

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019 • 10:30 a.m.



MUSIC SUNDAY!
A Service of Lessons and Carols

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

*** Off This Week**

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT LIVE!**

**Will return on
January 8, 2020.**



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

Jodi Cook, Chairperson
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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.

ASL Interpreted Service

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



MAKE A GIFT

Please note, we have a new link for online giving (below):

<https://onrealm.org/thepeopleschurch/Give>

See back page for more information on **REALM!**

ORDER OF WORSHIP | DECEMBER 15, 2019

Prelude

"Savior of the Nations, Come"
Judy Kabodian, organ

J.S. Bach

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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.

Call to Worship

Leader: The Advent season reminds us of the many gifts God has given us.
Through Jesus Christ, God has blessed us with HOPE and PEACE.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, and bring hope to those in despair and peace to those in discord.

Leader: Today, we light Mary's candle, the candle of JOY,
for the birth of Christ brings joy to the world!

People: Come, Lord Jesus, and bring the gift of joy to all our hearts!

Leader: We light this candle and pray to experience the joy Mary felt when Jesus was born!
May our souls rejoice in God, our strength and our salvation!

People: Come, Lord Jesus, source of joy, and bless our time of worship!

Leader: Let the joy of knowing Jesus be present in our worship!

Carol

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 133

Procession of the Light of Christ

Ida Filkins, Acolyte

Call of Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we live as if the light of Christ had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We've kept the joy of Christmas confined to this season and pack our hope away with the fragile ornaments in January. Holy One, you came to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for no longer keeping watch for signs and wonders that signal your return. Let your light break forth and free us from our sins here and now. May we feel the deep joy your mercy inspires. Amen.

Time for Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

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

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Carol	"Once in Royal David's City"	No. 140
Reflection for All Ages	"Where Words Fail"	Dr. Monroe
First Lesson	<i>Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold (Isaiah 9:2-7)</i>	Rev. Drew Filkins
Carol	"In the Bleak Midwinter" <i>Will Johnson, tenor</i>	Harold Darke
Second Lesson	<i>The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38)</i>	Jan Perron
Carol	"Gabriel's Message" <i>Michaela Larsen, soprano; Ben Maines, tenor</i>	arr. David Willcocks
Third Lesson	<i>St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-7)</i>	Rick Shafer
Carol	"A Babe is Born"	William Mathias
Fourth Lesson	<i>The Shepherds go to the manger (Luke 2:8-16)</i>	Luke Nuñez
Carol	"Shepherd's Carol"	Daniel Forrest
Fifth Lesson	<i>The Magi are led by the star to Jesus (Matthew 2:1-11)</i>	Mandy Holmstrom
Carol	"Go Tell it on the Mountain" <i>Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano</i>	arr. Paul Sjolund
Sixth Lesson	<i>St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation (John 1:1-5)</i>	Dr. Monroe
Carol	"What Sweeter Music"	John Rutter

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(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.

Call to Offering

Offertory

"Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion" *from Messiah*
Michaela Larsen, soprano

G.F. Handel

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.**

Prayer of Dedication

God of love, through Jesus Christ, you promise us a future with you. In gratitude, we bring you our talents and our tithes. May our gifts be used so that others can share in the joy of knowing you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Carol

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

No. 119

Benediction

Benediction Response

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Postlude

"In Dulci Jubilo"

J.S. Bach



**Floral Dedication:
Given to the glory of God.**

THANK YOU!

The Women of Peoples Church thank you for your support with the poinsettia and wreath sale. All of the proceeds will benefit various needs in the greater Lansing area.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

WNL! programming is on holiday break. Regular programming will resume on **January 8, 2020**.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum is on holiday break and will return in **January, 2020**.

BIBLE EXPLORATION

PCYG Bible Exploration starts back up **TODAY**. Join us next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the youth den!

WINTER REFUGEE COLLECTION

TODAY is the last day for the collection of gift cards to Meijer and Target that go toward the support of the Refugee Services program at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Charities. Please place your gift card(s) in the basket at the Northwest Entrance. Your donation of a gift card benefits the individualized needs of refugees in our community and is greatly appreciated!

SOUTHSIDE KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

The Peoples Church serves the Southside Kitchen on the third Tuesday of each month. Volunteers are needed in 2020 to help with the following dates: January 21, February 18, May 19, June 16, July 21 and August 18. Contact Jan Perron at: jrperron@comcast.net, for more details or to sign up.

PCYG WINTER RETREAT

The PCYG Winter Retreat will be over the weekend of **January 31, 2020**. This year the retreat is in Flint, MI for a mini-mission weekend. Our students will be working with Crossover Downtown Ministry and St. Andrews Soup Kitchen, with time for fun along the way! Email Joe Kennedy at jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com for more details.

FAMILY FUN EVENT: PRETEND SLEEPOVER!

The next family fun event—a pretend sleepover—will be held on **January 11, 2020** from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Den. Join us for a movie, festive food, sleepover games, and building forts (if you have any large pieces of cardboard, please drop off in the church office). Come in your pajamas and bring your favorite sleepover essentials: a sleeping bag, pillow, and your teddy bear! Everyone is welcome to come; there will be a mission project table to make blankets for those in need. R.s.v.p. to Kathi Mitchell at, kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com.

THANK YOU PAGEANT PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS!

What a wonderful Christmas pageant last week! So many people have said it was *Outstanding* and I have to agree! I am so proud of the kids and loved getting to know them more. Thank You to all the parents who brought their kids to rehearsal and helped with props, costumes and makeup and the wonderful volunteers who organized our pizza party and cookie reception. Liz Reed, Jodi Cook and I could not have pulled off such an amazing show without everyone's support! ~Kathi Mitchell

DONATIONS FOR THE WPC JEWELRY SALE

The Women of Peoples Church are gearing up for their annual jewelry sale in May. As you clean out your closets this winter, please consider donating your jewelry, purses, scarves, housewares, antiques and more to the jewelry sale. Drop off your donations to the church office during business hours, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GIFTS

Return form in the Offertory plate on Sunday or to the church office.



_____ **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 December 16, 2019.



2019 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



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

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

ASL Interpreters will be provided at both Christmas Eve worship services.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR "MUSIC SUNDAY" SPECIAL GUESTS AND SECTION LEADERS

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Violin: Samvel Arakelyan
Daniela Diaz
Kayla Green
Sofia Levchenko
Wen-Yi Lo
Yung-Hsuan Lo

Viola: Sarahi Aboites
Yi-Pei Lin

Cello: JiYun Park
Sandro Sidamonidze

Bass: Maddie Moll

SECTION LEADERS:

Soprano: Michaela Larsen

Mezzo soprano: Christine Roberts

Tenor: Will Johnson
Ben Maines

Bass: Peter Boylan

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Dr. Jonathan Reed, Judy Kabodian and the Choir for their time, talent and coordination of this wonderful Music Sunday event!

