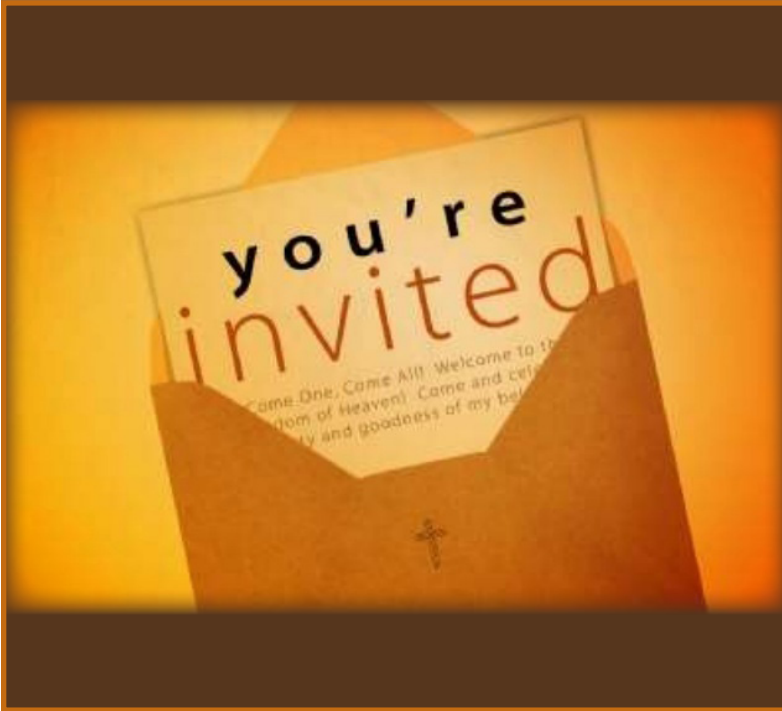


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 24, 2019



"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22:14



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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

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

Yoga Class

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Jodi Cook, 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.

READ THE PORTAL!

The *Portal* newsletter is the best source of information for the latest and most up-to-date news and events. It comes out at the beginning of each month and is included in the weekly Friday email. Or be sure to grab a hard copy located at the Welcome Desk or in the church office.

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 24, 2019

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Jason Tonioli
Vicki Walker, piano

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Fairest Lord Jesus"
"Meditation" arr. Frances Callahan
Coppertone Ringers, directed by Liz Reed William Melton

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

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

John Laxton, confirmand

Leader: Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

People: We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.

Leader: Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ.

People: We come on your invitation, needing healing.

Leader: Be healed by God's gracious mercy.

People: We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness.

Leader: In Jesus' Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.

People: Thank you, Lord, for the invitation. We come to praise you. Amen.

Hymn of Praise "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 14

Procession of the Light of Christ Bryce Pomerville and Zach Palsrock, acolytes

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of abundance, you have promised to provide us with more than mere survival; in seeking to satisfy our deepest hungers, we shall find an even more profound sustenance than human imagination could envision.

People: In your holy love, you have given us so much: talents and treasure in unlimited supply. But often, we spend these on superficial needs. We throw away our plenty on little hungers and petty desires. We seek the fleeting delight of novelty, of prettiness, and of veneer. We follow the urges to momentary importance; to the notice of a fickle society more interested in noise and sparkle than in mundane sturdiness. We chase after happiness while neglecting joy; we chase after romance while neglecting love; we skim the surface while fearing the depths.

Leader: God of grace, we are hungry. God of mercy, quench our thirst.

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People: Forgive us, we pray, for our fearfulness, as we rely more upon our own human illusions of control and satisfaction, even though we know that these illusions separate us from you. Forgive us for not trusting in your grace, in your abundance, in the covenant promises that you have renewed with every generation. In Christ, may we learn to love you more than we love ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Come, all you who are thirsty. If you take the first step, if you are willing to plunge once again into the waters and to emerge into new life, you will receive a love beyond all you can envision.

People: We turn our hearts to God, and by grace our hungers are satisfied, our thirsts are sated; through Christ we are made whole; by the Spirit we are led forth as God's people. Amen.

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 Revelation 19:6-8
(Pew Bible Page 1,251; Large Print 1,889)

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

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.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism Alexander Joseph Prano Rev. Betsy Aho
(10:30 a.m.) Born December 6, 2018

Statement of Faith

We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness and service which He exemplified to the world.

Baptismal Hymn (10:30 a.m.) "Baptized in Water" No. 482

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "Wondrous Love" arr. Paul Christiansen
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Sandra Snow

Second Reading Matthew 22:1-14
(Pew Bible Page 989; Large Print 1,506)

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.)

"Shall We Gather at the River?"

arr. Mark Hayes

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

God of celebration, you have invited all people to rejoice in the goodness of your love. Help us to be hospitable to all people at your banquet, so that all might receive your blessing through our time, talent and treasures. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

No. 343

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

"Lift High the Cross"

arr. Lloyd Larson



Floral Dedication:

Given in celebration of Dr. Walter Scott's birthday, by his wife, Barbara.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP: TODAY!

Join your church friends at Reno's East (1310 Abbot Road), **TODAY** 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!

ALL CHURCH CARNIVAL: TODAY!

Everyone is invited to participate in the all church carnival following today's 10:30 a.m. worship service. This popular event is perfect for the young and young at heart! Join downstairs in the Snider Social Hall for fun, food, games and prizes!

REFUGEE COLLECTION DRIVE

Donations for NEW men's and women's underwear of various sizes are being collected to benefit the St. Vincent Refugee Services. Please bring in your donations and place them in the red basket at the welcome center. **We are collecting donations through March 31.**



Join Pastor Drew as he leads a conversation entitled, "Christians in a Multifaith World." Each Wednesday during Lent, we will explore how Christians have thought about other religions and how we relate to them. Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

PEOPLES FORUM



On **March 31**, the Peoples Forum welcomes John Folkers, a former Pastor here at The Peoples Church. Rev. Folkers will share his experience with us of his time as a docent at the State Capitol Building. Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **March 28** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us to knit and crochet baby blankets, prayer shawls, hats and mittens. We have yarn and needles, and just need your willing fingers!

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 CHURCH CARNIVAL
TODAY!**

SNIDER SOCIAL HALL

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.**

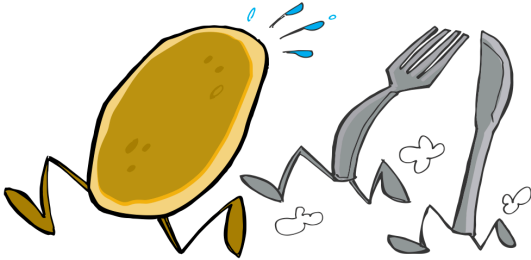
(Tickets will be sold beginning April 14)

TROOP 2 AND VENTURE CREW 2

Pancake Brunch

Fund Raiser

Sunday, April 14th, 2019



At the Peoples Church of East Lansing

200 W Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI

**Please Join Us In The Snider Social Hall
Following The Sunday Service,
Beginning At 11:30am**

**Pancakes & Sausage, Applesauce,
Coffee, Tea, Milk & Juice Will Be Served.**



JEWELRY & USED BOOK SALE

MAY 18-19, 2019

HOURS:

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

