betsy**

Middle School Youth Group (Youth Den)