

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## NOVEMBER 30, 2014

be watchful!  
**BE ALERT!**  
YOU DO NOT  
**KNOW WHEN**  
the time will  
**come.** - mark  
**13:33**

ThePeoplesChurch.com



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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## SUNDAY MORNING

**8:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Chapel

**9:30 a.m.**

Adult Sunday School  
Children's Chapel  
Confirmation Class\*  
PCYG Open Hang Out  
Peoples Forum\*

**9:45 a.m.**

Carol Choir Rehearsal\*

**10:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Children's Sunday School\*\*

**11:30 a.m.**

Coppertone Rehearsal\*  
Campus Ministry\*

*\*Resumes Dec. 7*

*\*\*Resumes Dec. 21*

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.**

Dance 149  
Youth Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 p.m.**

Animate | Campus Ministry  
Faith Builders | Children's Education  
Skipping Christmas | Adult Formation  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Yoga Class

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## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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## ABOUT OUR CHRISMONS TREE

The beautiful ornaments that adorn the tree at the front of the Sanctuary are known as Chrismons - *CHRIST MONograms*. They have been made over a number of years by the children, youth and adults of The Peoples Church. Chrismons are always made of white and gold materials to signify Christ's purity and majesty.

**There are at least 8 different crosses on the tree. See how many you can find.**

**Celtic Cross** - A cross with a ring surrounding its intersection. Legend says St. Patrick used the image to teach pagans about the importance of the cross by linking it to the life-giving properties of the Sun.

**Cross of Constantine** - Formed by the first two Greek letters of the word, Christ: Chi and Rho. It is a symbol of Christ, the victorious king.

**Cross Treflee** - Three circles at each end represent the Trinity: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Cross with Orb** - The circle reminds us earth and heaven are in the Lord's hands. Also, that we are to spread the Word of God around the earth.

**Eastern (Russian) Cross** - Three horizontal cross-beams. The top represents the plate inscribed with INRI, and the bottom, a footrest, slanted up toward the penitent thief on Jesus' right and down toward the impenitent thief on his left.

**Greek Cross** - Symmetrical cross that represents the four directions of the earth and the spreading of the Gospel.

**Latin Cross / Passion Cross** - The points on each end symbolize the thorns, nails and spear of Christ's crucifixion.

**St. Andrew's Cross** - The X-shaped cross on which the Apostle Andrew was martyred. It is often used as a symbol of the whole church.

**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.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 30, 2014

### **Prelude**

"Sleepers Wake"

J.S. Bach

### **Welcome to The Peoples Church!**

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

### **Call to Worship**

All creation holds its breath.

**The time is almost here.**

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

**Excitement is all around us.**

Prepare your hearts – The grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.

**We gather to make ready our hearts  
for the coming of Christ, our hope.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*(Please stand if able.)*

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**No. 82**

**Procession of the Light of Christ** (10:30 a.m.) Karli Gonzales & Kayleigh Rust, acolytes

### **Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

Week One: HOPE

For what do we hope?

**We hope for peace**

We hope for love.

**We hope for joy.**

We hope for hope.

**As we light this Advent candle of hope, remind us of the hopes, fears, dreams and longings of our neighbors, our friends, our family and our enemies. Teach us to hope for things that last, things that heal and things that astound. On this day, we hope God is listening. We hope God will answer. We hope we believe. We hope God will come again.**

Jesus Christ is the hope for the whole world.

**Choral Response** "The People Who Walked in Darkness" (Verse 1)

**No. 86**

*The people who walked in darkness awaken to see a great light.  
The people who dwelt in the land of shadow rise to a star shining bright.  
His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Father Forever, Prince of Peace.*

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 64:1-9  
(Pew Bible Page 746, Large Print Page 1,127)

**Celebration of Holy Communion** (8:30 a.m.)

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

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

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

**New Testament Reading**

Mark 13:24-37  
(Pew Bible Page 1,018, Large Print Page 1,548)

**Sermon** "Are We There Yet? I'm Tired of Waiting" Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**Prayers of the People**

*(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)*

**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.**

**Thanksgiving  
& Dedication**

"Kyrie" from *Mass of Angels*

Lani Smith

**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**

Dear God,  
As we journey down this Advent road,  
grant us the courage to embrace hope.  
Hope in our hearts,  
Hope in our homes,  
Hope in our community.  
Use our hope for good, for love, and for grace.  
Amen.

**Sending Hymn**

*(Please stand if able.)*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**No. 88**

**Benediction** *(Please stand if able.)*

**Benediction Response**

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (Refrain)

**No. 113**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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**Postlude**

"Savior of the Nations"

Paul Manz

**Today's Floral Offering**

*Given by Penny Graham-Yooll In loving memory of Charlie Waller.*



## CONNECT

### LAST CALL: ADVENT TEA TICKETS

Today is the last day to purchase tickets for Women of Peoples Church annual Advent Tea that will take place at 1 p.m. on Dec. 3 in Snider Social Hall. Tickets are available in the Northwest Entrance. Attendees are encouraged to carpool to fit all cars in the parking lot.

### FREE HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT | DEC. 8

Our second annual Free Holiday Brass Concert, presented by the MSU School of Music, will be offered at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 in the Main Sanctuary. Last year's concert was marvelous and more than 100 parishioners attended. This evening of Christmas music under the direction of Dr. Richard Illman is sure to be one that you won't want to miss. The concert is sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee. Light refreshments will be served in Friendship Hall following the concert. We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening of music.



### ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY | DEC. 7

Mark your calendars for our annual Advent Music Sunday. Our wonderful Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed, will lead us in worship with music from Handel's Messiah, including the "Hallelujah Chorus." Music Sunday will be celebrated during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Dec. 7.



### 'THE FIRST CHRISTMAS' | DEC. 14

The annual Children's Christmas Program will be presented as part of our 10:30 a.m. worship service on Dec. 14. Plan now to enjoy this great Advent tradition here at The Peoples Church. The children will present the story of "The First Christmas."

### PEOPLES 101

Want to know more about The Peoples Church? Join in on our monthly Q&A session about this great community of faith. Peoples 101 will be offered on Dec. 7 in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome.



## SERVE

### SOUTHSIDE KITCHEN

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at the Southside Kitchen each month through 2015. Members of The Peoples Church are invited to serve on the third Tuesday of each month: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, Apr. 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. Questions? Contact Jan Perron at RPerron631@aol.com.

### SIGN UP: SOUTH SIDE KITCHEN

\_\_\_\_ YES! I would like to volunteer to serve at the Southside Kitchen in 2015.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MONTH(S) AVAILABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

# RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE | DECEMBER 8 | 3-9 P.M. | ROBERTSON ROOM

Make an appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Sponsor code PEOPLES CHURCH EL or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



## GROW

### SKIPPING CHRISTMAS WITH PASTOR DREW | WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

We know about Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, the lack of room at the inns, the shepherds and the chorus of angels, the birth of a savior in a lowly manger and the visit by the magi. It is often told as an innocent story. But what if the coming of the Messiah was not good news to all? After all, King Herod seemed threatened by Jesus. Come learn about the parts of the Christmas story that we like to skip over. Join us at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10 in the Robertson Room.

### PEOPLES FORUM | DEC. 7

The Peoples Forum will welcome Rena Van Atta, owner of The Old General Store in Old Town, at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 7 in the Robertson Room. She will share tales of her unique store, Christmas in Old Town and the creative spirit the area embraces. Musical groups often play in her store's garden area. All are welcome.

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Interested in digging deeper into scripture? All are welcome to join in Monday Morning Bible Study, which gathers at 11 a.m. each week in the Centennial Room. Join us for study and friendship. We are currently reading and discussing N.T. Wright's book, "Matthew: 25 Studies for Individuals and Groups." For more information please contact Mary Hill at (517) 339-2502, Barb Potter at (517) 332-4733, or Pastor Drew.



### THURSDAYS WITH JESUS

All women are welcome to join Thursdays With Jesus at 6:30 p.m. each week in the Robertson Room. Their fall study is "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruits of the Spirit."

### THURSDAY MEN'S GROUPS

Our **MORNING MEN'S GROUP** meets at 7:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room and the **AFTER-NOON MEN'S GROUP** meets at 12:00 p.m. in the Library each week.



## SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM

### NEXT DROP-OFF: SMALL BATTERIES (FIRST SUNDAY)

The Peoples Church Recycling Program is a volunteer service to the members of our faith community. Items can be dropped off near our sign in the Northwest Entrance. Please be sure to only drop off items at this location on the Sundays that they are to be collected. It is difficult for us to store all of the items we recycle. Also, clean and rinse the items you bring in. Soiled items will be discarded in the trash. Recycle many other items each day at our Recycling Center across from the Church Office.

# 2015 ADVENT HOLIDAY CALENDAR

THE PEOPLES CHURCH



**DECEMBER 3** | ADVENT TEA - 1:00 p.m., Snider Social Hall

**DECEMBER 7** | ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

**DECEMBER 8** | FREE HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**DECEMBER 14** | CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

**DECEMBER 17** | LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE - 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**DECEMBER 24** | CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE - 6:00 & 10:00 p.m., Sanctuary

**SIGN UP** | *Return forms to Offertory Plate on Sunday or the Church Office during the week.*

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GIFTS (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_ YES! I would like to make a \$20 contribution to the Sanctuary Decorating Fund. Please accept my gift:

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of

\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration of

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

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **THE PEOPLES CHURCH** and indicate "Poinsettias" in the memo line. DEADLINE TO ORDER IS DEC. 15.

*Questions? Contact Dee Przybylski at 517-332-5073 or [dprzybylski@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:dprzybylski@thepeopleschurch.com)*