

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22, 2019



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

*** Will resume in 2020**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

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



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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!**

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Kathi Mitchell, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor; please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | DECEMBER 22, 2019

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Diane Bish
Judy Kabodian, organ

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

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.

Recognition of The Peoples Church Scholarship Recipients

Lily Callis • Trinity Kelly • Isaac Pratt • Hannah Rick

Call to Worship

Leader: This morning we relight the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY. Our days of waiting are almost over for Christ will soon be born.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, and fill our hearts with hope, with peace and with joy.**

Leader: Today, we complete the Advent circle and light the candle of LOVE, for God's perfect love comes to us in Jesus Christ.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, and bring your glorious love to this weary world.**

Leader: We light this candle to remind ourselves and proclaim to the world that God so loved the world that God gave us the gift of the Christ child.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, and let your love shine in this time of worship!**

Gathering Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 121

Procession of the Light of Christ Ida Filkins and Evie Laxton

Call of Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, hear our prayers. We have created a world where the afflicted await good tidings and the brokenhearted receive no care. The captives still yearn for freedom, the oppressed dream of justice, and those who mourn cry out for comfort. We have not loved

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others as we have been loved. Forgive our sins and all the ways we have failed to be faithful. May your love soften our hard hearts and fill us with the joyful spirit of this season. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, your son, our savior. Amen.

Time for Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (verse 2 only) No. 96
**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 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
(Pew Bible Page 585; Large Print 857)

Passing the Peace of Christ *(Please stand if able)*
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Solo (8:30 a.m.) "Sweet was the Song" arr. David N. Johnson
Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "Joy to the World!" arr. John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading Matthew 1:18-25
(Pew Bible Page 966; Large Print 1,468)

Sermon "Right or Righteous?" Dr. Monroe

Baptism (10:30 a.m.) Jay Francis Tassarò Tans
Born June 14, 2018

Statement of Faith **We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and
with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity
unselfishness and service which He exemplified to the world.**

Baptism Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 475

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 (10:30 a.m.)

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

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

Holy One, in recognition of all your blessings, we bring these gifts to you. Help us to use this offering and all our talents to lift up the lowly, feed the hungry, and comfort the afflicted. May all we say and do shine with the light of Christ's love. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Love Has Come"

No. 110

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

"Glory to God in the Highest"

arr. Willard Nevins

THANK YOU!

A **HUGE** thank you to all who participated in the Edgewood Village Giving Tree Project. Your generosity provided gifts to 85 children whose Christmas morning will be a little brighter because of you! ❤️

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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**.

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 the St. Andrew's 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.

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.



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.





CHRISTMAS 2019 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

IN MEMORY OF . . .

Dr. Henry Allis, by Susan Allis

Dr. Dave Mills, by Susan Allis

Mary Dalley, by her daughters

Howard E. Angell & Daisy T. Angell, by Jann A. Angell

Lyn J. Babbitt, by Paul C. Babbitt

Jack E. Bates, by Margaret and Rob Bates

My parents, Kathryn & Hugh, and my brother, Fred, by Ken Beachler

Stanley & Dorn Brower and Marie Brower, David Brower

My husband, James F. Carey, by Renate

Dr. Curtis Liechty and John Liechty, by Jim & Connie Close

Wilbur & Ruth Close, parents, and Jack Close, brother, by Jim & Connie Close

Ralph Cummings, our loving father and grandfather, by Chris, Bill, & Jon Collette

Bill & Jane Culver, by Todd & Trude Culver

My Parents, Harold & Vivian Laser, and my sister, Marlene Laser Stemen, by Sandy Draggoo

My parents, Ruth & Warren Eddie, and my wife, Julie A. Eddie, by Kim Warren Eddie

Carol O. Ekern, by Fran Ekern

Ruth Ann Ference, by her husband, Bob

Our Michael, by Debby Harrison

Roy H. & Marion Heil, by Susan Heil-Godfrey

Our parents, by Tom & Lynne Hormmeyer

Zorob Kabodian and Linda Janecke, by Aram & Judy Kabodian

George & Katie Kerr, by their children, Christine, Calvin, Gwendolyn, and Elizabeth Ann

Adrian & Thelma Kik, by Doug & Marge Kik

George & Sundance, by Roberta Kilty

Loving parents and grandparents, George & Libby Kohl, by Linda & Rachel Kohl

Russell Kropschot, by Susan, Jeffrey, Krissa, & Families

The Hicks Family, by Joey Latterman

Mark Latterman, by Joey Latterman

Rollie & Marilyn Ledebuhr, beloved parents, grandparents, and humble servants of God, by Jane & Dave Ledebuhr

Billy & Virginia Hanel and Duane & Margaret LeRoy, by Duane & Patricia LeRoy

Bob, Julie, David, & canine Reilly, by Audrey

Frank McKowen, by Jeanne McKowen

Don & June Whipp, Jr., by Terry & Beverly Oetzel

Our parents, Rosie & Joe Perron and Helen & Larry Gieseler, by Ray & Janet Perron

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

Gail & Camille Rockwell and Lou & Esther Nowack, by David Rockwell & Mary Nowack

Loved ones, by Gretchen & Denny Rosenbrook

Wayne Steinkamp, Glenna Steinkamp, Bernie Steinkamp, and Charles & Margaret Steinkamp, by Bob Steinkamp



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IN MEMORY OF . . .

William & Adele Longhway, Jerry & Nancy Longhway, and Tom Lorenz, by Margie Steinkamp

Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Stone, by the Stone Family

Bud Belyea and Ross & Gladys Belyea—Enjoying memories of years past and sending love to each of you. Love, Eleanor Stubbs, and the families of Rick & Mary Stubbs and Dorn & Beth McGaw

Richard Stubbs and Mr. & Mrs. P.F. Stubbs—Missing you and sending love your way. Love, Eleanor Stubbs, and the families of Rick & Mary Stubbs and Dorn & Beth McGaw

David VanLooy, by Dorothy VanLooy

Thomas Vaughn and Steward Hoffman, Jr., by Merylyn Vaughn-Hoffman and Family

Dr. Curtis Liechty, John Liechty, and the parents of Lana & Steve Wagner, by Lana & Steve Wagner

Lila & Paul Schramm and Helen & Forest Watson, by Kim Schramm, Bob and Matthew Watson

Doug & Pat Roy, by Kellie & Tony Wells

Rev. Dr. Peter Carruthers, by Kenneth & Mary West

Albert A. White, by his loving family

George & Jean White, by their loving family

Keith Wilson, by Audrey Willson

Chuck Wing, by Nancy

Our parents and grandparents, by William & Janet Woolsey, Debra, and Jane

IN CELEBRATION OF . . .

Our granddaughters: Natalie, Claire, and Meredith, by Barbara & Kent Ames

Our family, by Carol & Sandy Bryson

Loving family and friends, by Mimi Burpee

Liz Reed's 27 years of faithful dedication and service, by Carol & Ron Dooley

Our 5 children and 3 grandchildren, by Jim & Lisa Kost

Our great-granddaughter, Nora Sue Wegenke, born October 28, 2019, by Gary & Sandra Wegenke

IN HONOR OF . . .

Edna & Wilbur Brookover, Laura & Ernest Hillman, Jr. and Linda Brookover Bourque, by George, Eliza, Patty, and Sam Brookover

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

Shirley Guider, by Linda, Mark, Seth, Rachel, and Adam

Keith & Barbara Lawton and Max Hall, by John & Mindy Lawton

The Lothrop-Johnson families, by Susan Lothrop

Claude & Norma Raak, by Bruce, Joel, Adam, and Jason Raak

Our beloved parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, Lary & Mary Hill, from their loving family, Tonia, Steve, and the Whittaker family

TO THE GLORY OF GOD . . .

By Jerry and Val Nilson