

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 13, 2015



*“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”*

+ LUKE 2:29 +



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
*Carol Choir Rehearsal
Confirmation Class
PCYG Open Hang Out
Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary
*Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal
*Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Dance 149

**Off this Week.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Soup Supper

6:00 p.m.

Longest Night
Worship Service

*Come and gather together with
others and know that we are
not alone and realize that our
saving hope promises to come
as a light in the darkness.*

'We'll be home for Christmas!'

Pastor Andrew and his family returned to their home this month following their house fire earlier this year. They invite you to help celebrate this personal blessing and the universal joy of the Christmas story ... All are welcome.

PASTOR ANDREW'S HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

1137 Teakwood Cir.,
Haslett, Mich.



FREE HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT

*MSU COLLEGE OF MUSIC AT
THE PEOPLES CHURCH*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
7:30 P.M., SANCTUARY

BOY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER AT BUFFALO WILD WINGS | DEC. 14



Mark your calendar to support our Boy Scouts of Troop 2 when they host a fundraiser Dec. 14 at Buffalo Wild Wings in East Lansing. Proceeds will benefit Troop 2 as they host a group of international scouts and participate in an international camporee in Northern Michigan during the summer of 2016. Watch for the event flyer coming soon so you will be able to support our local Boy Scouts.



**MAKE A
GIFT
ONLINE**

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 | DECEMBER 13, 2015

Prelude

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

arr. Diane Bish

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Gathering Hymn (8:30 a.m.)
(Please stand if able.)

"Joy to the World"

No. 134

Gathering Hymn (10:30 a.m.)

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come, ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Responsive Prayer (Inspired by John Rutter's "Gloria")

Leader: Glory be to God on high.

People: And on earth peace towards men of good will.

Leader: We praise you, Lord of hope!

People: We bless you, Mighty God!

Leader: We worship you, Prince of Peace!

Responsive Song

"Christ is Coming" (Verse 3)

No. 360

***With that blessed hope before us, flutes are tuned and harps are strung;
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the song.***

Old Testament Reading

Ezra 3:10-13

(Pew Bible Page 467, Large Print Page 667)

Celebration of Baptism (8:30 a.m.)

Betsy Aho, Minister

Kohen William Ekye-Addai

Born on October 7, 2015

Son of Kayla Michelle & Kwabena William Ekye-Addai

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

Passing the Peace of Christ (10:30 a.m.)

(Please stand if able.)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:25-31

(Pew Bible Page 1,027, Large Print Page 1,561)

Sermon (8:30 a.m.)

"Dismissed"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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Special Advent Music (10:30 a.m.)

"Gloria"

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
(Glory be to God on high.)*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee. We bless thee.
We worship thee. We glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory.
(Glory be to God on high.)

*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.*

O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy upon us.

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
(Gloria in excelsis Deo. Amen.)*

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
(Glory be to God on high. Amen.)

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

(Please stand if able.)

"Once in Royal David's City"

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

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

Lord, you serve us with grace, compassion, and hope. Help us serve others with the same joy, enthusiasm, and love. Use all that we have, all the we are, and all that we can be to help your kingdom extend in this world. Amen.

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

Sending Hymn (10:30 a.m.)

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Advent Benediction Response

“Go Tell it on the Mountain” (Refrain)

No. 136

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Passing the Peace of Christ (8:30 a.m.)

(Please stand if able.)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune” on *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

arr. Janet Linker

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. 14.

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

ADULT COAT COLLECTION

Community Engagement will collect clean and in good repair adult-sized winter coats and jackets to be donated for distribution through St. Vincent Catholic Charities. Look for the collection box in Northwest Entrance Dec. 6 and 13.

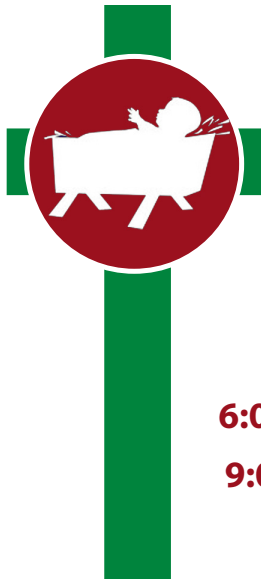
WISH LIST GIFT WRAPPING | DEC. 15

The Community Engagement Ministry is looking for help wrapping gifts donated for its Edgewood Village Partnership "Christmas Wish List" at 1 p.m. on Dec. 15 in the Robertson Room. Questions? Contact Emily Anderson at 517-648-0632

LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 6:00 P.M. (5:30 P.M. SOUP SUPPER)



CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Worship Services

AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

6:00 p.m. | Family Service with Youth & Children's Choirs

9:00 p.m. | Traditional Service with the Sanctuary Choir

11:00 p.m. | Midnight Vigil and Traditional Carols