

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2018 • 6:00 p.m.



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
- * Dance 149

6:10 p.m.

* Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.

* High School Youth Group

* **WILL RESUME IN 2019**

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT LIVE!**

**Will resume on
January 9, 2019.**



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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THE PEOPLES FORUM

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CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST (CHICs) WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Connected Hearts In Christ (CHICs) Women's Bible Study starts a brand a new study on the Book of Romans beginning **January 10, 2019**. We meet on Thursdays in the Robertson Room from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and all are welcome! This group had 8 members in the Fall and we'd love to see it grow. If you've been looking for a gathering to share faith and fellowship, CHICs might be the perfect answer. Contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net with any questions.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendars! Join us for lunch and fellowship on **January 13** at Beggar's Banquet after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. No need to RSVP! The Welcome Ministry has tables reserved for The Peoples Church. All ages welcome.



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.

Holiday Church Office Hours

12/24: Open until Noon
12/25 - 12/26: Closed
12/27 - 12/28: Open
12/31: Open until Noon
1/1/19: Closed

ASL Interpreted Service

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



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE | DECEMBER 24, 2018

Prelude

"Traditional Carols"

Coppertone Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: God of Israel, with expectant hearts, we your people greet Christ at his coming. As once he came in humility, so now may he come in glory, that he may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom. For he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"

No. 119

Procession of the Light of Christ

Morgan Manolakoudis & Blake Burke, Acolytes

Litany of Welcome for the Newborn King

Leader: O Wisdom proceeding from the mouth of the highest, reaching from eternity to eternity and ordering all things with strength and kindness:

All: We welcome you; teach us the way of wisdom.

Leader: O Lord and teacher of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush:

All: We welcome you; redeem us by your outstretched arm.

One: O Root of Jesse, before whom rulers do not open their mouths; to whom all people shall pray:

All: We welcome you; deliver us, we pray.

One: O Key of David and Scepter of Israel, who opens and no one shuts; who shuts and no one opens:

All: We welcome you; release from prison those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

One: O Dayspring, Splendor of Eternal Light and Sun of Righteousness:


All: We welcome you; enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of Death.

One: O King of the nations, their defense and cornerstone that binds them in one:

All: We welcome you; save those whom you formed of clay.

One: O Emmanuel, the Expectation and Savior of the nations:

All: We welcome you, the newborn King.

Hymn of Response	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"	No. 132
Christmas Pageant Selections	"Come On In" "Good News" <i>Carol Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed</i>	Lee and Susan Dengler
Children's Moment		Rev. Drew Filkins
Passing the Peace of Christ <i>(Please stand if able)</i>	The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.	
Youth Choir & Alumni Choir	"Night of Silence"	Daniel Kantor
First Reading	John 1:1-5, 14 (Pew Bible Page 1,062; Large Print 1,613)	
Hymn	"Away in a Manger"	No. 115
Second Reading	Luke 2:1-20 (Pew Bible Page 1,026; Large Print 1,560)	
Sermon	"The Light in the Manger"  @Connect2TPC #TPCsermon	Rev. Case Van Kempen
Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts		
Offertory/Anthem	"We Three Kings"	arr. Andy Beck
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.	
Lighting of the Christ Candle/Passing the Light of Christ		
Sending Hymn	"Silent Night, Holy Night"	No. 122
Response to the Lighting of the Christ Candle	One: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world! All: A light no darkness can extinguish.	
Benediction	Benediction Response: "Jesus is Lord!"	
Postlude	"Rhapsodie on a Catalan Carol"	Eugene Gigout



TALENT SHOW

"We Hunger For Your Talent" Talent Show and Empty Bowls fundraiser is coming live to The Peoples Church Snider Social Hall on **February 3, 2019** following 10:30 a.m. service! Seeking talent of all ages and all kinds! The congregation is invited to enjoy Gerri Lynn's famous chili, make donations for handmade empty bowls to fight hunger, and be bowled over by the talent on stage! More details in the *January Portal*.

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Pastor Betsy leads this covenant group through curriculum and discussion that moves participants toward closure of unresolved grief as a result of death, illness, divorce or other losses. This group is an 8 week commitment, with consistent attendance appreciated. The group will meet on Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. January 24 - March 21, 2019 (no meeting on March 6). Space is limited, and registration is required by contacting Pastor Betsy. Whether you are dealing with recent loss or loss from a long time ago, this group has something healing to offer you.

WINTER SNOW PANTS & SOCKS COLLECTION

Community Engagement is collecting winter snow pants and new socks. Collection boxes for both the snow pants and new socks are located near the welcome desk and also by the church office. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

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CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE

2018 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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6:00 p.m. Sanctuary; Family candlelight service with Youth & Children's Choirs

9:00 p.m. Sanctuary; Traditional candlelight service with the Sanctuary Choir

Half of the offering will go to the MSU Food Bank.

ASL interpreters provided at both Christmas Eve worship services.





CHRISTMAS 2018 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

IN MEMORY OF ...

Edna & Wilbur Brookover and Laura & Ernest Hillman Jr., by Patty & George Brookover
Our parents, Arthur & Marjorie Gard and Edward & Thelma Wegenke, by Gary & Sandra Wegenke
Kevin A. Kelly, our wonderful husband & father, by Jamie, Daniel & Michael Kelly
Roy H. & Marion Heil, by Susan Heil-Godfrey
Our parents, George & Katie Kerr and Jan & Harry Jury, by Tom & Chris Jury
Our parents, by Tom & Lynne Hoffmeyer
Beloved parents, grandparents & great grandparents Rollie & Marilyn Ledebuhr who loved their Lord and this church, by Jane & Dave Ledebuhr
Carol O. Ekern, by Fran Ekern
My parents and sister, Harold & Vivian Laser and Marlene Stemen, by Sandy Draggoo
Anna Jones, Louis Lessard Sr., & Judith Lessard, by Alicia & Lou Lessard and Family
Lyn J. Babbit, by Paul C. Babbit
George & Libby Kohl, beloved parents and grandparents, by Linda and Rachel Kohl
Bruce Aldrich, by Joyce Aldrich
Our son, Peter J. Dragosh and our nephew, Michael A. Wittmann, by Faye & Steve Dragosh
Robert Toth, by Dee, children, and grandchildren
Albert A. White, by his loving family
George & Jean White, by their loving family
Wayne & Glenna Steinkamp, Bernie Steinkamp, and Margaret & Charles Steinkamp, by Bob & Margie Steinkamp
Carrie Wales, by the John Wales family
Our grandparents, Jack & Polly Reed and Tom DeSimone, by Hallie & Christopher Reed
David VanLooy, by Dot VanLooy
Parents and Grandparents, by the Woolsey Family
Dr. Robert N. Thomas, by his wife, Dorothy and sons, Scott & Robert
John Stoughton & Rev. Jong Ku Kim, M.D., by Joyce & Hyung Kim
My parents, Kathryn & Hugh and Brother Fred, by Ken Beachler
Dean & Paula Telder and Harry & Adelia Przybylski, by Dave & Dee Przybylski
Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Stone, by the Stone Family
Bettye Donahue, Ruth Ann Ference, Margie Kinsley, Edith Newman, by the Rebekah-Hannah Circle
Stanley & Doris Brower and Marie Brower, by David Brower



CHRISTMAS 2018 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

IN MEMORY OF CONTINUED...

Michael Harrison, who loved the music of Christmas, by his family

Dr. Curt & John Liechty and the parents of Laura & Steve Wagner, by _____

Curt & John Liechty, by Mary Liechty & Family

Bob, Julie, David & (canine) Reilly, by Audrey, Pat & Pam Martin

Adele & William Longhway, Jerry Longhway, Nancy Longhway, by Margie & Bob Steinkamp

Thomas H. Vaughn & Steward B. Hoffman, by Marilyn Vaughn-Hoffman & Family

Dear friend, Marge Joslin, by Dottie & Jim Spousta

IN HONOR OF...

Our parents, Herbert W. Conner, Jr. & Hester Marie Conner and Robert C. Dasser &

H. Irene Dasser, by Andrew & Sandra Conner

Lary & Mary Hill, cherished parents, grandparents, great grandparents, by the Whittaker Family

Dear friend, Sharon Dawson, by Dottie & Jim Spousta

IN CELEBRATION OF...

Our family, Tom Heidi, Beth and Kate, by Carol & Sandy Bryson

The lives of Claude & Norma Raak, by Bruce & Joel Raak

The lives of Ev & Rita Lothrop, by Sue Lothrop

Our family, Bill, John, Kathleen, Jack & Lola, by Jake & Maxine Ferris

Our families, by Ray & Janet Perron

TO THE GLORY OF GOD...

Richard & Kay comstock