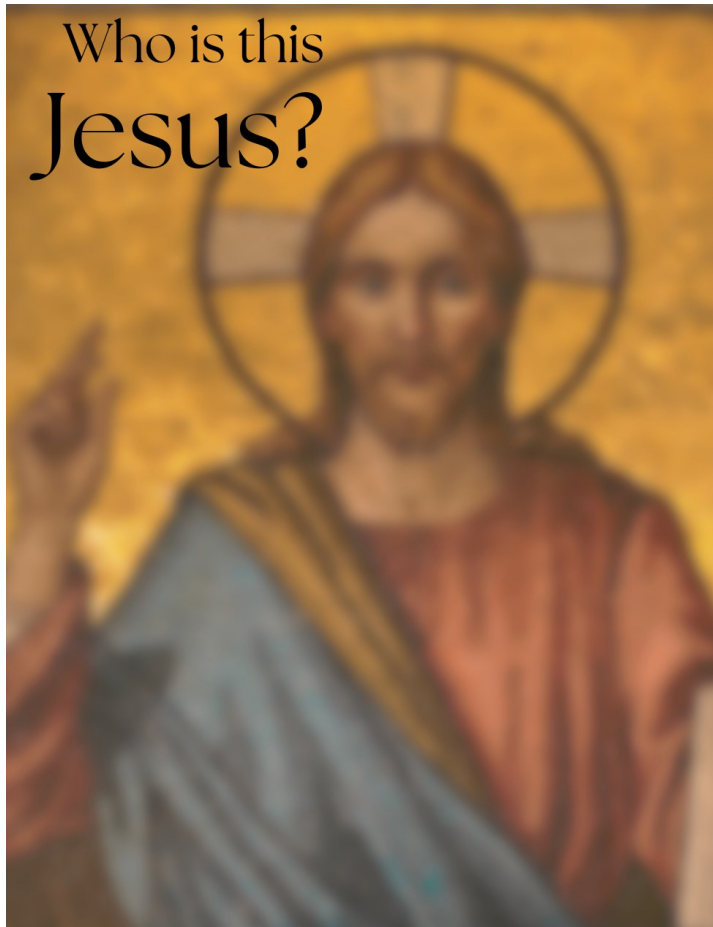


Sanctuary Service, January 28, 2024



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SERVICE INFORMATION

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School will take place after the Children's Moment.

Professional nursery care is provided for children under 3.

A nursing room is available for those who need it. Ask an usher or the Welcome Desk for directions.

Please join us after the service in our front lobby for coffee hour and fellowship!

LISTENING DEVICES

We now offer listening devices that amplify sound from stage microphones, which are available upon request.

ASL INTERPRETED SERVICE

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome American Sign Language interpreters for our Sunday worship services

SENSORY TOOL KIT

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get over-stimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.

THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and Sunday mornings. Phones are monitored from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Diane Shafer, Chair (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.

JOIN US REMOTELY!

To join the online livestream of the worship service, you can find **The Peoples Church of East Lansing on YouTube!**

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Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Prelude

Laudation

Douglas Wagner

Coppertone Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Acolytes:

Theo & Gabe Eysseleinck

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.
God's righteousness endures forever.

**All We come together as a congregation of believers.
We give thanks to God with our whole hearts.**

One God is gracious and merciful. God is steadfast and true.
God's mercy and love are from everlasting to everlasting.

**All Relying on God's faithfulness and righteousness, we gather as the body of Christ.
The Holy Spirit moves in our midst as we worship the God of our salvation.**

***Gathering**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (v. 1, 3, & 4)

no. 263

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the ever lasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Text: Edward Perronet, 1779

Music : Oliver Holden, 1793

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Prayer of Confession

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see past our pretensions and fears; you see us as we are, and we tremble with this knowledge. Forgive us for all the times we have rushed to judgment based on limited understanding. Forgive us for the times we failed to witness to our faith, fearing that others would think less of us for being Christian. Forgive us for the ways our actions and words have excluded and harmed others. For all the ways we have fallen short as your disciples, we ask for your mercy and forgiveness. May the Spirit enter into our hearts so we might be more like Christ. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Lord Jesus, Think on Me (v. 1)

no. 417

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Children's Moment

Choir Anthem

Let Us Break Bread Together

Jill Gallina

Youth Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed

Come feast at the table of the holy Lord. Come dine at the table of the King. Lord, your comfort we feel as before you we kneel and humbly this hymn of praise we sing. Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees. As I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Sermon

“Who is this Jesus?”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus is purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Fairest Lord Jesus
Text: Joseph August Seiss (1873)
Music: Silesian fold melody (1842)
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Give

See inside front cover for QR code to donate

Offertory

At The Name of Jesus
Sanctuary Choir directed by Jonathan Reed

Ralph Vaughan Williams

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the ancient faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominions, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders in their great array. Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed. Bore it up triumphant with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest. Name him, brothers, name him, with love as strong as death, but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath; He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true: Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.

***Act of Praise**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of grace, we surrender these gifts and trust them to your purposes. As the body of Christ, we strive to be a force for good in this world. May these gifts be used in ways that bring comfort and healing to those most in need, and may you bless all we say and do in Christ's name. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (v. 1, 2, 4)

no. 299

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name. The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Text: Charles Wesley (1744)

Music: Anon.; A supplement to the New Version of the Psalms (1708)

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***Benediction**

Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Heinrich Fleischer



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST PREACHER: On **Sunday, February 4** The Peoples Church welcomes the Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel to the pulpit. Rev. Dr. Daniel is a nationally recognized preacher, teacher, and writer who cares deeply about clergy and congregations. After serving as a local pastor for nearly 30 years, Rev. Dr. Daniel accepted the call to become the UCC Conference Minister for Michigan in 2022. She is the author of four well-regarded books and has preached throughout the United States. We are excited to have Rev. Dr. Daniel with us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

ANNUAL CHURCH BUDGET MEETING: The annual meeting to review the 2023 ministries and budgets and to approve the 2024 church budget is **TODAY immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service**, and will take place in the Sanctuary. We encourage all congregants and church members to attend this important meeting, though only members with formal standing in the church will be allowed to vote on the proposed 2024 budget.

NEW ADULT CLASS: Join Rev. Dr. Monroe for a six-week course designed to reignite your love of scripture. The class will use Adam Hamilton's book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* as its text, and will meet on Sunday mornings, 9:20 – 10:20 a.m. during Lent. Hamilton's book can be purchased on Amazon, at Schuler's, or at a bookseller near you.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: If you are interested in joining The Peoples Church and would like to learn more about how to become a member and what being a member of the church entails, our next new members class will be **Sunday, February 11 at 11:45 a.m.** New members classes are informational only, and do not obligate you to become a member. To RSVP for the class, please email our membership coordinator, Beth Lundy, by emailing Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com. Childcare is only available upon request.

CHURCH TOUR: The next Peoples Church 'Talk 'n Tour' will take place **next Sunday, February 4 following the 10:30 a.m. service**. If you are interested in learning more about our beautiful building and the history of our church, please meet at the front of the Sanctuary after the service.

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: The next Voices of the Community presentation is **next Sunday, February 4 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Robertson Room. The presenter is Eric Berling, PhD, who is the STEAM Educator (science, technology, art, and mathematics) at the East Lansing Public Library. The title of his presentation is "The East Lansing Public Library Maker Studio: 3D Printing, Laser-Cutting and More!"

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to make Panera Bread deliveries to Edgewood Village. Volunteers would pick up bread from the Okemos Panera Bread on Wednesday evenings at 9 p.m. and deliver it to Edgewood on Thursday. Several volunteers are needed so that each person only needs to do the pick up once a month, or less frequently. If you are willing and available to assist with this endeavor, please reach out to Cheryl Leece by calling 517-410-1313, or by emailing her at leececm44@gmail.com.

CARDBOARD PROPHETS JANUARY DONATIONS: In 2024, The Peoples Church will be collecting a specific item each month to donate to Cardboard prophets, a Lansing-based group that provides help to the homeless. We are not asking for new items, but items that are donated must be laundered and in good repair. If you have gently used and clean items, please place them in the large blue plastic storage bin located near the church office on the east side of the sanctuary. **In January** we are collecting tents, sleeping bags, and tarps.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: **Next Sunday, February 4** ACHE is joining Campus Ministry for a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. The plan is to leave **after the 10:30 a.m. service** and remain at the museum until it closes at 5 p.m. Transportation and food will be provided. For more information about ACHE and to RSVP for these events, email Pastor Haley at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

CHICs: 'Connected Hearts In Christ' (CHICs) is back! CHICs will meet in the Robertson Room on the **second Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** CHICs is a women's group that meets for devotionals, discussion, and fellowship. To learn more about CHICs, please email Traci Dudley at tracidudley@gmail.com, or Susan Godfrey at s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: On **Sunday, February 4** Campus Ministry and ACHE are making a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. The plan is to leave **after the 10:30 a.m. service** and remain at the museum until it closes at 5 p.m. Transportation, tickets, and food will be provided. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads a **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068627263>. This week's passage is Luke 10:25-37.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will meet for lunch **at noon today**, followed by Coppertones and youth choir rehearsal at **1 p.m.**, and miniature painting class from **1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** For more information about PCYG, contact Elisha, by emailing esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

PORCH OF HEAVEN: Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Telder Room.** It involves reading scripture, silence, mindfulness and sharing. Visit Porch of Heaven tomorrow evening, or email Tom Schaberg at tschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

TAIZE SERVICE: Our January Taize service is **tonight at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Taize services take place on **the fourth Sunday of every month**, and consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. These services are inter-denominational and all are welcome.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Men's group meets at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.** On January 9, the group will begin reading 'Meeting Jesus for the First Time,' by Marcus J. Borg.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S GROUP: Join the men's Wednesday discussion group that meets **every Wednesday at noon in The Robertson Room** for good conversation and donuts. The group is starting a new book called 'The Christian Agnostic' by Leslie D. Weatherhead.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in Snider Social Hall for a community dinner! At **6 p.m.** Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym, and Pastor Haley leads a Bible study at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!