

SUNDAY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 28, 2014



LORD, YOU MAY NOW DISMISS YOUR SERVANT IN PEACE.
FOR MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION.

- LUKE 2:29-30



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*

**Off this week*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Dance 149

Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Faith Builders | Children's Education

Adult Formation

Peoples Church Youth Group

Yoga Class

**WNL! returns Jan. 7.*

CHURCH OFFICE

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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 - *CHRIS*t *MON*ograms. 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 four orb-based Chrismons on the tree that symbolize the way to eternal life. They are based on a structure of two circles. The inner circle represents the earth and the outer circle represents heaven. **Can you find all four?**

Floral Orb - *With edges that resemble the petals of a flower, this orb symbolizes creation and the life of Christ. "I am the life."*

Sun Orb - *With edges that resemble the rays of the Sun, this orb calls on us to worship in spirit and truth. "I am the truth."*

Cross Orb - *The orb reminds us the way to heaven is through faith. "I am the way."*

The round Chrismons with crosses on the top represent Christ's influence over the whole world.



GIVE ONLINE

[ThePeoplesChurch.com](https://www.ThePeoplesChurch.com)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

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.*

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Prelude

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

Call to Worship

Leader: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,
People: God is there.

Leader: When Jesus is presented at the temple,
People: God is there.

Leader: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,
People: God is there.

Leader: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,
People: God is there.

Leader: This very morning,
People: God is here.

Leader: In the future we cannot see,
People: God is there.

All: Let us worship God, together!

Gathering Hymn
(Please stand if able.)

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 133

Prayer of Confession

We confess we are not the people you hope us to be, Mighty God. The very ones you favor, we too often ignore or ridicule. The ones you knock off their pedestals, we admire and emulate. We are so focused on having more and more, we risk being sent away empty.

(continued)

Forgive us, Mighty God, and look upon us with grace. We desire to live secure in your love; we want to be the ones of peace for our world, we seek to do your will, as did Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

(Pew Bible Page 744, Large Print Page 1,122)

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

Luke 2:22-40

(Pew Bible Page 1,027, Large Print Page 1,561)

Sermon

"Buying What I Already Own"

Rev. Drew Filkins

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.

Offertory

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

Lord our God, we give you thanks and praise, and we dedicate to you our offering. In this we also dedicate the workings of our hands, the thinking of our minds, and the loving of our hearts. May each be used for the glory of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sending Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" **No. 119**

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Refrain) **No. 113**

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Prelude

Those who would like are invited to take a Poinsettia from the Sanctuary following today's 10:30 a.m. worship service. We encourage you to share this beautiful plant with a homebound member or friend.



CONNECT

PEOPLES 101

Our informal Q&A session, is hosted the first Sunday each month in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | JAN. 11

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of our faith family here at The Peoples Church? We encourage you to join us for our next New Members Class. The 90-minute class will be hosted in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on January 11. (Following the class, you will be invited to formally join the church on January 25). Please contact the church office if you plan to attend, and also indicate if you will need childcare. We look forward to meeting with you!



GROW

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE | JAN. 5

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" to lead our conversations. For more information please contact Mary Hill at (517) 339-2502, Barb Potter at (517) 332-4733, or Pastor Drew.

THURSDAYS WITH JESUS | JAN. 8

All women are welcome to join Thursdays With Jesus at 6:30 p.m. each week in the Robertson Room.

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUPS | JAN. 8

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.



SERVE

SOUTHSIDE KITCHEN

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at the Southside Kitchen each month through 2015. Peoples Church members are invited to serve on the third Tuesday of each month: We are still looking for help on March 17, 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.

PERSONAL NEEDS BANK

Help stock the Personal Needs Bank. We collect bar soap, deodorant, sanitary pads, tampons, disposable diapers, baby wipes, disposable razors (men's and women's), shaving cream, dish soap, facial tissue or paper towels. The Personal Needs Bank is a joint ministry of The Peoples Church and All Saints Episcopal Church. We have served more 200 families in 2014. Donation baskets are located in the Main Sanctuary and at the Welcome Center in the Northwest Entrance. Thank you for your continued and generous support of this important ministry to our local community.

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

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: _____