The Peoples Church

December 2, 2012

10:30 AM Worship Service

WELCOME to The Peoples Church where people are invited to live and grow in faith with Jesus Christ!

Large print bulletins, hearing devices and ***children's packets*** are available; please ask an usher.
Bolded wording indicates Congregation reads aloud.
*An asterisk in the order of worship indicates Congregation stands as you are able.
We invite you to please sign and pass our Friendship Roster so you may know your neighbor.
Please turn off all electronic devices.

Prelude "Chorale Prelude on "Sleepers Wake" *J. S. Bach*

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Candle of Hope *(see purple insert)* Celia Spink, Caitlin Farra
Acolytes

*Opening Hymn *(see insert pg. 2)* "O Come All Ye Faithful"

*Assurance of Forgiveness (We Are Forgiven!)

In God the Father, we are forgiven!
In Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven!
In the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven!
We thank our God for the love and grace we see all around us.
Praise be to God!

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16
(page 793 in the pew Bible, Large Print page 1202)

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-12
(page 1187 in the pew Bible, Large Print page 1797)

Children Invited Forward

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

Children (4s - 2nd grade) Dismissed to Children's Chapel

Special Music *(see insert for translation)*
"Magnificat" *Antonio Vivaldi*
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Offertory
*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
Dear God,
As we journey down this advent road, grant us the courage to hope:
Hope in our hearts, hope in our homes, hope in our communities.
Use our gifts, our dreams, our ideas, and our experiences with your Son, Jesus Christ, to be hope for all people. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern. These prayers may be voiced aloud, mingled together with the prayers of the congregation as we are guided by the Holy Spirit to pray with, for, and on behalf of others.)

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.

*Closing Hymn No. 31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *(please remain standing)*

People, look east. The time is near, of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Christ the hope is on the way.

*Postlude "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" *arr. Wilbur Held*

Musicians participating in the service today:

Soloists:	Lydia Skrlec Erickson, Harry Greenleaf, Liz Hoard, Cheri Johnson, Daniel Kring
Violin:	Hannah Brown, Alison Cambell, Isoa Chapman, Kyle Dickson, Fang Ye Sun, Oleg Bezuglov
Viola:	Nicholas Mowry, Brittany Nelson
Cello:	Marta Bagratuni
Bass:	Adam Bernstein

Following the service:

Rev. Andrew Pomerville will greet worshipers in Friendship Hall

Altar Flowers:

Given in loving memory of dear friends and family by the Jim Dalley family.

Weekly Calendar

Key to Rooms: C = Chapel; CL = College Lounge; CTR = Centennial Rm; CR = Choir Rm; G = Gym; FH = Friendship Hall; L = Library; R = Rotunda; RR = Robertson Rm; S = Sanctuary; SSH = Snider Social Hall; YP = Youth Parlor

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SUNDAY, December 2

AM 8:30 Early Worship Service (C), Festival of Giving Trees (RR), Scouts Greens Sale (NW), 9:30 Sunday School (various locations), 10:30 Family Worship (S), Just for Kids Store (L), 11:45 Coppertones (S)

Monday, December 3

AM 8:00 Campus Minister Prayer Breakfast (CL), Morning Bible Study (CTR)

PM 3:00 Library Committee (L)

Tuesday, December 4

AM 9:00 Staff Meeting (RR), 11:30 Preschool Creative Movement Class (G)

PM 1:00 Fine Arts Meeting (CTR), 6:30 Christmas Musical Rehearsal (S), 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (CTR), 7:30 Troop 2 Boy Scouts (G)

Wednesday, December 5

AM 8:00 Sermon Preview Bible Study (L)

PM 1:00 Advent Tea (SSH), 5:30 Wednesday Night Live meal (SSH), 5:30 Youth Choir Rehearsal (CR), 6:00 Christmas Musical Rehearsal (S, G), 6:30 Wednesday Night Live Programs (various locations)

Thursday, December 6

AM 7:00 Men's Study Group (RR),

PM 12:00 Men's Noon Study Group (L), 6:45 Thursdays with Jesus (RR), 8:00 Basketball (G)

Friday, December 7

PM 5:30 Crew 2 Meeting (CTR), 6:00 Christmas Musical Rehearsal (S, G)

Saturday, December 8

AM 8:30 WPC Fruit & Fudge Pick Up (NW), 9:00 Christmas Play Rehearsal (S, SSH, G), 9:00 Preschool pre-exam childcare (2nd fl)

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English Translation for Vivaldi
"Magnificat"
from the Biblical Song of Mary.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ꕥ Announcements for December 2, 2012 ꕥ

Festival of the Giving Trees TODAY. The Robertson Room, Friendship Hall and Library have come alive with the joy of Christmas giving. Trees have been decorated with opportunities for gifts, giving and service. Plan to stay and enjoy holiday refreshments and shop for alternative ways to honor and remember family and friends this Christmas-i.e. Just for Kids Store, Lansing Rescue Mission, Veterans Administration, Advent House, Fair Trade items, Michigan Children's Trust Fund, Adopt a Family, Congregations Helping Kids, Greater Lansing Food Bank, Heifer Project, and Adopt a Grandparent.

Women of Peoples Church Advent Tea, "Stories of the Season", Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 1:00 PM in the SSH. Tickets ($5) are available at the Welcome Desk TODAY and at the door. Donated cookies may be brought to the SSH kitchen on Dec. 4. Also, *"Tailgating on the Banks of the Red Cedar"* cookbook Volume 3 ($20) will be sold to benefit Haven House.

Did you order WPC Fruit and Fudge? Your order will be available at church Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:00AM-3:00PM and Sunday, Dec. 9 after the 10:30 worship service.

Wednesday Night Live. Dinner, 5:30PM, Snider Social Hall. Programs: 6:30PM. Last WNL of 2012 will be Dec. 12. All are welcome!

NOTICE! We are looking for photos of church activities/groups to include in the directory! Photos may be submitted to Kristi Lewis at kjdlewis@comcast.net by Dec. 15.
Reminder: If you didn't order a photo package your free 8x10 Lifetouch photo is here in the church office. Please stop by Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm or on Sunday morning before or after the 10:30 worship service.

Christmas Holiday Hours

The church building will be closed from noon
Monday, Dec. 24 through Wednesday, Dec. 26 and noon
Monday Dec. 31 through Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

One Stop Sign Up

Fill in the information and drop it in the offering plate.

Poinsettias

_____ I'd like to make a contribution ($15) to the Sanctuary Decorating Fund. (Donation must be included with this form). Please return this form to the church office by Dec. 9 to be listed in the Dec. 16 bulletin.

My dedication:

_____In memory of _____In honor of

_____In celebration of _____To the Glory of God

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Given by:_____

GREETINGS! Worship Ministry is looking for greeters for the 10:30 service. People of any age are invited to greet. It is a great way to meet new people and stay connected with everyone. Questions? Contact Marie Iott at 517-648-1092, iott@att.net or sign up below.

_____ **YES,** I'd like to be a greeter.

Name:_____ ☎: Home _____ Cell _____

Email:_____