



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2013

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 expected and encouraged during worship.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Early Service
in the McCune Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Family Service
in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. - SoJo Community
in The Lounge

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

9:30 a.m. - Faith Formation
Programs for Children, Teens
and Adults.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

5:30 p.m. - Community Meal
in Snider Social Hall

6:30 p.m. - Faith-based
Programs for All Ages

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, excluding December, in the Robertson Room. **Michelle Rick**, Chairperson

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 9:00 a.m. WPC Board Meeting (RR)
11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative
Movement Class (G)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview Bible Study (RR)
1:00 p.m. Advent Tea (SSH)
5:30 p.m. WNL Community Meal (SSH)
6:30 p.m. WNL Programs for All Ages

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Morning Book Study (RR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Noon Book Study (L)
1:00 p.m. Knitting People (RR)
6:30 p.m. Thursdays with Jesus (RR)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (S)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Direction (L)
8:00 p.m. PCYG Middle School Lock-in

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (C)
9:00 a.m. Carol Choir (CC)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Advent Music Sunday
Worship Service (S)
4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas
Program (SSH)
6:00 p.m. SoJo (L)

ROOM KEY: C = Chapel; CC=Children's Chapel
CTR = Centennial Room; CR = Choir Room; G = Gymnasium;
FH = Friendship Hall; L = Library; N = Newton; R = Rotunda;
RR = Robertson Room; S = Sanctuary; SSH = Snider Social Hall;
TL = The Lounge; YP = Youth Parlor

2013 Holiday Calendar

WED., DEC. 4 | 1:00 p.m.

Women of Peoples Church Advent Tea
Snider Social Hall

SUN., DEC. 8 | 10:30 a.m.

Advent Music Sunday Worship Service
Main Sanctuary

SUN., DEC. 8 | 4 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program
Snider Social Hall

SUN., DEC. 8, 15 & 22

Festival of Giving Trees
Robertson Room

MON., DEC. 9 | 7:30 p.m.

"Worlds of Music" Holiday Concert
featuring MSU College of Music Brass
Main Sanctuary

WED., DEC. 18 | 6:30 p.m.

The Longest Night Worship Service
Main Sanctuary
(A Community Dinner will be served
at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall)

TUES., DEC. 24 | 6 & 10 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Service
Main Sanctuary

*On December 29, there will be only one
Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
in the Main Sanctuary.*



ORDER OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER 1, 2013

Prelude "Light One Candle to Watch for the Messiah" arr. Karl Osterland

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Please pass the Friendship Roster located at the end of your pew.

Call to Worship

God of justice, peace and righteousness,
Come into our midst this morning.

**Breathe your breath,
Your Spirit of prophecy,**

Your energy,
Your enlivening,

Your imagination on us.
Wake us up.

Open our eyes.
Unplug our ears,

That we might hear,
That we might see,

That we might grieve,
That we might dream,

That we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom.
Amen.

Procession of The Light of Christ Celia Spink & Maddy Moreno, acolytes

Gathering Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" **No. 82**
(Please stand if able.)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 2:1-5
(Pew Bible Page 680, Large Print Page 1,016)

Prayer of Confession

God of light and life, you set before us today the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness; of putting on the light of Christ; of being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst in the person of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us of the One who is to come. So many people, young and old, grope helplessly in the gloom of despair and suffering, yearning for the light of hope to dawn in their lives. Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people like us.

Merciful God, cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us from loving you and loving our neighbor so that our lives radiate faith active in love, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more in the person of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choral Response

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Refrain)

No. 88

Celebration of Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Jackson Peter Vandenberg

Born on November 21 2012.

Son of Melissa & Matthew Vandenberg.

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.

Baptismal Hymn

"These Treasured Children"

No. 487

Children with speaking parts who are participating in the Christmas Program are now invited to go to Snider Social Hall for rehearsal and may be picked up following worship.

Celebration of Holy Communion

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.

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

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

New Testament Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

(Pew Bible Page 993, Large Print Page 1,511)

Sermon

"The Hope of a Child"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Offertory

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

arr. Lani Smith

Act of Praise *(Please stand if able.)*

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

God of hope, make us aware of your presence in this world. Inspire us to become people who see and hear your call in this community. Use all that we have and all that we hope to be in order to become your faithful servants. Through the resurrection Christ we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"People, Look East"

No. 105

Benediction and Lighting of the Advent Candle

(Please stand if able.)

Benediction Response

(Please stand if able.)

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”
(Verse One)

No. 85

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on “Wake, Awake”

arr. Mattha Sabaje

*You are invited continue to celebrate this joyful season with us next
Sunday, Dec. 8, at 4p.m. in Snider Social Hall for the annual*
CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

Floral Offering

Given in loving memory of dear friends and family by the Jim Dalley family.

PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

- **PEOPLES 101 TODAY:** New to The Peoples Church? Want to learn more? Our monthly 20-minute informal Q&A session "Peoples 101" takes place in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 worship service.

COMMUNITY

TODAY: TROOP/CREW 2 HOLIDAY "GREENS" SALE

Boy Scouts are selling poinsettias, wreaths, Christmas cacti and four or six-inch Norfolk Island Pines. There will be public sales at The Peoples Church from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today and next Sunday, Dec. 8, as well as during the Children's Christmas Program at 4 p.m. on Dec. 8. Questions? Contact Jenny Upham at 517.371.8309 or 517.333.1923.



HOLIDAY CONCERT WITH MSU BRASS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH - DEC. 9

The Fine Arts Committee invites all church members to attend a free holiday concert with the MSU College of Music Brass Area at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 in The Peoples Church sanctuary. This concert is the second in the MSU College of Music's "Worlds of Music" series. Encourage your friends to attend with you and following the concert enjoy light refreshments in Friendship Hall provided by the Fine Arts Committee. The final event in the series will be a Passover Seder and Klezmer concert featuring the MSU Klezmer Ensemble and the MSU Hillel on April 17.



FESTIVAL OF GIVING TREES 2013

The Festival of Giving Trees is Dec. 8, 15 & 22. Groups wishing to participate may still reserve space. Contact the Church Office.

ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY DEC. 8 | 10:30 AM



This year's Advent Music Sunday will feature works from contemporary composer Dan Forrest, Jr. He received undergraduate and master's degrees in piano performance from Bob Jones University. Subsequently, he received the DMA in composition from the University of Kansas. His church music compositions appear in catalogs of 10 publishers including Hinshaw, Hal Leonard, Beckenhorst, Shawnee Press and Chorister's Guild.

Forrest's choral works have received the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer's Award, the ACDA Raymond Brock Award, a "Meet the Composer" grant, and the ALCM Raabe Prize. He is an Associate Editor at Beckenhorst Press, has a choral series in his name at Hinshaw Music and serves on the editorial board of "The Artistic Theologian."

The Sanctuary Choir will perform several of his works, including:

- "Arise, Shine," arranged for choir, organ, brass and percussion.
- "Shepherd's Carol," arranged for choir and string quartet.
- "Good Christian Men, Rejoice."
- "He is Born" (after the French carol "Il est ne le Divin Enfant").

Learn more about Dan Forrest, Jr. at www.danforrest.com.

EDUCATION

INTERPRETING THE BIBLICAL NATIVITY

Join Pastor Andrew at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 and 11 in Snider Social Hall following the weekly Wednesday Night Live community meal to explore how we read and understand the biblical account of Jesus' birth. How do we see the scripture? How are we to read it? All are welcome to bring a friend and settle in for a great discussion about these complex passages in the New Testament. Childcare and children's programs are available during the class.



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join our study of "Matthew: 25 Studies for Groups" by N.T. Wright each Monday at 11 a.m. in the Centennial Room Questions? Contact Mary Hill at 517.339.2502 or Barb Potter at 517.332.4733.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

Our Sunday morning "Voices of the Community" session is now on holiday recess and will resume in early January. The Honorable Virg Bernero, Mayor of Lansing, sends his sincere apologies as he was unable to join us on Nov. 17 as planned. Hopefully, we will be able to schedule him for a future Forum.

THURSDAYS WITH JESUS

Join Beth Moore in a dynamic study of the book of Esther. Thursdays With Jesus Bible Study takes place each week through Dec. 19. Gatherings start at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Questions? Contact Carol Dooley at 517.349.0881 or Bev Mason at 517.256.3755

WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH

ADVENT TEA: ANGELS AMONG US

The Women of Peoples Church will present its annual Advent Tea, themed "Angels Among Us," at 1 p.m. on Dec. 4 in the Snider Social Hall. The program will feature a speaker from ePIFhany Now, a "pass it forward" program of random acts of kindness in our area. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door. Please join us for fellowship and sharing the Christmas spirit. Donated cookies (small size) may be placed on the table in front of the kitchen in the Snider Social Hall on Dec. 3.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

At its October meeting, the WPC Board was presented with and approved proposed revisions to its constitution and bylaws by the Constitution Revision Committee. A final vote on them will take place at the Advent Tea (Dec. 4). The proposed revisions are available at the Welcome Center and electronically at ThePeoplesChurch.com.

DONATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR ANNUAL WPC JEWELRY SALE

It's time to begin cleaning out your attics and thinking about items that you no longer use. WPC's annual Jewelry Sale planning has begun and the sale may come earlier this year. We are now accepting any jewelry, CDs, DVDs, purses, belts, scarves, puzzles, silver, buttons, and ties. We are unable to accept furniture, holiday and clothing items. Please take the items to the church office with jewelry sale written on the bag. Let's make this the sale of the year!