

# DECEMBER 5, 2021

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. -  
in the Sanctuary & Livestream  
on YouTube

Nursery 10:30 a.m.

There is NO Sunday School  
today

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Our community meal  
outreach program continues.  
Individually prepared meals  
can be picked up between  
5:00—6:00 p.m. in the  
Northwest entrance of the  
building. For more details,  
check out [The Peoples  
Church Facebook page](#).

### 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 STAFF

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### COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Kari Naghtin, 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, click  
[here!](#)

To join the worship  
service via telephone,  
please dial  
**(844) 933-0517**  
and follow the prompts.

**MAKE A GIFT  
ONLINE**

**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

# Order of Service | December 5, 2021

## **Prelude**

Veni Emmanuel  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

*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 To one and all, I say: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

All the earth, break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**All We will sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of strings.  
With one joyful voice, we will sing praises to our Creator!**

One Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

To one and all, I say: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**All We will sing you a new song, O God!  
For marvelous are your works and marvelous are the things you have done.**

One Sing God's praises and rejoice!

**All Together, we will rejoice and sing!**

## **\*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!*

**Refrain:** *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! **Refrain.***

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! **Refrain.***

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
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## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath: PEACE**

Bev & Jeff Mason

Prayer: **Gracious God, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, may the light of your peace shine in our hearts. May the divisions in ourselves and in our families be mended.**

**May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Forgive our errors and sins and help us to see the paths of peace in our lives. Lord, let us never forget that you alone are the giver of lasting peace. Amen.**

## **\*Sung Response**

no. 96, v. 2

**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.**

## **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

## **Children's Moment**

### **Anthem**

See Amid the Winter's Snow arr. Dan Forrest  
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Alleluia! See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below. See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years. Hail, thou ever blessed morn. Hail, redemption's happy dawn. Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia! Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies. He, who throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim. Hail, thou ever blessed morn. Hail, redemption's happy dawn. Sing throughout Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia! Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine, thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this. Hail, thou ever blessed morn. Hail, redemption's happy dawn. Sing throughout Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia!

### **Scripture**

Luke 3:1-6

### **Sermon**

"Set to Music"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

### **Anthem**

A Maiden Most Gentle arr. Andrew Carter

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing: Of Mary, the mother of Jesus our King. Ave Maria. How blessed is the birth of her heavenly child, who came to redeem us in Mary so mild. Ave Maria. The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call the Lord of creation, and Saviour of all. Ave Maria. Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare, and marveled in awe at the babe in her care. Ave Maria. Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray; Sing praise to the Saviour, sing endless 'Ave'. Ave Maria.

## **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

**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 Giving**

### **Offertory**

God Rest Ye Merry arr. John McIntyre

God rest you merry, gentle folk, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day. To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we had gone astray, O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy! In Bethlehem in Judah the blessed babe was born, and laid within a manger upon this blessed morn; the which his mother Mary did nothing take in scorn: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy! Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and fellowship each now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

## **\*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 glory, we are blessed to have enough to share with others. Accept this offering and the spirit in which it is given. Through the ministry of this church, teach us to walk in your light of hope and peace. May all your children prepare themselves for Christ's coming. Amen.**

## **Anthem**

I Wonder as I Wander

arr. John Rutter

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus, the Saviour, did come for to die, for poor ornery people like you and like I: I wonder as I wander out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cows' stall, with wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing: A star in the sky or a bird on the wing; Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing, he surely could have it 'cause he was the King! I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus, the Saviour, did come for to die, for poor ornery people like you and like I: I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

## **Service of Communion**

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and Blessing

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Here at your table, dear God, we have experienced something of the peace that passes all understanding. We have seen the light of your star and we will follow. May your peace and your light continue with us as we go into the world. Amen.**

## **\*Sending Hymn**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (v. 1-2)

no. 82

*Come thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
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### ***\*Benediction and 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**

Masters in This Hall

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

***\*Please stand as able***

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## **WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

**PEOPLES FORUM:** Peoples Forum will continue on **December 12th**, with “Christmas Stories.” Following this presentation, Peoples Forum will recess until January.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Today for Lunch and Lounge, Campus Ministry will be attending the WPC Advent Celebration in the Snider Social Hall! **Tuesday, December 7th** we will be holding our Campus Ministry Christmas Party at 8 p.m.!

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** **Today**, we will resume our normal programming for PCYG. Next Sunday, **December 12th**, we will hold a combined Christmas party, which will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m.!

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP:** The Tuesday morning Men’s group is reading *Everyone’s a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology* by R.C. Sproul. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.**

**TOWN & GOWN:** Town & Gown meets weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There are only 2 speakers left in this series which will conclude on **December 14th. December 7th**, we will hear from Melanie Helton. Ms. Helton is a professor of voice (soprano) and director of the MSU Opera Theatre at the Michigan State University College of Music. You are invited to join Professor Helton in the Robertson Room or via Zoom.

**SERMON PREVIEW GROUP:** meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the meeting [here](#). Meeting ID: 883 8071 4830. You can also dial 1 929 205 6099 and when prompted enter 883 8071 4830. The passage for **December 8th** is Isaiah 9:2-7.

**WEDNESDAY NOON MEN’S GROUP:** Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon in the Robertson room. We are presently discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. Our discussion leader is Sandy Bryson.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

There will be **NO** Sunday School:

- **Today, Dec. 5th**, Music Sunday
- **December 19th**, Pageant Sunday
- **December 26th**, Christmas Break

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Peoples Church will be having our Christmas Eve Service on **Friday, December 24th at 7 p.m.** This service will be held online and in person.

## GIFT CARDS FOR REFUGEE SERVICES

Yesterday's news was the evacuation from Afghanistan. Today's reality is that the evacuees/refugees have started to arrive here in Lansing. These 300 Afghanis are in addition to the 400 refugees from other parts of the world arriving here in Lansing. TPC traditionally does a gift card drive for Refugee Services to purchase footwear for the new arrivals. This is needed more than ever this year. A well marked box will be in the office for Meijer and Target gift cards (any amount). Gift cards will be accepted **until December 12th**. Thanks in advance for past support for underwear and gift cards. Questions? Contact Ruth Worthington at [worthin2@msu.edu](mailto:worthin2@msu.edu).

## PORTAL DEADLINE

The deadline for the January Portal is **Wednesday, December 15th!** We are looking to add more member contributions; if you have ideas for submissions, such as jokes, art, poetry, or pet pictures - let us know. Email Elizabeth at [eprice@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:eprice@thepeopleschurch.com) with any feedback for future portals, or if you have something you'd like to submit!

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Each year during the Holiday season, we decorate our sanctuary with Poinsettias. If you would like to take part in this tradition, please fill out the form on the back of this bulletin. Or, if you would prefer, you can visit [this link](#) (online version of bulletin only) to fill out an electronic version. The deadline to order a poinsettia is **December 17th**-don't delay!

## LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

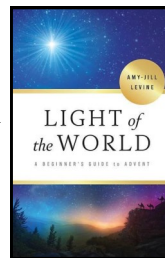
The Peoples Church will hold a service of hope and healing on **Sunday, December 19th at 4 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Every holiday season, the Peoples Church Community Engagement Committee provides families in the Lansing area with Holiday Food Baskets. This year we look forward to serving our community like we always have—with a few small changes and some help from you! As an alternative to food baskets, we will offer a “food credit” at a small grocery store. This arrangement provides the family the ability to determine what food best fits their needs during the holidays and only restricts alcohol, tobacco and cleaning products. We want to thank you for your generous support—because of you we were able to provide 30 families with a food credit for Thanksgiving. With your continued support we can adopt the same 30 families for **Christmas**, and provide them with another a memorable holiday. We greatly appreciate your help in supporting our community, and pray we are one day able to deliver food to these families in person!

## Advent Study and Reflection

Our pastors will be leading a weekly study and reflection time during Advent. The class will be offered twice a week, on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 11:45 a.m.; choose the class that best fits with your schedule. The classes will follow *Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine. Details on how to join the Zoom can be found on our website under *Events at TPC* or on our Facebook page.



### EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT—LAST CALL FOR ELVES

Christmas is almost here and we need **your** help. For many of the children at Edgewood Village, a gift given by The Peoples Church will be the only gift they receive for Christmas. If you would like to make this a memorable Christmas for a child in our local community, please contact Emily Anderson at [anderson2910@icloud.com](mailto:anderson2910@icloud.com) or 517-648-0632. Emily will provide you with all the information you need: gender, age, a wish list for the child, and details for returning the gift. If you would simply like to financially support this activity, that is an option too. **Gifts need to be returned to Emily Anderson by December 12th!**

### Christmas Poinsettia Memorial Gifts

Please return forms to the church office no later than **December 17th, 2021!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I would like to honor a loved one with a poinsettia this holiday season.** (a suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated. Please make checks payable to The Peoples Church and indicate "Poinsettias" in the memo line.)

**Please accept my gift:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **In Memory of**

\_\_\_\_\_ **In Honor of**

\_\_\_\_\_ **In Celebration of**

\_\_\_\_\_ **To the Glory of God**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorial Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

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