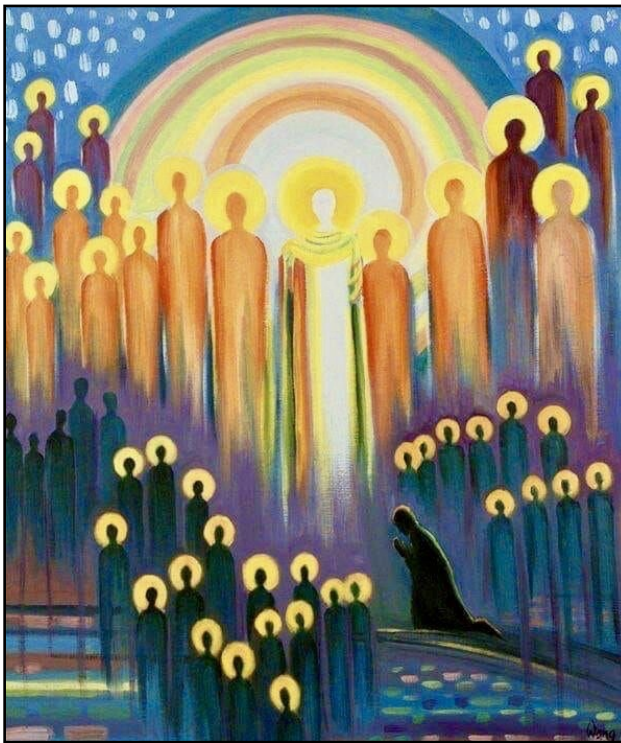


SUNDAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. -
in the Sanctuary & Livestream
on YouTube

Nursery 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School follows the
Children's Moment

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Our community meal
outreach program continues.
Individually prepared meals
can be picked up between
5:00—6:00 p.m. in the
Northwest entrance of the
building. For more details,
check out [The Peoples
Church Facebook page](#).

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud
to welcome ASL interpreters
for our 10:30 a.m. worship
service and for special
events.

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. Kari Naghtin, 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, click
[here!](#)

To join the worship
service via telephone,
please dial
(844) 933-0517
and follow the prompts.

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Order of Service | November 7, 2021

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River?
Judy Kabodian, Organ

arr. Dale Wood

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

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

***Call to Worship**

One We have come to affirm our historic faith;
To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

**All We have come to remember God's benefits to us, the living;
To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

One We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,
To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever.

**All In the company of all saints we cry:
Glory, honor and praise be to God on high!**

***Gathering Hymn**

"For All the Saints" (v. 1-3)

no. 326

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

For All the Saints
Text: William Walsham How (1864)
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)
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Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you send us saints and we ignore them. You send us saints and we persuade ourselves that they are fools or meddlers. You send us saints and we call them crazy and hide them away. You send us saints and we hate them for reminding us that we have gone astray and wandered far from your path and plan. You send us saints and we deny them, again and again and again. Have mercy on us, O God, and reform our hearts and minds. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response**

no. 437

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

+ Congregational Meeting and Election of Elders and Leaders +

I. Declaration of Quorum

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Election of Officers and Representatives

IV. Congregational Response/Members' Moment

V. Blessing of the Elders

Anthem

"Be Still, My Soul!"

Mark Shepperd

Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heav'nly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heav'nly friend. Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me. Be still, my soul! The hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last. All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-6a

Sermon

"As it Ends, So it Begins"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Naming of the Saints

*Noah Alonso - *Richard Belding - *Dorothy Boettcher - *Eliza Brookover - *Patricia Brookover

*Bob Cantrell - Bill Darnell - Jeffrey Dawson - *Sharon Dawson - Nancy Duguid - Todd Ellertson

*Robert Erbes - *Mary Fossum - *Walter Goff - *Shirley Guider - Carolyn Marie Rowe Hill

*Penny Laggis - Sandy Landis - Douglas Landis - Patricia Lundy - Jane Monroe - *Darold McCalla

*Judy McCalla - *Julie McIntosh - Ron Mitchell - Judy Novak - Lorene Nystrom - *Doug Pearson

Edwin Raak - *Gwyneth Schroeder - Marilyn Thomas - *William Woolsey

** denotes a member of The Peoples Church*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev Dr. Devon Herrell

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.

Offertory

***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 all, we seek not to be saints but to simply be your people. As we offer these gifts, we pray for your blessing, hoping these gifts would be used to touch the lives of the broken, the lonely, the seeking, the hungry, the hopeless. This is our prayer. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and Blessing

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Hymn During Communion “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (v. 1-4) no. 729

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Text and Music: African American spiritual
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faithful God, you have refreshed our hope and joy in this holy meal. May you continue to bless the meek and the merciful, the fearful as well as the faithful. May we enter into the world with renewed purpose and a sense of your ever-loving presence. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 804

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong as ocean’s surging praise, send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

(hymn continued on next page)

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!
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Music: Arthur Henry Messiter (1883)
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Benediction and 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

R. Vaughan Williams

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the meeting [here](#). Meeting ID: 883 8071 4830. You can also dial 1 929 205 6099 and when prompted enter 883 8071 4830. The passages for **November 10th** are Mark 12:38-44 and Psalm 1.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: We are reading the book, *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice*, by Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell and Christopher J. Doucot.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon in the Robertson room. We are presently discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. Our discussion leader is Sandy Bryson.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Join us for Lunch and Lounge after service **TODAY** in the Campus Ministry Lounge. This **Tuesday at 8 p.m.** we'll meet for dinner and continue our study on Hell: Is it real?

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: Middle and High School youth group are both being held on Sunday. From 5:30-6:30 p.m. join us for MS youth group, then a joint dinner between MS and HS from 6:30-7 p.m. MS/HS youth choir will follow from 7-7:30. HS youth group will begin at 7:30 and continue until 8:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Elisha Smith at esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

TOWN & GOWN: Town & Gown meets weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **November 9th** we will hear from Dr. Morteza Mahmoudi, a professor in the MSU Department of Radiology and a Principal Investigator in the Precision Health Program at MSU. You are invited to attend Dr. Mahmoudi's presentation in the Robertson Room or online via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEOPLES 101

Have questions or want to know more about The Peoples Church? Join a Pastor and Welcome Ministry Member after **TODAY'S** worship in the Robertson Room for an informal discussion.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Join us on **Friday, November 12th** in celebration of the life of Carolyn Marie Rowe Hill, the mother of Rick Shafer. The service will be held at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow.

PEOPLES FORUM

The next installment of Peoples Forum will take place on **November 14th**. Join us online or virtually, to hear from Capital City Market Store Director, Robert Lajcaj and his talk *The Capital City Market: New Concept for Groceries*. Peoples Forum is held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Robertson Room and virtually, Sundays before worship.

DECEMBER PORTAL

The deadline for the December edition of the Portal is **November 15th**—don't delay in submitting your article! Submissions should be sent to eprice@thepeopleschurch.com.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

November is here and we have started taking pictures for the Pictorial Directory. Although we have started, there are still a few times available, especially the second week of November. If family is coming into town for the Thanksgiving holiday, we also have appointments on the 22nd and 24th. Don't delay signing up – we don't want to miss you!

GIFT CARDS FOR REFUGEE SERVICES

Yesterday's news was the evacuation from Afghanistan. Today's reality is that the evacuees/refugees have started to arrive here in Lansing. These Afghanis (estimated 300) are in addition to the 400 other refugees from other parts of the world arriving here in Lansing. TPC traditionally does a gift card drive for Refugee Services to purchase footwear for the arrivals and this is needed more than ever this year. A well marked box will be in the office for Meijer and Target gift cards (any amount). Gift cards will be accepted **until December 12th**. Thanks in advance for past support for underwear and gift cards. Questions? Contact Ruth Worthington at worthin2@msu.edu.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Every holiday season, the Women of Peoples Church provide families in the Lansing area with Holiday Food Baskets. This year we look forward to serving our community like we always have—with a few small changes and some help from you! As an alternative to food baskets, we will offer a “food credit” at a small grocery store. This arrangement provides the family the ability to determine what food best fits their needs during the holidays and only restricts alcohol, tobacco and cleaning products. With your financial assistance we can adopt the same 30 families for **Thanksgiving and Christmas**, and provide them with a memorable holiday. We greatly appreciate your help in supporting our community, and pray we are one day able to deliver food to these families in person!

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Calling all Elves - Christmas is coming and we are going to need your help! We are busy collecting wish lists from the children at Edgewood Village. Opportunities for you to shop and purchase a gift, or to financially support this activity will be available. Please look for more details in next weeks bulletin!

FINE ARTS SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

As you walk the halls of The Peoples Church you have probably noticed the rotating art exhibits that are displayed in the building every few months. These exhibits are the result of the work of the Fine Arts Committee, which is charged with promoting a coordinated and creative use of the arts to enrich the programs of our church. It is a vibrant and active cultural force within our church.

Now, as several long-time members retire from the committee, it is looking for new volunteers to join its ranks. Next year's exhibit calendar promises to be outstanding and fresh hands will be vital to its success.

It is not required that volunteers be artists, but simply have an interest in art. The Committee is particularly interested in welcoming volunteers who have a background in communications; those who can assist with the production of the exhibit catalogs and help with promotion activities. Contact Committee Chair Suzanne Mills at suemills@comcast.net if you're interested in becoming involved with this unique and enriching program. To learn more about the committee's activities, you are encouraged to visit its new page on the TPC website: <https://www.thepeopleschurch.com/fine-arts>

WPC Seeks Board Candidates

Looking for ways to share your gifts of time and talent at The Peoples Church? Consider joining the Board of the Women of Peoples Church (WPC). WPC is looking to fill several vacancies for the 2022 Board of Directors and has issued a call for candidates.

Open positions include Vice President/President-elect, Spiritual Life Coordinator, Historian, Communications Coordinator, Nominating Committee Chair, and Hospitality Coordinator. Board members attend quarterly meetings and help implement WPC programming and events. The new Board will assume office in January.

If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, or have questions about Board/Position responsibilities, please contact Susan Nowicki, 2021 WPC President at susan.nowicki@att.net or visit the WPC page on the church website: <https://www.thepeopleschurch.com/women-of-peoples-church>