

# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2018 • 9:00 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

There will not be a Peoples Forum held on December 30 and January 6 due to the Christmas and New Year holiday. Programming will resume on January 13, 2019.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

*Wednesday Night Live!* is on a holiday break for the remainder of the year. Programming will resume January 9, 2019.

## 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](mailto: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**

"Lo, How a Rose and The First Noel"  
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Diane Bish

## **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

## **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.**

**Choral Response** "Sussex Carol" arr. David Willcocks  
*Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

**Passing the Peace of Christ** *(Please stand if able)*  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Choir Anthem** "Love Came Down at Christmas" John Rutter

**First Reading** John 1:1-5, 14  
(Pew Bible Page 1,062; Large Print 1,613)

**Choir Anthem** "Born Today" Richard Proulx

**Second Reading** Luke 2:1-20  
(Pew Bible Page 1,026; Large Print 1,560)

**Hymn** "Away In a Manger" No. 115

**Sermon** "The Light in the Manger" Rev. Case Van Kempen  
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**Choir Anthem** "Child in a Manger" arr. John Rutter

**Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

**Offertory** "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam  
*Lydia Skrlec-Erickson, soprano*

**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



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## 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  
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**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 Kinzley & Edith Newman**, by the Rebekah-Hannah Circle  
**Stanley & Doris Brower and Marie Brower**, by David Brower  
**Ele Stover**, by Mary & Ken West  
**Michael Harrison**, who loved the music of Christmas, by his family  
**Dr. Curt & John Liechty and our parents**, by Lana & Steve Wagner  
**Curt & John Liechty**, by Mary Liechty & Family  
**Bob, Julie, David & (canine) Reilly**, by Audrey, Pat & Pam Martin  
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**My precious wife Peggy**, by Dr. Randy Wirth  
**Ruth & Wilbur Wright & their son's families William, Howard & Richard Wright**, by Joan Wright  
**Dr. Geoff Sumner-Smith**, by Mary, Lynn & Jann  
**Howard E. & Daisy T. Angell**, by Jann Angell  
**Mark Latterman**, by The Latterman Family  
**Harold & Wilma Hicks**, by The Hicks Family  
**Dr. Harry Allis, M.D.**, by Susan Allis  
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**Our parents, Herbert W. Conner, Jr. & Hester Marie Conner and Robert C. & H. Irene Dosser**, by Andrew & Sandra Conner  
**Lary & Mary Hill, cherished parents, grandparents and great grandparents**, by the Whittaker Family  
**Dear friend, Sharon Dawson**, by Dottie & Jim Spousta  
**Our mother, Mimi**, with love from Elizabeth, Arran & Sean Burpee

## IN CELEBRATION OF...

**Our family, Tom, Heidi, Beth and Kate**, by Carol & Sandy Bryson  
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**The lives of Ev & Rita Lothrop**, by Sue Lothrop  
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