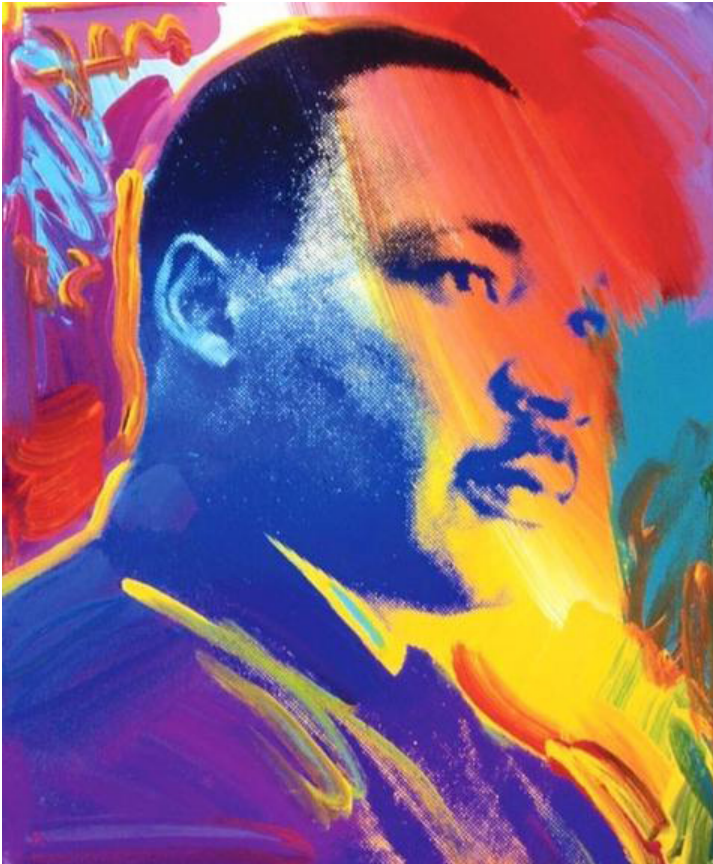


SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 14, 2018



*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968*

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

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

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823
517.332.5073 | ThePeoplesChurch.com

THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings.

Reception Desk 332.5073

Rev. Andrew Pomerville 908.4442
Senior Pastor, Presbyterian Church (USA)
apomerville@thepeopleschurch.com

Rev. Betsy Aho 332.6074
Associate Pastor, United Church of Christ
eaho@thepeopleschurch.com

Rev. Drew Filkins 908.4448
Associate Pastor, American Baptist Church
dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com

Julie Bills 908.4447
Children's Christian Education Director
jbills@thepeopleschurch.com

Rachel Giddings 908.4453
Communications Specialist
rgiddings@thepeopleschurch.com

Dana Johnson 908.4449
Preschool Director
djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com

Joe Kennedy 332.6264
Youth Director
jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com

Andy Mayville 908.4444
Facility Director
amayville@thepeopleschurch.com

Gerri Lynn Nichols 908.4432
Hospitality Director
gnichols@thepeopleschurch.com

Dee Przybylski 908.4446
Office Administrator
dprzybylski@thepeopleschurch.com

Dr. Jonathan Reed, Music Director
Elizabeth Reed, Children's Music Director
Judy Kabodian, Musician in Residence
office@thepeopleschurch.com

Abigail Waller, LMSW, Grief Counselor
Appointments by Pastoral Referral

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Jennifer Nagel, Chairperson
elders@thepeopleschurch.com



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.

REMINDER:

The Congregational Budget Meeting is **January 28, 2018** during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Pledge info is available in the back of this bulletin.



MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment. 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 | JANUARY 14, 2018

Prelude "There Is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Dale Wood

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "Lift Every Voice and Sing" James & Rosamond Johnson
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.

Call to Worship Jill Moreno, Confirmand (8:30 a.m.)

One of King's very last public prayers was recited at the end of his sermon, "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution." This sermon was preached at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on March 31, 1968, five days before King was assassinated. King paraphrases Job 38:6-7.

God grant that we will be participants in this newness and this magnificent development. If we will but do it, we will bring about a new day of justice and brotherhood and peace. And that day the morning stars will sing together and the sons of God will shout for joy. God bless you.

Gathering Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 263
(King quoted this hymn in a 1957 sermon saying the Easter message was encapsulated in this song)

A Prayer for King's Vision Rev. Betsy Aho
(This statement resembles a prayer as delivered at the conclusion of King's "Some Things We Must Do" speech on December 5, 1957)

Leader: God grant that right here in America and all over this world, we will choose the high way; a way in which men will live together as brothers.

People: A way in which the nations of the world will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. A way in which every man will respect the dignity and worth of all human personality.

Leader: A way in which every nation will allow justice to run down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

(continued)

People: A way in which men will do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Leader: A way in which men will be able to stand up, and in the midst of oppression, in the midst of darkness and agony, they will be able to stand there and love their enemies, bless those persons that curse them, pray for those individuals that despitefully use them. And this is the way that will bring us once more into that society which we think of as the brotherhood of man. This will be that day when white people, colored people, whether they are brown or whether they are yellow or whether they are black, will join together and stretch out with their arms and be able to cry out:

People: "Free at last! Free at last! Great God Almighty, we are free at last!" Amen.

Congregational Response "We Shall Overcome" (verse 1) No. 379

Old Testament Reading Psalm 104: 24-35
(Pew Bible Page 600; Large Print 882)

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.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

New Testament Reading John 2: 1-11
(Pew Bible Page 1,063; Large Print 1,615)

Sermon "Timing" Rev. Andrew Pomerville
 [@Connect2TPC#TPCSermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC#TPCSermon)

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 (10:30 a.m.)

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"
Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

arr. Howard Helvey

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

O God, make us willing to do your will, come what may. Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity. Give us renewed confidence in nonviolence and the way of love as taught by Christ. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
(King's favorite gospel hymn)

No. 834

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

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

arr. Dale Wood



Today's Floral Offering

Given by Frank Marxer in memory of Celia Wycoff-Marxer and Carol Turner

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

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, January 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, January 21 at 11:30 a.m. Both are in the Centennial Room (located in the lower level inside the Snider Social Hall). Classes last about 90 minutes. Please call the church office at 517-332-5073 to register and request child care if needed.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

On January 20, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., join us in the Snider Social Hall for a night of games! All ages are invited to join in the fun. Bring your favorite board game or deck of cards to share with other game enthusiasts. All you need to do is r.s.v.p. to Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com by January 15 to be sure we have enough tasty food at our taco bar. Hope to see you there!

THIS WEEK AT WNL!

Pastor Drew and Susan Reedy will continue the discussion and exploration of the St. John's Bible. This beautifully designed bible has illustrations adorning the pages of our sacred text. Come and be illuminated by this five week study. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On January 21, The Peoples Forum will welcome authors Jake and Maxine Ferris, who will discuss their recent publications. Plan to join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.



EMPTY BOWLS EVENT & CHILI COOK-OFF

On Sunday, February 11, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, the Welcome Ministry will host their annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser and Chili Cook-off! Stay tuned for more details in the January issue of the *Portal* Newsletter.

PEOPLES HAS THE BEST BARISTAS!

Thank you to our baristas who served up warm coffee, tea and fellowship for us in the month of December: Ann and Mark Harvey, Jane and Dave Ledebuhr, Ann and John Lindley, Robin Matheson, Matthew Rick and Diane Shafer. We'd love to have you join our team in the new year! Training is provided. Sign up through our website under CONNECT and find Coffee Fellowship. Or for questions, email our new head barista, Ann Lindley, who will help you schedule a time best for you. Connect with her at annmarielindley@me.com.

PCYG ANNUAL WINTER RETREAT

The Peoples Church Youth Group is gearing up for their annual winter retreat February 2-4, 2018. This year's trip is sure to go downhill—in a good way as they test their slalom skills on Schuss Mountain in Bellaire, MI. Cost is an all-inclusive \$90 or \$125 if equipment rental is needed. Full and partial scholarships are available. Contact Joe Kennedy at jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

FEBRUARY CONCERTS

Save the date for two upcoming concerts to happen in February here at The Peoples Church! Spend an evening with Michigan Singer-Songwriters Monte Pride, Timothy Monger, and Gifts or Creatures. This intimate gathering of some of Michigan's premier singer-songwriters will be held in the chapel at 8:00 pm on Saturday, February 10. This is an all ages show. Then on February 17 in the Sanctuary, come and enjoy a Celebration of Bagpipes and the Scottish Highland Arts! Graduate composition student Duncan Petersen-Jones, a bagpiper who has played a number of times at The Peoples Church, will be hosting a special evening of bagpipe music and Highland dancers as a fundraiser for his soon to be published book of bagpipe music.



Stewardship

a way of life

The joy of giving is a shared experience and a way of life.

Each gift given further promotes our call to be a visible presence of God's compassion and hope for the campus, community, and congregation. Each gift given is an expression of our faith in action. And, each gift given is a blessing to both the receiver and the giver.

Here at The Peoples Church, we give because we have received. The opportunity to support the ongoing ministry, mission, and proclamation of the gospel is one of the highest privileges we are granted. I hope you will consider a pledge for 2018. Our council of elders has recommended a prudent budget that recognizes our historical giving trends, the call for ministry in the coming years, and a desire to use all our talents to better be the hands and feet of our Lord at the corner of Michigan and Grand River Avenues in East Lansing. By providing an estimated gift, the church can better adjust and plan for the future, so our expenditures for worship, mission, fellowship, and community engagement will be appropriate for who we are, who we are called to be, and who God is asking us to serve.

Whether you are a long time member or recent regular attendee, we hope you will offer your pledge on the attached card and leave it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. If you would like to speak with me or a member of the finance ministry about any questions you might have regarding giving, we would welcome that opportunity. Gifts can also be made through The Peoples Church Endowment Fund and other planned giving options.

Thank you for your commitment to joyful giving in response to God's gracious gifts in our lives!

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Andrew

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION



Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone 1: _____

Mobile Home Office

Phone 2: _____

Mobile Home Office

E-mail 1: _____

E-mail 2: _____

PLEDGE INFORMATION

After prayerful consideration, I/we have discerned what I/we are able to share with my/our Peoples Church family in 2018. I/We are grateful to be a part of this family of faith and thankful to share this gift.

\$ _____

Annual Quarterly

Monthly Weekly

Other: _____



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823

517.332.5073 | ThePeoplesChurch.com