

NEW YEAR'S DAY

JANUARY 1, 2017



“On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.”

+ Luke 2:21 +



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 1, 2017

Prelude

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship

Leader: The time of waiting has come to an end!

**People: Now is the time of celebration,
for Jesus Christ is with us!**

Leader: We rejoice in God's presence with us this day!

**People: We celebrate with baptism and communion,
songs and silence, scripture and fellowship**

Leader: With Anna and Simeon,
we rejoice on this promised day!

Gathering Hymn "Away in a Manger"

No. 115

(Please stand if able.)

First Reading

Psalm 131

(Pew Bible Page 618, Large Print Page 914)

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.

Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

No. 128

Celebration of Holy Communion

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Second Reading Luke 2:21-38
(Pew Bible Page 1,027, Large Print Page 1,561)

Sermon "Great Start"

Celebration of Baptism Finn Alexander McCoy

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.

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

Holy Lord, we recognize your presence in our lives and we thank you for this realization. Help us live each and every moment as people who are united by your love, grace and life. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn "Joy to the World" No. 134
(Please stand if able.)

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.**

TEACHER TRAINING | JAN. 8

There will be teacher training for anyone who interested in working with children and youth at 11:45 a.m. on Jan. 8 in the Robertson Room. Questions? Contact Julie Bills, Jacob Gates, or Pastor Drew.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | JAN. 18 & 22

Are you interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church? New Members Classes will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 during *Wednesday Night Live!* and following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 22. Contact the Church Office to RSVP. Childcare is available upon request. All are welcome.



2017 HEARTS-ON-FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF & EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER | FEB. 5

It's coming! It's just around the corner! It's delicious! The 2017 Hearts-On-Fire Chili Cook-Off and Empty Bowls Fundraiser will take place following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Feb. 5 in Snider Social Hall. We're seeking chili chefs, servers and tasters! Stay tuned for more info, but in the meantime, contact the Welcome Ministry's Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com with any questions, comments or to sign up!

WPC JEWELRY SALE COLLECTION

The Women of Peoples Church are accepting donations of jewelry, scarves, purses, wallets, puzzles, games, MSU items, art, CDs and DVDs. Donations can be left at the Church Office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! RETURNS JAN. 11

5:30 p.m. (Community Meal), 6:30 p.m. (Programs for All Ages)



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