

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019 • 8:30 a.m.



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. Drew Filkins

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!

Gathering Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 133

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

**Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

(Pew Bible Page 687; Large Print 1,028)

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

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

Communion

Second Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

(Pew Bible Page 966; Large Print 1,468)

Sermon

"Monologue"

Joseph, son of Jacob

Song of Reflection

"Joseph, Who Understood"

Carl Newman

Rumors are flying
All over Galilee these days
And, Mary, I'm trying to be cool
When my friends walk by 'em
They cannot look at me in the eye
Baby, I'm trying

You're asking me to believe in too many things
You're asking me to believe in too many things

I know this child
Was sent here to heal our broken time
And some things are bigger than we know
When somehow you find out
That you lost a father to a god
Well, Mary, that's life

But you're asking me to believe in so many things
You're asking me to believe in so many things

Oh, Mary, is he mine?
(Mary, is he mine?)
Mary, is he mine?
(Mary, is he mine?)
Oh, Mary, is he mine?
(Mary, is he mine?)
Tell me, is he?

You're asking me to believe in too many things
You're asking me to believe in too many things

Now, Mary, he is mine
(Mary, he is mine)
Mary, he is mine
(Mary, is he mine?)
Yeah, Mary, he is mine
(Mary, he is mine)

You're asking me to believe in too many things
You're asking me to believe in too many things

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

"Joseph, Dearest Joseph Mine"

arr. Friedrich Hoegner

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.

Sending Hymn

"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!

