

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

APRIL 28, 2019



*"Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations..."*

Matthew 28:19

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



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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

MAY 5, 2019 • 10:30 a.m.

Requiem by W.A. Mozart



ASL Interpreted Service

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



The prayers in this service were written using the Faith Statements
of the confirmation students.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | APRIL 28, 2019

Prelude

"The Strife Is O'er"
Judy Kabodian, organist

arr. Janet Linker

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship the God who created the world,

People: A God that partners with humanity.

Leader: We come to worship Jesus Christ,

People: Our Savior and friend.

Leader: We come to worship the Holy Spirit,

People: The one who connects us and comforts us.

Leader: Let us bring our praises to our Triune God today,

People: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Amen.

Procession of the Light of Christ

Jack Filkins and Zach Palsrock, acolytes

Gathering Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

No. 1

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-4
(Pew Bible Page 57; Large Print 83)

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Case Van Kempen

Leader: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess the ways we have broken relationships with God, with each other, with ourselves and with creation, God will meet us and renew us.

Before our loving God, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision. Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy.

Remind us, God, that you have made us for your service and to partner with you in creation. Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your way of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Congregational Response "Be Not Afraid" No. 243
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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.

Anthem "O Love, How Deep" arr. David N. Johnson
Sanctuary Choir

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.

Second Reading Matthew 28:16-20
(Pew Bible Page 1,000; Large Print 1,521)

Sermon "God, Jesus, Bible...Squirrel?" Rev. Drew Filkins
 [@Connect2TPC#TPCSermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC#TPCSermon)

Hymn of Response "Go to the World!" No. 295

Celebration of Confirmation

Jesalyn Henry • Holden Knapp • John Laxton • Ben Novello
Elsie Paris • Naomi Sowa • Kirill Spink

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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"The King of Love"

arr. Gordon Young

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

We have gathered today in celebration. We have gathered today in gratitude because of what you have done for us. You have blessed us beyond measure. Therefore, we bring gifts of our time, talents and treasures before you today. May these humble gifts we offer be magnified in your kingdom. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

No. 488

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

"Jubilate"

Gordon Young



Floral Dedication:

Given in celebration of the 35th wedding anniversary of Tom and Kate Jones.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Join us **TODAY** after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for lunch and fellowship at Coral Gables in East Lansing. No need to RSVP! The Welcome Ministry has tables reserved for The Peoples Church. All ages welcome.

PAINTING OUTSIDE THE LINES

"Painting Outsides the Lines" – a new exhibit by renowned watercolorist Maxine MacLeod, is now on display throughout the halls bordering the Sanctuary and in the Thomsen case across from the Library. The exhibit features 22 pieces from Maxine's collection of landscapes, lakescapes and flowers of the Midwest. It will be on display through July 18, 2019. "Painting Outside the Lines" was curated by Sue Patterson and installed by members of the Fine Arts Committee. Pick up a catalog for the exhibit in the NW entrance of the church.

THANK YOU!

The Community Engagement Ministry Holiday Food Basket Committee would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the volunteer drivers for their spectacular service in delivering Easter Food Baskets and to all who contributed to the food basket fund. 30 families in the Greater Lansing area were provided a generous Easter Sunday meal. Your volunteer efforts are appreciated among many; Thank you!



You thought field trips were only for middle school students. Well, not anymore! Over the next few weeks, the adult class will be exploring other faith spaces. We will be learning about their space, traditions, and practices. You are welcome to ride the shuttle or drive yourself. We will be visiting the Islamic Center of East Lansing on **May 1**. Join us for this exciting series!

Wednesday Night Live!
goes on a



Visiting Faith Spaces

April 24 ~ Christian Science Reading Room
May 1 ~ Islamic Center of East Lansing
May 8 ~ TBD
May 15 ~ Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Dinner 5:30 pm at The Peoples Church.
Shuttle to Faith Spaces at 6:15 pm and will return to the church by 7:30.

PEOPLES FORUM



Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m. on **May 5** when the Peoples Forum welcomes a representative from the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitor's Bureau.



Our annual Spring Yard Clean Up day will be May 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

I WANT TO HELP ON SPRING YARD CLEAN UP DAY! | 9:00 a.m. - NOON ON MAY 4

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number Attending: _____

I will bring my own: Rakes Trimmers Blower Hedge Trimmer Ext. Cords
 Other: _____

Questions? Contact Matt Gosselin at 517.484.6813 or mattcatgosselin@comcast.net. Return this form to the church office or in the offertory plate.



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.**



MEN'S

B R E A K F A S T

May 11, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Snider Social Hall

Join men of TPC in fellowship for our Men's breakfast on **May 11** at 8:00 a.m.! This breakfast meeting will combine good food, fellowship, laughter, and stories with worship and scripture. Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member, this is a great way for us as Christian brothers to get to know one another better. Invite your friends and neighbors to this informal gathering. Let us know you are coming by signing up at the Welcome Desk, or by calling the church office. We look forward to seeing you at the breakfast!



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



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