

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2019 • 9:00 p.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

* **WILL RESUME IN 2020**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**Will resume on
January 8, 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.



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE | DECEMBER 24, 2019

Prelude

"O Holy Night"
"Christmas Is Here & "In Dulci Jubilo"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Diane Bish
arr. Dale Wood

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

Leader: Once again, we light the candles of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE.
These are God's gifts to us.

Tonight, we light the Christ candle, for Christ is the greatest gift of all.

**People: We who have walked in the shadows have seen a great light.
We who have lived in darkness, on us a light now shines!**

Leader: The wait is over, the time has come,
for Mary's child is born this night.

**People: As the prophets foretold, as the shepherds proclaimed,
Jesus is born, Emmanuel!**

Leader: Come to the manger and see God's love.
Jesus Christ is born today!

**People: Glory to God in the highest!
and on earth, peace to one and all!**

Gathering Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 133

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7
(Pew Bible Page 687; Large Print 1,028)

Anthem

"O Hearken Ye"
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Wihla Hutson & Alfred Burt

Words of Preparation and 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.

Anthem

"Sans Day Carol"

arr. Llywelyn Gomer

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Christmas Night"

arr. John Rutter

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, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, the prince of peace, born in a stable.
Bless these gifts and all those gathered. May all we say and do spread the good news
and bring light to a weary world. Amen.**

Hymn

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

No. 119

Second Reading

Luke 2:1-20
(Pew Bible Page 1,026; Large Print 1,560)

Sermon

"Light One Candle"

Dr. Monroe

Sharing of the Light

Closing Hymn

"Silent Night"

No. 122

Benediction

Postlude

Toccatà on "Adeste Fideles"

arr. David H. Hegarty

THE PEOPLES FORUM

There will not be a Peoples Forum held on December 29 and 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**.

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

12/24: Open until Noon

12/25: Closed

12/26: Closed

12/27: Open

12/31: Open until Noon

1/1/20: Closed

Helpful Hints for Candle Lighting:

- Hold the lit candle still and bring the unlit candle to it
- Singing will begin once all of the candles are lit

