

SUNDAY WORSHIP NOVEMBER 26, 2017



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

***Off this week**

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



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

6:00 p.m. - Family service with children
& youth choirs

9:00 p.m. - Traditional service with
Sanctuary Choir

11:00 p.m. - Hymn Service



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. 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 26, 2017

Prelude "Now Thank, My Soul, Thy Master" Johann Walther

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "Jubilate Deo" Dale Wood
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 Jeremiah 29:10-14 Rev. Betsy Aho
(Pew Bible Page 785; Large Print 1,190)

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us praise the name of the Lord,

People: God is the same yesterday, today and forever!

Leader: The Lord our God has done marvelous things,

People: We are blessed more than we could ever imagine.

Leader: For all the amazing gifts we have been given,

People: We praise the name of the Lord! Amen!

Gathering Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above!" No. 645

Procession of the Light of Christ Kate Gronowski and Jack Filkins, 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 "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.)

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

(Children are dismissed after the Children's Moment and can be picked up after service on the third floor.)

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

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

Solo

"If You Search With All Your Heart"
Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

Craig Courtney

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-25
(Pew Bible Page 1,188; Large Print 1,798)

Sermon

"Thanks for Everything!"
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Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Responsive Hymn

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

No. 648

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"Offertory"

John Ness Beck

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 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. We ask that all may see your love through our service. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Give Thanks"

No. 647

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

"Psalm 33"

Emma Lou Diemer



Today's Floral Offering
Given to the glory of God.

DECORATORS NEEDED TODAY!

Help decorate the Sanctuary **TODAY, Sunday, November 26, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service** to help install the Christmas tree, hang garlands and greens and welcome the Advent Season with Sanctuary decor! Volunteers will also be needed on Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 a.m. to arrange poinsettias. Questions? Contact Val Nilson at nilson@msu.edu or 349-1722.

YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

A Third Way Youth Writing Contest: Exploring Solutions for Difficult Problems will be accepting entries from middle school, high school, and college students of The Peoples Church. Prizes will be awarded in each age group. Submission of essays and narrative writing are welcomed. The winners will be encouraged to present their submissions at WNL! during the Lenten season. This event is co-sponsored by Fruit of Agape Community Transformations. More information to come in the December Portal and online.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

There is not a Peoples Forum, today, Sunday, November 26. Be sure to join us on Sunday, December 3 when the Peoples Forum reconvenes and welcomes Ken Beachler, who will give us a holiday reading. The Peoples Forum welcomes a different speaker each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



THIS WEEK AT WNL!

Join us, Wednesday, November 29, at 6:30 in the Robertson Room for an exploration of the Songs of Christmas. 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@thepeoplechurch.com. Thanks for lending a hand!

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!

ADVENT MUSIC!

On Sunday, December 3, the Sanctuary Choir will perform Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" and Randol Alan Bass' "Gloria" for music Sunday. Come enjoy the talent of our Sanctuary Choir, and the brass quintet and organ that accompany them!

On Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. join us for the MSU Holiday Brass Concert in the Sanctuary. The Fine Arts Committee, hosting the event, will provide refreshments in Friendship Hall following the performance.

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Each week Southside Community Kitchen serves 200 - 250 meals to hungry people of all ages, and for 30 years they've depended on volunteers to help. The Peoples Church participates in this effort the third Tuesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Galilee Baptist Church, 2511 Reo Rd., Lansing. To help, please contact Jan Perron at jrperron@comcast.net, or sign up using the sign up sheet located on the back of this bulletin.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Join us on December 10 for our annual Children's Christmas Pageant. During our 10:30 a.m. worship service, the children, directed by Liz Reed will present *The First Christmas*. There will be a cookie reception to follow in the Snider Social Hall. Contact Julie Bills, if you would like to donate cookies.



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).



PEOPLES 101

Got a question you've been dying to ask about The Peoples Church? Are you new and just want more information? Looking for ways to get involved? Come to a 20-30 minute informal discussion with a Pastor and members of the Welcome Ministry in the Robertson Room on Sunday, December 3 immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship. We've got answers and all are welcome!

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

You're invited to help the children at Edgewood Village enjoy a wonderful Christmas. On December 3 and December 10, a Christmas tree with gift ideas will be in the Northwest Entrance. Choose an ornament and return the new, unwrapped gift by December 17 so it can be wrapped and delivered before Christmas morning! If you can assist with gift wrapping on Wednesday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room, please sign up below and put in the offering plate.

Yes! I can help wrap gifts for Edgewood Village! Please contact me.

Name: _____

email: _____

phone: _____

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.



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



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GIFTS (PLEASE PRINT)

_____ YES! I would like to make a \$20 contribution to the Sanctuary Decorating Fund. Please accept my gift:

_____ In memory of

_____ In honor of

_____ In celebration of

_____ To the Glory of God

Given by: _____

Please make checks payable to **THE PEOPLES CHURCH** and indicate "Poinsettias" in the memo line. DEADLINE TO ORDER IS DEC. 10

Questions? Contact Dee Przybylski at 517.332.5073 or dprzybylski@thepeopleschurch.com



WANT TO HELP AT SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY KITCHEN IN 2018



JAN. 16, FEB. 20, MAR. 20, APR. 17, MAY 15, JUN. 19, JUL. 17, AUG. 21, SEP. 18, OCT. 16, NOV. 20, DEC. 18 (circle dates you are available)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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