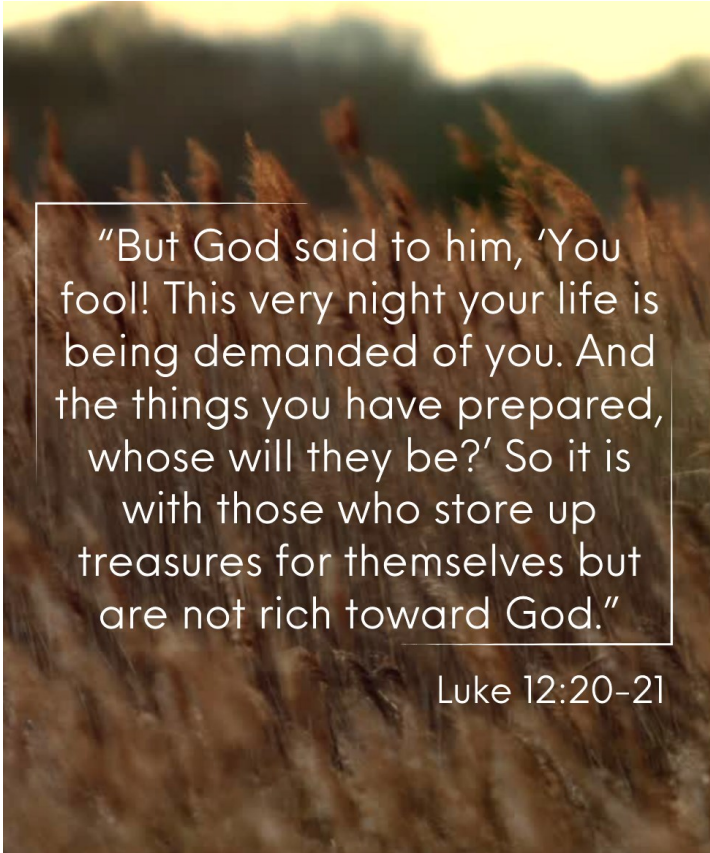


# Sanctuary Service

## October 22, 2023



### SERVICE INFORMATION

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

There is Sunday School 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.



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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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# Order of Service | October 22, 2023

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

## **Prelude**

Lead Me, Lord;  
Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him arr. ML Thompson  
Coppertone Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Acolytes:  
Malcolm and Miles

## **Welcome**

## **\*Call to Worship**

Rhiannon Kewin

One: God calls us to worship, and we come to this place.

**All: Some with laughter and songs of joy; Some out of a sense of obligation or habit.**

One: God calls us to worship, and we come to this place.

**All: Some with hearts heavy with grief; Some distracted and exhausted.**

One: God calls us to worship, and we come to this place.

**All: Some with eagerness and enthusiasm; Some with stress, loneliness, or depression.**

One: As God's dearly loved children we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope,  
into this place of Spirit-given grace and love.

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

God is Calling through the Whisper (1-3)

no. 410

*God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?*

*God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers, through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair. Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading: God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?*

*God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts, through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts. Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing: God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?*

***Prayer of Confession***

Xander Guthaus

**Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. We want to serve each other in love and humility, and serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act selfishly. Restore our compassion when it feels like we're running on empty. Many times, O God, our efforts fail, but your abundant grace is strong and eternal. Forgive us. Renew us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Moment of Silent Reflection***

***Assurance of Pardon***

Haley Phillips

***\*Confession Response***

There is Now a New Creation

no. 774

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

***Passing the Peace of Christ***

Abby Lindley

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

***Children's Moment***

Haley Phillips & Quinn Guthaus

***Anthem***

The Best of Rooms

Randall Thompson

Robert Herrick, 'Christ's Part' (1647)

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Christ, he requires still, wheresoe'er he comes, to feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms:  
Give him the choice; grant him the nobler part of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

***Scripture Reading***

Luke 12:13-21

Piper Williams

***Sermon***

"Bigger Barns"

Rev. Haley Hansen

*As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield, so we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land: of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.*

*A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give, to make our life an offering that all may truly live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.*

*In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Text: Frank von Christerson, 1960

Music: English folk melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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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***

### ***Offertory***



*To make a gift online, please scan the QR code.*

### ***\*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***

Zach Wells

**Lord, we ask your blessing on these gifts and on these people. Use our gifts to help others as you have healed and helped us, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.*

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

For the Fruit of All Creation  
Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1970  
Music: Welsh melody, c. 1784  
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**\*Benediction** Haley Phillips, Rhiannon Kewin, Kailynn Guthaus, Cooper Mellor

**Benediction Response** Shalom Chaverim (Go Now in Peace) arr. Stan Pethel  
Hebrew folk song  
Youth Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed

“We go now in peace my friends; ‘til we meet again, have peace.”

**Postlude** Loure J.S. Bach  
Judy Kabodian, Organist



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL CONCERT:** Choral Connection, a choral ensemble from Grand Rapids, will give a concert with the Pottsmen Quartet in our Sanctuary **today at 3 p.m.** The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be collected.

**OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH:** During the month of October, we as a church are preparing for our next year of ministry. Members and friends of the church should have received stewardship letters



in the mail, along with pledge forms to be filled out and returned. If it is easier to make your giving pledge digitally, you can scan the QR code which will take you to an online pledge link on our Realm platform. This link is different than the other giving QR code in the bulletin. Please use this QR code to make your pledge. Thank you to all who

financially support the ministry of The Peoples Church.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)***

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEETINGS:** There will be several congregational meetings in the month of November to present the capital campaign information with project descriptions, timelines, architectural renderings of the proposed projects, and overall budget estimates. There will also be opportunities to ask questions. These meetings will be open to all members of The Peoples Church and will be held at a variety of times to best accommodate schedules. If you have any questions regarding these meetings, please call the co-chairs of the capital campaign: Nancy Danhof (517) 285-1666, and Sandy Draggoo (517) 719-2919. The meeting dates are as follows: **Wednesday, November 1 at 1:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 5 at 12 p.m.; Thursday, November 9 at 10 a.m.; Sunday, November 19 at 12 p.m.; Tuesday, November 21 at 7 p.m.; Thursday, November 30 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.** All capital campaign meetings will take place in the Robertson Room.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** **Sunday, November 5 during the 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary service,** we will hold our annual meeting to elect new elders and nominating committee members for 2024. Candidate bios can be found at the Welcome Desk. We invite all voting members of the church to join us for this important meeting.

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** We will celebrate All Saints' Day on **Sunday, November 5** with the tolling of the bells and reading the names of the deceased. If you lost a loved one within the past year and would like their name included in the bulletin, please fill out the name of the deceased on the sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk, or email it to [office@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:office@thepeopleschurch.com).

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Trunk or Treat is coming up! Bring your young trick or treaters to our parking lot **this Saturday, October 28 from 6-7 p.m.** for costumes, treats, and fun! All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer your trunk or donate some treats to help with this event, please contact our Children's Ed. Director, Alexa, by emailing [ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com). **More trunks are needed!**

**EDGEWOOD VILLAGE HOLIDAY FOOD PROGRAM:** The holidays are approaching, which gives the members of the Peoples Church an opportunity to provide direct help to the residents of Edgewood Village. We need 20 volunteers to commit to buying a turkey and fresh fruit and vegetables for a family at Edgewood Village. The food needs to be delivered to Edgewood Village on Saturday, November 18 between 11 a.m. and noon. If you can help with this important ministry, contact Katie Slabaugh by emailing [kslab@hotmail.com](mailto:kslab@hotmail.com), or by calling (313) 410-1113 by Monday, October 30.

**HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM:** During November and December, we will be collecting money to support 30 families with buying holiday meals. Each family will receive a \$75 food voucher to a local grocery store. We need \$2,000 each for Christmas and Thanksgiving to support this program. Donations will be collected through December 31, and can be made online by scanning the QR code, or in the church office. A special offering will be collected **Sunday, November 5** during the 10:30 service to support of this program.



## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)***

**HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE:** The Peoples Church is hosting Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez for our annual Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture on **Sunday, November 12 at 1 p.m.** The title of her lecture is 'Jesus & John Wayne and the Evangelical Reckoning.' Dr. Du Mez will give a brief presentation during our 10:30 a.m. sanctuary service, and there will be a luncheon following the service before her full lecture at 1 p.m. This free event is open to anyone who wants to attend, and all are welcome. Dr. Du Mez is a New York Times bestselling author and professor of History and Gender Studies at Calvin University. Her most recent book is 'Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation.' Our **Fischbach Library** is pleased to support the upcoming HAL Lecture by having 'Jesus and John Wayne' available for purchase every Sunday in October.

### ***PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH***

**COLLEGE MINISTRY:** Campus Ministry now meets **after the 10:30 a.m. service** for Lunch & lounge, and **twice a month** for activities and outings. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing [hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com).

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** Pastor Shawnthea leads the in-person study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and the **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068627263>. Pastor Haley leads a Bible Study at **9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Robertson Room**. This week's passage is Ephesians 2:1-10.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** There will NOT be a PCYG gathering or music rehearsals this evening. The PCYG Fall Retreat to Upper Sandusky Ohio is coming up **October 27 – October 29!** To register for the retreat, contact our youth director, Elisha, by emailing [esmith@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto: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 [taschaberg1@gmail.com](mailto:taschaberg1@gmail.com) for more information.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** Pub Theology is an opportunity to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. Our next Pub Theology gathering is **Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.** next door at Crunchy's. Everyone is welcome to join!

**TAIZE SERVICE:** Our October Taize service is **tonight at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Taize services take place on **the fourth Sunday of every month at 6:30 p.m.**, 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.

**WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH:** Our Wednesday Community Dinners are back! Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall!** At **6 p.m.** Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym, and Pastor Haley leads a discussion on faith and the news at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!