



ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 5, 2020

Prelude "Echo Noel" Louis Claude D'Aquin
Judy Kabodian, organ

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

- One: Open your eyes to the signs of God's presence!
The star is in the sky and God is with us!
- All: The good news comes to us from Bethlehem.
A child is born to Mary, and God has come to earth!**
- One: God, who created all things, has come to earth indeed!
Let all creation sing songs of celebration: Jesus is born!
- All: We come from the East and the West, the North and the South.
We come bearing gifts to lay before the Holy Child.**
- One: God is doing a new thing in our midst.
This is a new day for God's realm has drawn near.
- All: With joy and hope in our hearts, we gather for worship!
We will sing and rejoice, for Jesus is here!**

Gathering Hymn "As With Gladness Men of Old" No. 150

Procession of the Light of Christ Sam Calabrese & Jonah Selby, acolytes

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**

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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Prayer of Confession

Just and righteous God, we tremble with the knowledge that you know us completely. You have blessed us with abundance and we've taken it for granted. You've given us treasure we have not appreciated. We have been ungrateful and focused only on what we lack rather than on what we have. Turn our attention away from ourselves and show us ways we can help others. O God, forgive our sins and reignite the light of Christ in our hearts. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, our savior. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

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 60:1-6
(Pew Bible Page 742; Large Print 1,120)

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

Communion

Communion Hymns "We Three Kings of Orient Are" No. 151
"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" No. 152
"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" No. 159

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One, we leave this meal in a spirit of peace; for our eyes have seen the salvation that you have accomplished in the sight of the nations, a light of revelation for the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Anthem "The Three Kings" Peter Cornelius
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed
Peter Boylan, baritone

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12
(Pew Bible Page 966; Large Print 1,469)

Sermon "Our Time Has Come" Dr. Monroe

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

"See Amid the Winter's Snow"

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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

We cannot repay you for the gift of Christ Jesus, O God. We give this offering to support the mission and ministry of this church, and we ask your blessing upon all we do. May our giving and our living bring good news to this world. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

No. 744

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

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

arr. Janet Linker



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

PEOPLES 101

Join us **TODAY** in the Robertson Room at 11:30 a.m. for Peoples 101 and learn more about The Peoples Church. This informational meeting will last approximately 30 minutes. All are welcome!

THE PEOPLES FORUM

Programming for a new series of the Peoples Forum will resume on **January 12, 2020** with Andy Mayville, who will lead a discussion about parking issues at TPC.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Wednesday Night Live! will return **January 8, 2020**. Join us for a community meal at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall followed by adult programming in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENTS

"We are so blessed to be supported by people so generous and caring. The gift cards donated through the winter donation will be used to purchase winter boots that fit the newly arriving winter refugees (who often arrive owning only flip flops). Thank you." Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from St. Vincents Refugee Services.

FAMILY FUN EVENT: PRETEND SLEEPOVER!

Join us on **Saturday, January 11**, from 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Den for our pretend sleepover! There will be a movie, festive food, sleepover games, and building forts. 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.

FREE CONCERT: MSU JAZZ ORCHESTRA 1 AND JAZZ OCTET 1

On January 11 at 3:00 p.m., The Peoples Church will host the MSU Jazz Orchestra I and the Jazz Octet I concert. Conducted by Rodney Whitaker, MSU Jazz Orchestra I and Jazz Octet I will perform a special concert as they prepare for a trip to New York City to compete in the inaugural Jack Rudin Jazz Championship at Jazz at Lincoln Center. The invitational competition features ensembles that represent 10 of the most well-regarded programs in the country. Join us for this **FREE**, exciting event!



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.