



Out of Egypt I called my Son

Matthew 2:15

ORDER OF WORSHIP | DECEMBER 29, 2019

Prelude "Greensleeves" arr. Stanley Roper
Judy Kabodian, organ

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: A new day has dawned; a new year is about to begin.

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear your voice.

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

People: O Lord, keep us in your ways and on your path.

Leader: As we enter this new year with hope and excitement,

People: O Lord, remind us that you lead us. O Lord, guide us as we look to you and worship you. Amen.

Gathering Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 14

Procession of the Light of Christ

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability, who comforted the growing child, that he might know love and safety. And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod; whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control

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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

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ASL Interpreted Service

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



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more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety; whenever we cling to our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed; whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power, or because we fear to know, and to change, the injustices of this world.

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's light is present in this world; present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness; present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

People: God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it. We are loved. We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Congregational Response "Restore in Us, O God" (verse 1) No. 434
**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

First Reading Isaiah 63:7-9
(Pew Bible Page 745; Large Print 1,125)

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

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

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

Solo "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Robert MacGimsey
Joe Kennedy, bass

Second Reading Matthew 2:13-23
(Pew Bible Page 966; Large Print 1,470)

Sermon "Escape to Egypt" Rev. Drew Filkins

Hymn of Response "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No.136

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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

"Holy Infant, Wondrous Fair

Jeff English

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

Blessed are you, Lord our God! Glorious is your name in all the earth! We celebrate who you are, and all that you have done for us. You hold our lives in your hands and catch us when we stumble. So we come together today, led by your Holy Spirit, to worship you: to sing your praise, to offer you these gifts that your kingdom might be known all around the earth. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

No. 132

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

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

arr. Fred Bock



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

THE PEOPLES FORUM

There will not be a Peoples Forum held on January 5 due to the Christmas and New Year holiday. Programming will resume on **January 12, 2020**.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Wednesday Night Live! is on a holiday break for the remainder of the year. Programming will resume **January 8, 2020**.

THANK YOU CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET HELPERS!

The 103 family members in the neediest areas of Greater Lansing are so grateful to members of The Peoples Church who donated and/or delivered Christmas Day meals to their homes on December 21. Thanks to drivers: Cheryl Rockwell, Grimaldo Robles, The Lindley Family, Tammy Fickies, Susan Kilmer, Susan Godfrey, The Bartholic Family, Tom Hoffmeyer & friend, Pat Mercer, Cheryl Ronk, The Laxton Family, The Dow Family, The Monroe-Mueller Family, and The Flory Family. You are a blessing to so many.

~The Holiday Food Basket Committee

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.

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.



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.

Holiday Church Office Hours

12/31: Open until Noon

1/1/20: Closed

1/2/20: Open 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1/3/20: Open 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

