

# SUNDAY WORSHIP NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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*"If anyone forces  
you to go one mile,  
go with them two miles."*

Matthew 5:41



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### 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

### 6:10 p.m.

Youth Choir

### 6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

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## 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  
Middle School Youth Group  
Yoga Class  
Childcare for infant/  
preschool

### 7:30 p.m.

Clarion Ringers

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## 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.*

## FALL MEETING & STAFF RECOGNITION TODAY!

The fall Congregational Meeting of The Peoples Church will take place within the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will be voting on new Elders, Denominational Representatives, and Nominating Committee Members as well as other church business. We will also recognize staff who have been with The Peoples Church for 10+ years!

**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. 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 | NOVEMBER 12, 2017

**Prelude** "Fugue in G Major" J.S. Bach

**Choral Introit** (10:30 a.m.) "I Will Sing Unto the Lord A New Song" Bob Burroughs  
*Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Andrew Pomerville  
*Today we host the fall congregational meeting during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. This annual meeting serves to elect new elders and representatives. If you are a visitor in our midst, please know you are welcome and encouraged to take part in this service. While only members of the church are permitted to vote, it is important that all participants in the congregation be included in this time of discernment. Our meeting is in the context of worship to remind us of God's call, leading, and grace that guides us into our future together.*

**First Reading** Amos 5:14-15 Rev. Betsy Aho  
(Pew Bible Page 918; Large Print 1,394)

## Call to Worship

Leader: Let us heed the words of the prophet Amos:

**People: Hate what is evil and love what is good!**

Leader: Let us establish justice in all the land,

**People: And let that justice begin in this church, through this congregation, on this day.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Come! Live in the Light!" No. 749

**Procession of the Light of Christ** Abby Lindley, Acolyte

## 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** "Christ Is Alive!" (verse 1) No. 246

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing! The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

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

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

"Ain'-a That Good News?"  
Youth Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

arr. Mark Patterson

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Staff Service Recognition** (10:30 a.m.)

Emily Anderson and Alan Canady

The Personnel Ministry wishes to recognize our staff members who have been with us for 10 or more years. **Thank you for your service!**

Elizabeth Reed (25), Jonathan Reed (25), Judy Kabodian (24), Dana Johnson (23), Rev. Elizabeth Aho (16), Andrew Mayville (16), Michelle Clingenpeel (14), John Miller (13), Julie Pitsonis (11), Judith Mirabelli-Migaldi (11), Elizabeth Detzler (11), and JW Douglas (10)

## + CONGREGATIONAL MEETING +

**I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM** (10:30 a.m.)

Thad Morgan, Clerk

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (10:30 a.m.)

**Second Reading**

Matthew 5:38-48  
(Pew Bible Page 970; Large Print 1,475)

**Sermon**

"Be Perfect (No Pressure)!"  
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Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**Responsive Hymn**

"Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord" (2x)

No. 635

**Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

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

"Travelin' Home"  
Daniela Diaz, violin

Andrea Ramsey

**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**

**Dear Lord, we ask that you use these gifts we have given, that they might serve in**

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**your community, both here and across the world. We ask that you use your children to make your community reflect your kingdom. Help us provide for those who need your grace and we ask that all may see your love through our service. Amen.**

### III. ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES (10:30 a.m.)

### IV. CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE/MEMBERS' MOMENT (10:30 a.m.)

### V. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER (10:30 a.m.)

**Leader:** Inviting God, we pray for the church and for all who work to bring others a word of compassion.

**People:** **On the day we called, you answered us, Lord, and increased our strength of soul.**

**Leader:** Welcoming Jesus, we pray for peace among nations and within our nation, that your Shalom might be our expected reality.

**People:** **On the day we called, you answered us, Lord, and increased our strength of soul.**

**Leader:** Ever-reaching Holy Spirit, we pray for those in need of courage, family, love and grace.

**People:** **On the day we called, you answered us, Lord, and increased our strength of soul.**

**Leader:** Triune God, three in one, we see your work in this place and we rejoice. Amen.

**Sending Hymn**

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

No. 744

**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**

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

arr. Seth Bingham



#### **Today's Floral Offering**

*Given in memory of our nephew, Ryan Eck, and his love of the Dallas Cowboys from the Przybylski Family*

## SNOW PANTS COLLECTION!

Our Snow pants collection continues! All new and gently used snow pants are delivered to Judson Memorial Baptist Church for distribution in the Lansing area. A collection box is outside of the main office. Thank you for keeping our kids warm while playing outside in the Michigan weather!

## HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Each year, the Community Engagement Ministry looks forward to helping families in the greater Lansing area have a fresh, complete holiday meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas. **TODAY**, a special offering will be collected to fund the holiday food baskets. Please use the envelopes in the pews and write, "Food Baskets" on the envelope. The more generous the congregation, the more families we help; thank you!

## FINE ARTS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NEW EXHIBITION

The Fine Arts Committee invites you to view and enjoy a new exhibit, "Intimate Views" in the Northwest Hallway and the Thomsen Case across from the Library. This exhibit features the creative talents of Bobbi Kilty, M.F.A., a water media and encaustic artist. Please pick up a catalog of the exhibit by the NW entrance to the church. For more information on the Fine Arts Committee, contact Sue Mills, Chair, at 517-881-5807 or suemills@comcast.net.

## MEET THE ARTIST!

Bobbi Kilty, M.F.A. our current featured artist will be at The Peoples Church on **November 19**. The Fine Arts Committee invites you to meet her immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Friendship Hall. This is a great opportunity to thank Bobbi for sharing her talents with us!

## THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, November 19**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Susan Petrisin, Past President, Kiwanis International. Susan, a Lansing resident, was the first female president of Kiwanis International. She has traveled extensively throughout her term of office and will share many of her experiences and the contributions of Kiwanis. The Peoples Forum welcomes a different speaker each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



## RACIAL INEQUALITY: "13<sup>TH</sup>" SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Please be part of an important discussion on racial inequality in the American prison system. LaShawn Erby, Executive Director of Action of Greater Lansing, will facilitate the discussion and a panel presentation on **Sunday, November 19** from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. As a springboard for this discussion, you are encouraged to watch the documentary, "13<sup>th</sup>: From Slave to Criminal With One Amendment." The movie will be shown at the church on Thursday, November 16 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and can be streamed free through most online providers. The screening and discussion will be held in the Robertson Room.



## THIS WEEK AT WNL!

Join us in the Robertson Room **this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.**, as we continue our discussion of Paul's Frenemies. The Óscar Romero discussion group will also continue. All are welcome!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Gerri Lynn Nichols, our fantastic Hospitality Coordinator, is looking for some help with clean up during *Wednesday Night Live!* from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Interested in helping? Contact Gerri Lynn at [gnichols@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:gnichols@thepeopleschurch.com). Thanks for lending a hand!

## WPC ANNUAL ADVENT TEA

Tickets are on sale now for the annual Women of Peoples Church Advent Tea. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 2** from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and join us! This year's theme is Love in Action—Building Community with guest speaker Caroline Jacobs, the Faith & Community Engagement Director from Capital Region Habitat for Humanity. Purchase your tickets in Friendship Hall between worship services and after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Tickets are \$8 for one, \$15 for two, and \$40 for eight (a full table).



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Remember you can access videos of sermons, up-to-date editions of The *Portal* Newsletter, worship bulletins and much more on our website; be sure to check it out!

## POINSETTIA & WREATH SALE

The Women of Peoples Church Annual Christmas Poinsettia and Wreath Sale is going on now! Place your orders on Sundays near the Welcome Desk through



November 26. Order pick-up is in the gym on Saturday, December 2 following the Advent Tea or Sunday, December 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## WPC JEWELRY SALE

Donations are needed of old, new, estate, costume, collectible and broken jewelry for the WPC jewelry sale to be held May 19 and 20, 2018. We will also be collecting scarves, hand bags, art, wallets, MSU items, puzzles, games and watches. Donations can be dropped off at the church office Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tax receipt available.

## PORTAL NEWSLETTER

Be sure to check out the *Portal* Newsletter each month for more detailed information on the happenings here at The Peoples Church. The *Portal* Newsletter is a monthly publication that is distributed via email and U.S. mail. You can also view the *Portal* on [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com) or pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk.

# #EmbodyGratitude

## INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE RIGHT HERE! | NOVEMBER 20

On November 20, at 7:00 p.m., The Peoples Church proudly hosts the premier event of the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing—The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Clergy from a diverse range of faith traditions gather in a spirit of gratitude as we, together, explore this year's theme, "Embody Gratitude." You will not want to miss the service, the interfaith choir directed by our own Dr. Reed, and a feeling of unity and mutual respect across faith lines. A reception will follow for all in Snider Social Hall. Please join us and post about your experience using #embody-gratitude.

### WANT TO GIVE BACK BUT SHORT ON TIME? NO PROBLEM!

The following volunteer opportunities are perfect for people with busy schedules. This could be just what you've been looking for!

**Holy Grounds Coffee Fellowship:** help provide coffee service between worship services and after the 10:30 a.m. service. Contact Jane Ledebuhr at [jledebuhr@yahoo.com](mailto:jledebuhr@yahoo.com) to learn more and sign up.

**Personal Needs Closet Ministry:** This ministry provides over 300 families each year with personal needs not covered by food assistance. They need help with shopping, calling, packing and distribution. Contact Mary Heiderson at 333.9396 or [maryheiderson@gmail.com](mailto:maryheiderson@gmail.com).

**Sunday Morning Greeters:** Welcome our Sunday worshipers with a smile and a handshake before the worship service begins. You sign up for Sundays that are convenient for you. Contact Julie Pierce at [juliepierce2@earthlink.net](mailto:juliepierce2@earthlink.net) or under the "connect" menu at [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com).

**Visitation Team:** Connect with a homebound member of our congregation once a month to keep that member connected to their church family. You make the connection when you are able to, and visits can be very rewarding! Contact Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517.332.5132 or Pat Brogan at [pbrogan500@aol.com](mailto:pbrogan500@aol.com) if interested.

**Flower Delivery:** Deliver Sanctuary flowers to a homebound church member after worship on Sunday. You sign up for Sundays that are convenient for you. Contact Pat Brogan at [pbrogan500@aol.com](mailto:pbrogan500@aol.com) to volunteer!

