



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 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 9

- 11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)
7:30 p.m. "Worlds of Music"
Holiday Concert (S)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative
Movement Class (G)
7:00 p.m. Ministry Meetings

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview
Bible Study (RR)
1:00 p.m. Rebekah and
Hannah circles (RR)
1:00 p.m. Adult Ed Meeting (L)
5:30 p.m. WNL Community Meal (SSH)
6:30 p.m. WNL Programs for All Ages

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

THIRD 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. Worship Service (S)
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

SUN., DEC. 8 | 4 p.m.
Children's Christmas Program
Snider Social Hall

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
McCune Chapel
(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 8, 2013**

Prelude Carillon Christmas Carol Medley

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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

Call to Worship "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Dan Forrest, Jr.
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Opening Prayer (Adapted from Isaiah 11)

"Prepare the way," the prophets call,
"make ready the highways for God."

**How we long to walk down the sidewalks
in God's kingdom of peace!**

Prepare your hearts,
for God's realm opens up a new day.

**We yearn for the time when the wolf
and lamb will live together in harmony.**

Prepare the way, God promises a new day
when adversaries will lay down their arms.

**We dream of a world
transformed by God's love.**

May the God of hope fill your
hearts with all joy and peace.

**We rejoice for God's Spirit
is in our midst!**

Gathering Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
(Please stand if able.)

No. 119

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-11

(Pew Bible Page 690, Large Print Page 1,032)

Choir Anthem

(Based on Isaiah 60)

“Arise, Shine”

Dan Forrest, Jr.

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

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.

Choir Anthem

“Shepherd’s Carol”

Dan Forrest, Jr.

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

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

Children’s Moment (10:30 a.m.)

K-4th grade children are invited to follow Pastor Drew to participate in Children’s Chapel at this time and will return to the main sanctuary during the Offertory.

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

“He is Born”

Dan Forrest, Jr.

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

New Testament Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

(Pew Bible Page 967, Large Print Page 1,470)

Sermon

“Why We Sing”

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Offertory

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Dan Forrest, Jr.

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

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, in this season suspended between hope and fulfillment, let us never forget what you have done. May we be overwhelmed by your mercy, which flows in wave after wave. May we be honest about the darkness within us, and perceptive of the light around us. May we make straight the path for the Lord, that together we may see God's glory revealed. Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

No. 123

Benediction

(Please stand if able.)

**Lighting of the
Second Advent Candle**

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"
(Verses One and Two)

No. 85

Choral Response

(Based on Isaiah 60)

"Arise, Shine" (Reprise)
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Dan Forrest, Jr.

Postlude

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*You are invited continue to celebrate this joyful season with us
later today at 4 p.m. in Snider Social Hall for the annual*
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

COMMUNITY

TODAY: TROOP/CREW 2 HOLIDAY "GREENS" SALE

Boy Scouts are selling poinsettias, wreaths, Christmas cacti and four or six-inch Norfolk Island Pines. They also will be available during the Children's Christmas Program at 4 p.m. today. 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 MSU Hillel on April 17.



FESTIVAL OF GIVING TREES 2013

The Festival of Giving Trees begins today. Be sure to visit the Robertson Room to learn more about how to support some of our favorite charitable organizations. The festival will continue through Dec. 22.

ABOUT THE COMPOSER ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY

This year's Advent Music Sunday features works from contemporary composer Dan Forrest, Jr. He received undergraduate and master's degrees in piano performance from Bob Jones University. Subsequently, he received DMA in composition from the University of Kansas. His church music compositions appear in catalogs of 10 publishers including Hinshaw, Hal Leonard, Beckenhurst, 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 Beckenhurst Press, has a choral series in his name at Hinshaw Music and serves on the editorial board of "The Artistic Theologian."

STEWARDSHIP

BUDGET UPDATE: 2014 PLEDGES

Thank you to all who have returned their offertory pledge for next year. Your promise helps us to plan. We have received 265 pledges for \$606,164 While that number is short of our \$804,710 goal, the Council of Elders remains confident, based on continuing giving trends that it will be able to present a sound, balanced budget to the congregation for approval in January.



EDUCATION

INTERPRETING THE BIBLICAL NATIVITY



Join Pastor Andrew at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 in the Library following the weekly Wednesday Night Live community meal, as he continues to guide us as we 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 also are available.

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.

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

DINNER & A MOVIE : THE POLAR EXPRESS

Meaghan Gonzales, our new Director of Children's Christian Education, invites you to dinner and a movie on Dec. 20. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in Snider Social Hall and The Polar Express will depart from the Youth Parlor at 6:45 p.m. You are welcome to come meet Meaghan and her family. There will be a special Christmas gift for the kids!



WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH

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!

A TRANSITION FOR JENN HILL . . .

It is with heartfelt thanks that we see Jenn Hill leave her position as Director of Campus Ministry this month. Jenn has worked to minister to the MSU student community for the past three years but she has decided to pursue a full-time career in real estate. She will continue to direct SoJo, the alternative worship service hosted in The Lounge each Sunday at 6 p.m. Next Sunday, Dec. 15, Jenn will help lead morning worship as we celebrate together this new chapter in her life.

- Pastor Drew

LAST CALL TO PICK UP YOUR FRUIT & FUDGE ORDER

If you placed an order during the Women of Peoples Church Fruit & Fudge sale last month, today is your last opportunity to pick up your order at All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbott Rd., in East Lansing. Orders may be picked up between Noon and 3 p.m. Any orders not picked up by 3 p.m. will be donated to a local charity.



SAVE THE DATE: HEARTS ON FIRE CHILI-COOK OFF

Sunday, Feb. 9, has been set for the annual Peoples Church Chili-Cook Off. Plan on joining us in Snider Social Hall Following the 10:30 a.m worship service. We need chili chefs, tasters and diners. Contact Kim Gools at kgools@yahoo.com.

SIGN ME UP

*Please return your completed form in the Sunday offering plate
or to the church office during regular hours.*

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GIFTS

_____ 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. 18.

Questions? Contact Dee Przybylski at 517.332.5073 or dprzybylski@thepeopleschurch.com