

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2019



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

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

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Peoples Church Youth Group
Campus Ministry Bible Study
Yoga Class



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

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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.



Don't miss out on weekly happenings, here, at The Peoples Church.

Sign up, today, for our Friday email by going to ThePeoplesChurch.com and enter your email address toward the bottom of the homepage.

ASL Interpreted Service

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 10, 2019

Prelude

"Choral"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Louis Vierne

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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 (from Psalm 91)

Leader: Those who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

People: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord.

People: I will protect those who know my name.

Leader: When they call to me I will answer them, I will be with them in trouble.

People: I will rescue them and honor them, and show them my salvation.

Hymn of Praise

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

No. 403

Procession of the Light of Christ

Evie Laxton and Anna Harvey, acolytes

Call to Confession (from Hebrews 4:15-16)

Leader: Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised our values; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

People: Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ.

Congregational Response "O Save Me God And Hear My Cry" (verse 1) No. 812
**O Save me, God, and hear my cry: my prayer to you ascends.
And vindicate me by your might; on you my hope depends.**

First Reading Matthew 18:15-20
(Pew Bible Page 985; Large Print 1,498)

Solo (8:30 a.m.) "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray" arr. H. T. Burleigh
Joe Kennedy, bass

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "Wade In the Water" arr. Max Exner
Carol Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Second Reading Matthew 18:21-35
(Pew Bible Page 985; Large Print 1,499)

Sermon "Death, Resurrection and Forgiveness" Rev. Case Van Kempen
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Hymn of Response "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" No. 439

Prayers of the People; 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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Kyrie" from *Requiem*

Maurice Duruflé

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

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

Abundant God, we give thanks for these gifts of time and talents and ask that you bless them that they may be used for the glory of your kingdom. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"

No. 661

Benediction

Congregational response: **"Jesus is Lord!"**

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

"Chorale"

Leon Boëllmann



**Floral Dedication:
Given to the glory of God.**

STORY TIME: TODAY!

March is reading month! All children (and parents) are welcome to participate in our story time **TODAY!** Join us on the library following the 10:30 a.m. worship service to listen to a fun story read by Pastor Case himself! Our ASL Interpreter will be joining us as well.

REFUGEE BENEFIT CONCERT: MARCH 16

The University Lutheran Church is hosting a concert to benefit our local refugee community. The concert is on **March 16** at the University Lutheran Church and starts at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit St. Vincent Catholic Charities' Refugee Services and the designated refugee settlement agency for adults and families in Lansing and Mid-Michigan.

REFUGEE COLLECTION DRIVE

We will once again be collecting donations to benefit the St. Vincent Refugee Services starting on **March 17**. There is a great need for NEW men's and women's underwear of various sizes. Please bring in your donations between March 17 and March 31 and place them in the red basket at the welcome center.

GREAT DECISIONS: MARCH 21

The next Great Decisions meeting will be held on **March 21** in the Robertson Room from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dr. Manuel Chavez, MSU Journalism Professor & Associate Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, will be our guest. Dr. Chavez will lead a discussion on the partnership between the U.S. and Mexico.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP: MARCH 24

Join your church friends at Reno's East (1310 Abbot Road), on **March 24** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. No need to RSVP, the Welcome Ministry has tables reserved for The Peoples Church. See you there.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

The next Deborah Circle meeting will be on **March 13** in the library from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Pastor Drew will lead a video series, *Transforming Through Love*, during WNL! on **March 13, 20 & 27**, where we will tackle the mission God has created us for and how we might accomplish it in this world.

THE READING PEOPLE

Everyone is invited to join the WPC book club, *The Reading People*, for a lively discussion about interesting, inspiring and thought-provoking books. The next meeting will be held on **March 21** at 1:30 p.m. in the library. Our featured book is, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*, by Phillip Gulley. Mary Anne Larzelere will host our discussion.

PEOPLES FORUM



On **March 17**, the Peoples Forum welcomes a representative from Edgewood Village who will talk to us about the partnership between The Peoples Church and Edgewood. Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

JOIN A CHOIR!

The Clarion Ringers (the adult bell choir) and the Sanctuary Choir are looking for new adult members to join them in making music! Whether you want to make music with your hands or with your voice, we welcome you to be part of The Peoples Church Music Ministry. All you need is to be able to read music and make the practices. Practices for the Clarion Ringers are on Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and the Sanctuary Choir practices on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Email Liz Reed at lizreed@aol.com if you are interested in joining the Clarion Ringers or email office@thepeopleschurch.com if you are interested in joining the Sanctuary Choir. Or, you can just come to a rehearsal!

All people of faith are called to care for God's Creation. Because Michigan still generates more than 1/3 of its electricity by burning coal, conserving energy is one important way The Peoples Church can help repair the world. The Peoples Church is hosting an Energy Efficiency workshop on **Sunday,**

March, 17, as a part of Caring for God's Creation. Learn how to save money, how to take advantage of the free Consumers Energy's Home Energy Analysis program, and how to earn a gift of up to \$5,000 cash for The Peoples Church!

Caring for God's Creation Workshop sponsored by Consumers Energy.

The Peoples Church
200 W. Grand River, East Lansing, MI 48823
Sunday, March 17th at 11:30am
in Snider Social Hall
Lunch provided

Help The Peoples
Church raise up to
\$5000

Prize Drawing for
those who attend



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ALL CHURCH CARNIVAL MARCH 24, 2019 • SNIDER SOCIAL HALL

Everyone is invited to participate in the Carnival
following 10:30 a.m. worship on March 24
in the Snider Social Hall.

This popular event is perfect for the
young and young at heart!

Games, prizes and food!





The WPC Annual Strawberry Breakfast

May 4, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.

Snider Social Hall

Join the Women of Peoples Church for fellowship, a presentation and of course a full breakfast, including a classic, strawberry shortcake!

Special Guest: Pastor Case

Tickets: \$8 each or
\$40 per table of 8.

(Tickets will be sold beginning April 14)



JEWELRY & USED BOOK SALE

MAY 18-19, 2019

**MORE DETAILS
ANNOUNCED SOON!**

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

