

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2020



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Children's Education

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Peoples Church YouthGroup
Yoga Class



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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ASL Interpreted Service

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



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Bob Cantrell, 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.



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. Kathi Mitchell, 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.

MAKE A GIFT

Please note, we have a new link for online giving (below):

<https://onrealm.org/thepeopleschurch/Give>

See back page for more information on REALM!

ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 1, 2020

Prelude

"The Glory of These Forty Days"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Robert Lind

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

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

Nora Robles, confirmand

One: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

All: We rejoice in our God, who makes a way through the deserts of this world.

One: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**All: We are the people God has formed through Christ;
We worship him, and we rejoice!**

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.
Let us sing and rejoice and praise the Lord!**

Gathering Hymn

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

No. 166

Procession of the Light of Christ

Javier Robles & Sam Calabrese, acolytes

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy. When we have wandered far from you, you welcome us home with open arms. We confess that we have surrendered to temptation, justifying our actions and minimizing the damage we have caused. We have made compromises with evil, we have doubted your power to protect us, and we have put more faith in the idols of this world than in you. Forgive our sins and strengthen our faith. Teach us the power of surrendering to you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Restore in Us, O God" (verse 1)

No. 434

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
(Pew Bible Page 3; Large Print 3)

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

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

Communion

Communion Hymns

"Amazing Grace"
"Be Still My Soul"

No. 649
No. 819

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, may the power of this sacrament take hold of our lives and inspire us to live boldly, that all things now and in time to come will be conformed to your eternal will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Lonesome Valley"
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

arr. Jay Althouse

Second Reading

Matthew 4:1-11
(Pew Bible Page 967; Large Print 1,471)

Sermon

"Jesus Resists"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Drew Filkins

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 (10:30 a.m.)

"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"
Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

Eric H. Thiman

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

Living God, accept all we offer you this day. Give us generous hearts so that we might serve you by caring for others. May we be more and more like Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 321

Benediction

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

"Postlude"

C. Alexander Peloquin



Floral Dedication:

Given in loving memory of John Behrendt, by the Lundy, Moore and Krzak Families.

SERMON PREVIEW BIBLE STUDY

Join Dr. Monroe on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room for a lively discussion and study of the scripture text for the upcoming sermon. Text this week is John 3:1-17. All are welcome!

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On March 8, The Peoples Forum welcomes Amy Morris from the Potter Park Zoological Society. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Join us each Wednesday for a community meal in the Snider Social Hall at 5:30 p.m., followed by adult programming in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

The Library Committee is pleased to announce the first annual "Book Scholarship" of \$250 to go toward the purchase of college books. It will be awarded to a 2020 graduating high school senior. Contact Joe Kennedy to receive an application which will be reviewed by the Library Committee.

The application deadline is March 30, 2020.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join Pastor Drew for Monday Morning Bible at 11:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room as we continue to study John's Gospel. All are welcome!

KEEP THE SOCKS COMING!

Winter is still here and the people who use the City Rescue Mission Services still need our socks—let's keep up the donations! The Mission appreciates being able to share our socks with those in need. Please bring in your donated, NEW, socks for children and adults and place them in the donation box just outside the church office.

NEW ART EXHIBIT

"Brass Rubbings," a new exhibit featuring work from the permanent collection of The Peoples Church, is now on display throughout the Northwest hall. The display includes 13 pieces and consists of hand-rubbings of medieval monumental brasses that are memorials for deceased persons. The rubbings were made by church members Jane Linnel and Patricia Thorpe with gold and black crayon on paper and cloth during their visits to historic churches and cathedrals throughout England. An accompanying exhibit in the Kiosk features a collection of facsimile *Medieval Books of Hours* and related publications from the library of members Susan and Wes Reedy. These items depict *The Little Hours of the Virgin*, an abbreviated version of the *Daily Office*, the eight daily prayers that were chanted/and or recited by medieval monastics and the clergy.

REFUGEE SERVICES COLLECTION COMING SOON!

Our spring refugee collection for St. Vincents Refugee Services is coming soon. We will be collecting travel-size items that will be arranged into personal hygiene packets. Starting **March 29**, bring in your donated, travel-size items of shampoo, body wash or soap, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc., and place them in the red donation box (located at the Welcome Center). Collection dates will be March 29 and April 5. Thank you for your generosity!

CAMPUS MINISTRY HEADS TO NORTH CAROLINA

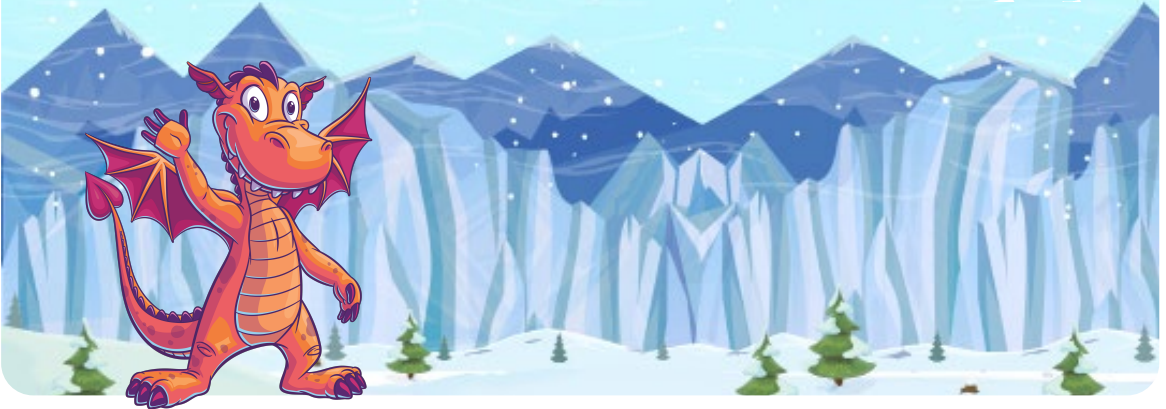
The Campus Ministry students would like to thank the congregation for all of the support and continued prayers as they make their journey to North Carolina this week. The students will be working with Habitat for Humanity to build housing in the city of Asheville.

PEOPLES 101

Join us **TODAY** in the Robertson Room at 11:30 a.m. for Peoples 101 and learn more about The Peoples Church. This informational meeting lasts approximately 30 minutes; all are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 15-19 AT WOLDUMAR NATURE CENTER**

Registration for this year's VBS, *Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, will open soon. We are looking for adult volunteers to be station leaders, help with registration, decorations, set up and more! Middle and high school students are needed for counselors. Email Kathi Mitchell at: kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com, if you would like to join the fun!



Family FUN Night

MARCH 28

Plan to join us for our next Family Fun Night, **March 28** from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We'll have board games, crafts, minute-to-win it games, and fort building in the Youth Den. There will be plenty of food and fun! Look for a registration link in your email. Bring your family and friends!

HOLY WEEK 2020



PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 5

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary



MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 9

6:30 p.m. - Chapel (with foot washing)



GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 10

6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary (Service of Tenebrae: The Extinguishing of Light)



EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 12

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary (with Brass; ASL Interpreter at 10:30 a.m.)

JEWELRY & USED BOOK SALE MAY 16-17, 2020



The Women of Peoples Church and the Library Committee are gearing up for their annual jewelry and used book sale in May. If you have donations for the sale (books, jewelry, purses, scarves, housewares, antiques, etc.), please drop them off to the church office during business hours, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Presented by:
The Women of Peoples Church &
The Peoples Church Fishbach Library Committee