

Second Sunday of Advent

Music Sunday

December 4, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School is held after the Children's Moment.

Nursery Care is provided for Children Under 3.

A Nursing Room is available for those who need it. Ask an usher or the Welcome Desk for directions.

W@PC

Wednesdays @ Peoples Church is a weekly community dinner followed by programming. Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall!

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get overstimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.

THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and Sunday mornings. Phones are monitored from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Bev Mason, Chair (elders@thepeopleschurch.com).

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.

JOIN US REMOTELY!

To join the online
livestream of the
worship service,
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To join the worship
service via
telephone,
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Prelude

Soar Joyfully Aloft
Neil Mueller, trumpet Judy Kabodian, organist

J.S. Bach

Acolytes

Parker Wells & Izaak Biedenbender

Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One: The Lord has done great things for us.
Let us rejoice and sing praises to our God!

**All: God has turned our weeping into singing!
We will make a joyful noise to the Lord!**

One: We gather in celebration of God's great love.
We will praise and glorify God's holy name.

**All: With songs of praise, we will glorify God!
Come, let us worship together!**

***Gathering Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 1, 3-4)

no. 133

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

*O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ,
the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

*O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ,
the Lord!*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

*O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ,
the Lord!*

Prayer of Confession

God of time and eternity, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive our sins and bless us with a moment of peace so we might hear the song the angels sing. Open our hearts to receive once again the gift of Christ. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (v. 3)

no. 93

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Scripture

Psalm 147: 1-7

Musical Offering

Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

I. Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory in the highest to God.

II. Et in terra pax

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

And on earth peace to men of good will.

III. Laudamus te

Lydia Skrlec-Erickson & Melanie Walker, soloists

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

We praise thee. We bless thee.

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

We worship thee. We glorify thee.

IV. Gratias agimus tibi

Thanks we give to thee.

V. Propter magnam gloriam tuam

Because of thy great glory.

VI. Domine Deus

Melanie Walker, soloist

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,

Lord God, King of heaven,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

God the Father almighty.

VII. Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Lord Son only begotten, Jesus Christ.

VIII. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei

Christine Roberts, soloist

*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
Who takes away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us.

IX. Qui tollis

*Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.*

Who takes away the sins of the world,
receive our supplication.

X. Qui sedes ad dexteram

Christine Roberts, soloist

*Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.*

Who sits at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

XI. Quoniam tu solus sanctus

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.*

For thou alone art holy. Thou alone Lord.
Thou alone most high, Jesus Christ.

**XII. Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris
Amen.**

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.

Orchestra

Violin 1: Yuanmiao Li, Dr. Hsin Ju Yu, Natasha Kubit | *Violin 2:* Stefan Hubenov, Alirna Korieva,
Farangiz Takhirova | *Viola:* Gafur Nartadjiev, Gabriela Saraí Aboites-Nunez
Cello: Sandro Sidamonidze, Yichen Ke | *Bass:* Danny Sesi | *Oboe:* Gretchen Morse
Trumpet: Neil Mueller

Pastoral Prayer and 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



To make a gift online, please scan the QR code.

****Act of Praise***

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

God of love, in gratitude for all we have received from your hand, we dedicate this offering to you. May our time, our talents, and our treasure be used so others might feel your enduring love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and Blessing

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

At this table, we have experienced your love, O God, and we are content. May the Spirit empower us to live holy and joyful lives in service to you. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

Comfort, Comfort You My People

Comfort, comfort you my people, tell of peace, thus says our God; comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load. Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.

Make you straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Comfort, Comfort You My People

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1671

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

****Benediction***

Postlude

Glory to God in the Highest
Judy Kabodian, organist

Giovanni Pergolesi



Floral Dedication

Today's floral arrangements are given by Gary Dawson;
In memory of Sharon and Jeff Dawson. May their memories live on forever.

HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT: The Fine Arts Committee is pleased to announce that following a three-year hiatus due to Covid, the MSU Music Department's Holiday Brass concert will return to The Peoples Church on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. with a free concert in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS ORATORIOS CONCERT: Find inspiration this holiday season through the uplifting sound of the MSU Choral Union, University Chorale, and State Singers as they join forces with the MSU Symphony Orchestra in two gems of the season: selections from J. S. Bach and Camille Saint-Saëns' work of the same name, written as an homage to the Baroque master. This event is at the Wharton Center on December 10th at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at whartoncenter.com/events.

PERSONAL NEEDS CLOSET - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Looking for a hands-on volunteer opportunity? The Peoples Church and All Saints Episcopal Church in coordination with Christian Services, operate a Personal Needs Closet pickup every Saturday, and are looking for volunteers to help distribute these goods at All Saints on alternate Saturdays from 8:45-11:00 a.m. We would like to make a schedule for the first few months of 2023. If you may be interested, call Mimi Burpee at 517-881-6437, or via email at mimburpee@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The children are excited to perform a live Christmas Pageant during worship next Sunday, December 11th! We will have our traditional cookie party after the performance. If you would like to donate baked goods for everyone to enjoy, please contact Kathi Mitchell at kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com.

ADVENT TEA: Join the Women of Peoples Church after worship on December 11th for a special gathering celebrating the season of advent. We will enjoy a delicious brunch, fellowship, music and more. Our featured speaker will be The Peoples Church's beloved Mary West, who will speak on the topic: *A Word to the Wise*. **Tickets for this event are for sale at the Welcome Desk today after worship.** Tickets are \$10 per person; children under 8 are free. **We are also looking for volunteers** to assist with set up, clean up, and to bring cookie donations in on the 11th. Please contact Susan Nowicki, Event Chair, at susan.nowick@att.net if you would like to volunteer or you have questions.

TAIZE SERVICE: This month's Taizé Service is on December 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Services consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, Scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. This service is inter-denominational and all are welcome.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: There will not be 8:30 or 10:30 worship on Sunday, December 25th. However, you are invited to join The Peoples Church for our **6 and 9 p.m. services on Christmas Eve**. Churches that are having a service on Christmas morning include; University United Methodist (11 a.m.) and All Saints Episcopal (10 a.m.). 10:30 worship will resume on New Year's Day, and we will return to both services on Sunday, January 8th.

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT: Share the Christmas joy by providing a gift for a child at Edgewood Village, here in our local community. If you would like to purchase a gift, please contact church member Emily Anderson via e-mail at anderson2910@icloud.com or by phone at 517-648-0632. She will provide you with all the information you will need: gender and age of the child, item the child wishes and details for delivering the gift. If you would simply like to financially support this activity, that is an option too.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Our community doors have been wide open this year welcoming not only anticipated refugees but also those fleeing Afghanistan and Ukraine. Many of the latter arrived with the clothes on their backs and are now in need of winter shoes and boots. We respond, first by a gift from the Community Engagement committee to Refugee Services and second by **collection of Meijer and Target gift cards from our congregation.** The donation box will be at the Welcome Desk during Sunday services and otherwise in the office - beginning Sunday Nov. 27th until Sunday Dec 18th. Many thanks!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you would like to make a poinsettia dedication this year, email office@thepeopleschurch.com by December 11th. Please include your name, and if your gift is *In Memory of*, *In Celebration of*, or *In Honor of* someone. A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated. Checks should be made payable to 'The Peoples Church' and indicate 'Poinsettias' in the memo line. Poinsettias will be displayed during worship on December 18th and can be picked up following the 6 and 9 p.m. Christmas Eve services.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - MEALS FOR EDEGEWOOD: The Peoples Church is looking for one or two more people to shop and purchase food for an Edgewood Village family's Christmas meal. Food drop-off at Edgewood is Monday, December 19th, from 5 to 6 p.m. A shopping list and general information will be emailed to you the week before. Plan to spend \$75 on groceries for one family. If you would like to participate in this hands on service opportunity, please email Barb Dunlap at bdunlap1953@gmail.com.



DECEMBER PORTAL: The December Portal is out! If you would like to make a submission to the January Portal, please email zaho@thepeopleschurch.com by December 15th.