



# CHRISTMAS EVE

## DECEMBER 24, 2013

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

**8:30 am** - Early Service  
in the McCune Chapel  
*\*No 8:30 am service on Dec. 29.*

**10:30 am** - Family Service  
in the Sanctuary

**\*6:00 pm** - SoJo Community  
in The Lounge  
*\*Will resume on Jan. 12, 2014.*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

*Will resume on Jan. 12, 2014.*

**9:30 am** - Faith Formation  
Programs for Children, Teens  
and Adults.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

*Will resume on Jan. 15, 2014.*

**5:30 pm** - Community Meal  
in Snider Social Hall

**6:30 pm** - Faith-based  
Programs for All Ages

### THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 24, 2013**

**Prelude** (6:00 p.m.)                      Traditional Carols  
*Coppertones directed by Liz Reed*

**Prelude** (10:00 p.m.)                      "O Holy Night"    arr. Diane Bish

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!**    Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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. *All are welcome in this place.*

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

**I. HOPE**

**Call to Worship** (Inspired by Isaiah 9:2 and John 1:1-14)

The impossible is about to happen in a stable.  
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
**Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has the light shined!**

This is the evening when creation stood still and held its breath,  
for God was doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing.  
**This is the evening when God embraced humanity  
from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.**

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth. Amen!**

**Gathering Hymn**    "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**No. 133**

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 9:2-7

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.*

## **Meditation on Hope**

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

### **Anthems** (6:00 p.m.)

"Nova, Nova!"

Shirley McRae

*Carol Choir directed by Liz Reed*

"Whatcha Gonna Call that Baby"

Phyllis Wolfe-White

*Carol Choir directed by Liz Reed*

### **Anthem** (10:00 p.m.)

"Christmas Lullaby"

Graeme Wearmouth

*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

## **II. PEACE**

## **Second Reading**

Luke 2:1-14

*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.*

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

**Anthems** (6:00 p.m.) "Hurry Shepherds" Kathy Brown  
*Carol Choir directed by Liz Reed*

"Jesus Christ is Born Today" Gene Grier & Douglas Wagner  
*Carol Choir directed by Liz Reed*

**Anthem** (10:00 p.m.) "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" Charles Wood  
*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

**Children's Moment** (6:00 p.m.) Rev. Drew Filkins

**Meditation on Peace** (10:00 p.m.) Rev. Drew Filkins

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" **No. 119**

### III. JOY

**Third Reading** Luke 2:15-20

*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

**Hymn**

"Joy to the World"

No. 134

**Meditation on Hope**

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**Offertory** (6:00 p.m.)

"Christmastime"

*Youth Choir directed by Liz Reed*

**Offertory** (10:00 p.m.)

"The Shepherd's Carol"

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**

**Lord, we thank you for the birth of your Son.**

**Help us to prepare again for his coming:**

**to prepare inwardly, in our hearts,**

**and outwardly, in our world.**

**We do not only commemorate the birth of Jesus,**

**but we celebrate his presence and his continued rebirth in our hearts.**

**We not only celebrate the meaning of his life for our world,**

**but rejoice at his continued presence and involvement in it.**

**We thank you for that moment 2000 years ago,**

**and for this moment, and for those to come,**

**when the miracle happens again,**

**and the Unseen, Unheard but not Unknown occurs,**

**and he is here and with us yet again.**

**In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## IV. LOVE

**Fourth Reading** (In Unison) John 1:9-14

**The true light, which enlivens everyone, has come into the world. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

**Anthem** (6:00 p.m.)

"Night of Silence"

*Youth Choir with Youth Choir Alumni directed by Liz Reed*

### **Meditation on Love**

**Sending Hymn**

*(Please stand if able.)*

"Silent Night"

**No. 122**

### **Passing the Light of Christ**

**Postlude**

"Joy to the World"

arr. Fred Bock

"A special thank you to the staff, elders, and members here at The Peoples Church for yet another year of service, compassion, hospitality and grace offered to our community. It is a pure joy and honor to be called to serve as your senior pastor. My prayers are for another year together proclaiming the gospel and offering the light of Christ to the world. Merry Christmas!"  
Pastor Andrew Pomerville



## *Poinsettia Dedications*

### **Given In Loving Memory of ...**

Dr. Harry Allis and Dr. Dave Mills, *by Susan Allis.*

Lyn J. Babbitt, *by her husband, Paul.*

My parents, Kathryn & Hugh Beachler, *by Ken Beachler.*

Randy Calkins, *by Jean & Gary Calkins.*

Parents Linda & John Dietrich, *by Arylie Ann Campbell.*

John Liechty and Gigi Cawood, *by Jim & Connie Close.*

Our fathers, Richard Luther and Judge Robert Danhof, *by Bill & Nancy Danhof.*

My parents, Harold & Vivian Laser, and sister, Marlene Laser Stemen, *by Sandy Draggoo*

Loved ones, *by Jean & Jack Draper*

Julie A. Eddie and Warren & Ruth Eddie, *by Kim Warren Eddie*

Carol O. Ekern, *by Fran Ekern*

Weldon & Dorothy Emerson and John & Joan Newhof, *by Lynne Emerson*

Jay & Polly Haight and Don & Mary Grummon, our beloved parents, *by Phyllis & Dave Grummon*

Billy & Virginia Hanel, *by Duane & Patricia LeRoy and family*

Our parents, Jean Harrison and Glen Dunn, *by Michael and Debby Harrison*

Roy H. Heil, *by Marion Heil and Susan*

Donald H. Huldin, *by Lois Huldin*

Kevin A. Kelly, who portrayed Christmas spirit every day!, *by Jamie, Daniel & Michael Kelly*

George & Katie Kerr, *by Cal Kerr*

George & Libby Kohl, beloved parents and grandparents, *by Rachel & Linda Kohl*

Keith & Barbara Lawton, *by John & Mindy Lawton*

Anna Jones, Louis Lessard, Sr., & Judy Lessard, *by Alicia & Lou Lessard and family*

Our son John Liechty, *by Curt and Mary Liechty*

Julie, *by Bob & Audrey Martin*

Celia Marxer and Carol Turner, *by Frank Marxer*

Don McMillan & our parents, Don & Verna Dickson and Bill & Ruth McMillan, *by Barbara McMillan*





## *Poinsettia Dedications*

Larry Gieseler, *by Helen Gieseler, Ray & Jan Perron*

Our grandparents Polly & Jack Reed and Tom DeSimone, *by Hallie & Christopher Reed*

Carol & Paul Fowler, *by Wes & Susan Reedy*

Quentin & Ruth Stultz, Clive & Reva Rosenbrook and

Quentin F. Stultz II, *by Gretchen & Dennis Rosenbrook*

William & Adele Longhway and Glenna & Wayne Steinkamp, *by Bob & Margie Steinkamp*

Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin J. Stone, *by The Stone family*

Richard W. Stubbs, *by Eleanor & family*

Our loving grandparents, *by Mike & Kathy Tungate and family*

Our parents and John Liechty, *by Steve & Lana Wagner*

Herbert A. Wolford, *by Lee Wolford*

Our parents and grandparents, *by Bill & Janet Woolsey, Debra & Jane*

### **Given In Honor of ...**

Our family, *by Jack & Margaret Bates*

Family and friends, past and present, *by Patty & George Brookover*

Our parents, Marie & Herbert Conner, Jr. and Irene & Robert Dossier, *by Andy & Sandy Conner*

### **Given In Celebration of ...**

Our granddaughters, Beth and Kate, *by Carol & Sandy Bryson*

Liz Reed and Carol Choir Alumni, *by the Buckberry Family*

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

The life of my parents, Wilbur & Ruth Wright, and brothers, William Wright,

Richard Wright & Howard Wright, *by Dr. Joan Wright*

### **Given to the Glory of God ...**

Gary & Susan Coopes

Audrey & Bob Martin

