

Third Sunday of Advent Children's Pageant December 11, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School is held after the Children's Moment.

Nursery Care is provided for Children Under 3.

A Nursing Room is available for those who need it. Ask an usher or the Welcome Desk for directions.

W@PC

Wednesdays @ Peoples Church is a weekly community dinner followed by programming. Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall!

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get overstimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.

THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and Sunday mornings. Phones are monitored from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Bev Mason, Chair (elders@thepeopleschurch.com).

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.

JOIN US REMOTELY!

To join the online livestream of the worship service, click [here!](#)

To join the worship service via telephone, dial (844) 933-0517 and follow prompts.

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

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Order of Service | December 11, 2022

Prelude

Traditional Carols
Coppertones, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One: The Advent season reminds us of the many gifts God has given us.
Through Jesus Christ, God has blessed us with hope, peace, joy and love.

**All: We receive the gifts God offers and we rejoice!
Come, Lord Jesus and bring your light into our hearts!**

One: Today, we recall the joy Mary expressed when she heard the good news.
May our souls rejoice in God our Savior!

**All: Let all the earth rejoice and sing praises to God!
For God has done great things for us.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1-3)

no. 113

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. **Refrain:** Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? **Refrain:** Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain:** Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Angels We Have Heard on High
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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.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (v. 3)

no. 93

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Scripture

Luke 1:46b-55

Meditation

Taking the Stage

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Children's Pageant



OUT STANDING IN THEIR FIELD

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Orchestrations by: Lee Dengler

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Angels

Clarence:

Izaak Biedenbender

Leonardo:

Gabe Eysselinck

Angela:

Amelia Irvin

Starr:

Alice Hunter

Harpo:

Alazne EstradaCadieux

Gabriel:

Abe Barton

Head Angel:

Madelyn Schuette

Shepherds	Old Shep:	Henrik Hunter
	Oscar G. Potter:	Theo Eysselinck
	Mikey:	Declan Biedenbender
	Daisy Woolrich:	Clara Finland
	Additional Shepherd:	Malaki Kraft
Sheep	Head Sheep:	Melle Tans
	Additional Sheep:	Malcolm Irvin
		Jay Tans
		Amelia Winchell
		Hadley Murray
Youth Group	Mary:	Quinn Guthaus
	Joseph:	Xander Guthaus
	Shepherd Singers:	Kailynn Guthaus
		Abby Lindley
		Haley Phillips
	Abigail Schuette	

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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.

Invitation to Give

Offertory



To make a gift online, please scan the QR code.

****Act of Praise***

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ 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.

****Sending Hymn***

Love Has Come (v. 1-3)

no. 110

Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, A Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Love Has Come
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****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

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful
Judy Kabodian, organist

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Floral Dedication



Today's floral arrangements are given by Ben & Jess Eysseleinck;
In celebration of David & Marcia Livingston's 53rd wedding anniversary.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: After the service, please join us in Friendship Hall for freshly brewed coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship!

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m. for Lunch & Lounge.

PCYG: Youth group will meet tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Youth Den for a Christmas party!

TAIZE SERVICE: This month's Taizé Service is on December 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Services consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, Scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. This service is inter-denominational and all are welcome.

ACHE: Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets on Monday nights. This Monday, we will join Pub Theology.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology will gather on December 12th, 6:30 p.m. at Crunchy's to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group meets in-person on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room and Wednesdays on Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906921959>.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: A community dinner is hosted every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by your choice of dance aerobics with Shawnthea Monroe, or Faith & the News bible study in the library. All are welcome!

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* by Dallas Willard. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP: Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of John Pavlovitz's book "A Bigger Table".

CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST): In January, CHiCs (Connected Hearts in Christ) Women's Small Group will be starting a new book, *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Lately, many have become disillusioned with Christianity. This book demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share communion, read scripture together and tell each other the reality of their lives. This book is an account of their journey toward wholeness and will ring true for both believers and skeptics.

If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or (610)246-0029.

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: Held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room, these informative presentations give a voice to various community members on a wide range of topics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COOKIE PARTY: In celebration of the Christmas Pageant, we will have our traditional cookie party in the Robertson Room following worship!

PORTAL SUBMISSIONS: If you would like to make a submission to the January Portal, please email zaho@thepeopleschurch.com by December 15th.

MERIDIAN CONCERT BAND: The Meridian Concert Band will present their Holiday Concert on December 20th, 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. The concert is free, and selections will include traditional holiday tunes, carols, and more!

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT: Share the Christmas joy by providing a gift for a child at Edgewood Village, here in our local community. If you would like to purchase a gift, please contact church member Emily Anderson via e-mail at anderson2910@icloud.com or by phone at 517-648-0632. She will provide you with all the information you will need: gender and age of the child, item the child wishes and details for delivering the gift. If you would simply like to financially support this activity, that is an option too.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Our community doors have been wide open this year welcoming not only anticipated refugees but also those fleeing Afghanistan and Ukraine. Many of the latter arrived with the clothes on their backs and are now in need of winter shoes and boots. We respond, first by a gift from the Community Engagement committee to Refugee Services and second by **collection of Meijer and Target gift cards from our congregation**. The donation box will be at the Welcome Desk during Sunday services and otherwise in the office until Sunday Dec 18th. Many thanks!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT: Join us for the 1st Annual Peoples Church Euchre Tournament! Friday, January 20th from 5:30-9:30 pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person and includes pizza, snacks and beverages. Sign-up by emailing office@thepeopleschurch.com. Space is limited to 32 people.

NEW ART EXHIBIT: The Fine Arts Committee invites you to explore their latest exhibit, "Around the Corner and Around the World," a collection of watercolors by Chicago-based artist Laura Karsh Eaton. The exhibit includes 38 pieces from the artist's collection. They are displayed in the hall running along the west side of the Sanctuary, in the Kiosk and in the Thompson case. The exhibit will be on display through February 9, 2023.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: You are invited to join The Peoples Church for our **6 and 9 p.m. services on Christmas Eve**. There will **not** be 8:30 or 10:30 worship on Sunday, December 25th. Churches that are having a service on Christmas morning include; University United Methodist (11 a.m.) and All Saints Episcopal (10 a.m.). 10:30 worship will resume on New Year's Day, and we will return to both services on Sunday, January 8th.