

SUNDAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 23, 2014



THE SANCTUARY CHOIR PRESENTS

ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY

DECEMBER 7 | 10:30 A.M.

Featuring Music from Handel's *Messiah*,
including the "Hallelujah Chorus."



SECOND ANNUAL FREE CONCERT

HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT

DECEMBER 8 | 7:30 P.M.

All are welcome to celebrate the season
with the MSU College of Music.

THE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION PROGRAM PRESENTS ...

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 14 | 10:30 A.M.

Invite your friends and family to come
and enjoy this special worship service.



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823
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SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Children's Chapel
Confirmation Class
PCYG Open Hang Out
Peoples Forum

9:45 a.m.

Carol Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertone Rehearsal
Campus Ministry

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

There is no WNL! on Nov. 26

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Dance 149
Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Animate | Campus Ministry
Faith Builders | Children's Education
Skipping Christmas | Adult Formation
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

MONDAY, NOV. 24

11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible
6:30 p.m. Pub Theology @ Dublin Square
7:00 p.m. Faith On Campus @ MSU

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative Movement
7:00 p.m. Council of Elders
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 2

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

8:00 a.m. Sermon Prep Group

THURSDAY, NOV. 27 | THANKSGIVING

CHURCH CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

CHURCH CLOSED

SUNDAY, NOV. 30 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Children's Chapel
PCYG Open Hang Out
Peoples Forum
9:45 a.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Coppertone Ringers Rehearsal

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

DECEMBER 8 | ROBERTSON ROOM

3:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Make an appointment by going to
RedCrossBlood.org and using the sponsor
code PEOPLES CHURCH EL or call
1-800-RED CROSS.

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.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 23, 2014

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "We Gather Together" arr. Dale Wood

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Holy Manna" (American Fold Hymn) arr. Betty Garee
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship Jan Perron, liturgist

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be welcomed into this place.

Gathering Hymn "God Is Calling Through the Whisper" **No. 410**
(Please stand if able.)

Procession of the Light of Christ (10:30 a.m.) Karli Gonzales & Mia Manolakoudis, acolytes

Prayer of Confession

We stock the food pantries, but brush aside those who hunger for friendship. We give away our hand-me-downs, but overlook those whose hopes have been stripped away. We glad-hand those just like us, but turn a deaf ear to our neighbors who speak in foreign tongues. Forgive us, merciful and just God. You persistently search for us in the side streets of the world, gathering us up and bringing us home, so we may be drenched in the waters of your bottomless pool of forgiveness, watched over by your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Celebration of Holy Communion (8:30 a.m.)

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

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Children are dismissed to participate in Sunday School at this time. (10:30 a.m.)
They will return to the Sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.*

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

(Pew Bible Page 862, Large Print Page 1,311)

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"We Gather Together"

arr. John Ness Beck

Sanctuary choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

(Pew Bible Page 994, Large Print Page 1,513)

Sermon

"Recognizing *the Least*"

Betsy Aho

Prayers of the People

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently 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.

Offertory (8:30 a.m.)

"Rejoice, Dear Christian Folk"

Johann Krebs

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

R. Lyndel Littleton

Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth 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

Generous God, with thanks we give from what we have in order that our blessings may be a blessing to someone else. We offer these gifts to your kingdom. Please make use of them so that our sisters and brothers near and far might have hope and might know you well. Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

No. 357

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



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Please remember to return your pledge if you have not yet done so.



CONNECT

2014 ADVENT TEA | DEC. 3

Women of Peoples Church will host their annual Advent Tea, *Legacy, Legends & Lyrics of Christmas*, at 1 p.m. on Dec. 3 in Snider Social Hall. Tickets are available in the Northwest Entrance. All are welcome.

FREE HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT | DEC. 8

Our second annual Free Holiday Brass Concert, presented by the MSU School of Music, will be offered at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 in the Main Sanctuary. Last year's concert was marvelous and more than 100 parishioners attended. This evening of Christmas music under the direction of Dr. Richard Illman is sure to be one that you won't want to miss. The concert is sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee. Light refreshments will be served in Friendship Hall following the concert. We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening of music.



ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY | DEC. 7

Mark your calendars for our annual Advent Music Sunday. Our wonderful Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed, will lead us in worship with music from Handel's Messiah, including the "Hallelujah Chorus." Music Sunday will be celebrated during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Dec. 7.



'THE FIRST CHRISTMAS' | DEC. 14

The annual Children's Christmas Program will be presented as part of our 10:30 a.m. worship service on Dec. 14. Plan now to enjoy this great Advent tradition here at The Peoples Church. The children will present the story of "The First Christmas."

PEOPLES 101

Want to know more about The Peoples Church? Join in on our monthly Q&A session about this great community of faith. Peoples 101 will be offered on Dec. 7 in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome.



SERVE

SPECIAL OFFERING | TODAY

Designated offering envelopes to support Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets are included in this Sunday's worship bulletin. This holiday season, our Community Engagement Ministry is organizing an effort to help feed 80 families. Thank you for your generous support.



PERSONAL NEEDS BANK

Help stock the Personal Needs Bank. We collect bar soap, deodorant, sanitary pads, Tampons, disposable diapers, baby wipes, disposable razors (men's and women's), shaving cream, dish soap, facial tissue or paper towels. The Personal Needs Bank is a joint ministry of The Peoples Church and All Saints Episcopal Church. We served more 200 families in 2014. Donation baskets are located in the Main Sanctuary and at the Welcome Center in the Northwest Entrance.



GROW

PUB THEOLOGY | THIS MONDAY

Join Pastor Drew and Betsy Aho for Pub Theology each Monday in November at Dublin Square in East Lansing. We gather at 6:30 p.m. for open discussion about spirituality and religion and how those interact with everyday life. This Monday's topic is not about Thanksgiving.



SKIPPING CHRISTMAS WITH

PASTOR DREW | WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

We know about Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, the lack of room at the inns, the shepherds and the chorus of angels, the birth of a savior in a lowly manger and the visit by the magi. It is often told as an innocent story. But what if the coming of the Messiah was not good news to all? After all, King Herod seemed threatened by Jesus. Come learn about the parts of the Christmas story that we like to skip over. Join us at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10 in the Robertson Room.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Interested in digging deeper into scripture. All are welcome to join in Monday Morning Bible Study, which gathers at 11 a.m. each week in the Centennial Room. Join us for study and friendship. We are currently reading and discussing N.T. Wright's book, "Matthew: 25 Studies for Individuals and Groups." For more information please contact Mary Hill at (517) 339-2502, Barb Potter at (517) 332-4733, or Pastor Drew.



THURSDAYS WITH JESUS

All women are welcome to join Thursdays With Jesus at 6:30 p.m. each week in the Robertson Room. Their fall study is "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruits of the Spirit."

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUPS

Our *MORNING MEN'S GROUP* meets at 7:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room and the *AFTER-NOON MEN'S GROUP* meets at 12:00 p.m. in the Library each week.



SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM

NEXT DROP-OFF: NO COLLECTION (FIFTH SUNDAY)

The Peoples Church Recycling Program is a volunteer service to the members of our faith community. Items can be dropped off near our sign in the Northwest Entrance. Please be sure to only drop off items at this location on the Sundays that they are to be collected. It is difficult for us to store all of the items we recycle. Also, clean and rinse the items you bring in. Soiled items will be discarded in the trash. Recycle many other items each day at our Recycling Center across from the Church Office.

FIRST SUNDAY: SMALL BATTERIES

THIRD SUNDAY: PLASTIC #1--7

SECOND SUNDAY: POLYSTYRENE FOAM

FOURTH SUNDAY: GREEN GLASS

2015 ADVENT HOLIDAY CALENDAR

THE PEOPLES CHURCH



DECEMBER 3 | ADVENT TEA - 1:00 p.m., Snider Social Hall

DECEMBER 7 | ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 8 | FREE HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 14 | CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 17 | LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE - 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE - 6:00 & 10:00 p.m., Sanctuary

SIGN UP | *Return forms to Offertory Plate on Sunday or the Church Office during the week.*

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GIFTS (PLEASE PRINT)

_____ YES! I would like to make a \$20 contribution to the Sanctuary Decorating Fund. Please accept my gift:

_____ In memory of

_____ In honor of

_____ In celebration of

_____ To the Glory of God

Given by: _____

Please make checks payable to **THE PEOPLES CHURCH** and indicate "Poinsettias" in the memo line. DEADLINE TO ORDER IS DEC. 15.

Questions? Contact Dee Przybylski at 517-332-5073 or dprzybylski@thepeopleschurch.com