

# EPIPHANY SUNDAY JANUARY 4, 2015



## 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*

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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.**

Adult Formation  
Faith Builders | Children's Education  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Yoga Class

**WNL! returns this week!**



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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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## CONNECT

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS | JAN. 11

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of our faith family here at The Peoples Church, while worshiping with us during the holiday season? 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!

## 2015 MEN'S RETREAT | FEB. 20-22

All men are invited to a weekend of manly fun, manly games, manly meals, manly movies, manly conversations and spiritual refreshment Feb. 20 - 22 during our annual Peoples Church Men's Retreat. This year's retreat is all about "Screen Time: Exploring our Faith through Movies and Conversations" and will take place at the Howell Nature Center. The retreat begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and ends Sunday morning with a chapel service. Cost is \$95; includes lodging and meals. To learn more or register for the weekend, contact Aram Kabodian at 517-204-6440.



# GIVE ONLINE

[ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://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.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 4, 2015

**Prelude** "Noel" Theodore Dubois

**Musical Introit** "There's A Star in the East" African-American Spiritual

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**Call to Worship** (Based on Luke 1: 46-50)

Leader: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

**People: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children,  
in the wisdom of elders.**

Leader: We gather asking, 'where will we find the child of Christmas?'

**People: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope,  
where the oppressed are set free.**

Leader: We gather wanting to know,  
"Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?"

**People: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace,  
where hatred is overwhelmed by love,  
where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 143  
(Please stand if able.)

**Prayer for the Light of Christ**

**Holy God of light, shining in darkness, through a little child born in Bethlehem, you open to us the treasure of your grace. Help us to search diligently for him, so that we may offer our lives to you with thanksgiving, joy, and praise; through Jesus Christ, the rising star. Amen.**

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

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

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

***Old Testament Reading***

Jeremiah 31:7-14

(Pew Bible Page 788, Large Print Page 1,195)

***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.**

***New Testament Reading***

John 1:1-18

(Pew Bible Page 1,062, Large Print Page 1,561)

***Sermon***

"Aha! The Manger"

David Forsberg

***Offertory*** (10:30 a.m.)

"Where Shepherds Lately Knel't"

Carl Schalk

*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

***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***

**Come, Holy Spirit. Write your truth within us. Claim us as your own. Show us what it means to follow you— to be your people in the world. Renew our hearts and minds. Fill us with your love and compassion, so that our lives may make you known throughout our hurting, hungry world. Amen.**

## ***Celebration of Holy Communion***

### ***Hymns During Communion***

*(We will Sing as Time Allows)*

"The First Nowell"

**No. 147**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**No. 133**

"Away in a Manger"

**No. 115**

### ***Sending Hymn***

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

**No. 151**

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

### ***Benediction 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.**

### ***Prelude***

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

arr. Janet Linker

### ***Today's Floral Offering***

*Given by Mary Culham in memory of Joan Culham.*

### ***Today's Fellowship Offering***

*Given by Joan Wright in celebration of her brother's "significant" birthday.*

## PEOPLES FORUM | JAN. 11

Join us for a special 2-part Peoples Forum next Sunday as we welcome Kristen Johnson to discuss a new wellness initiative beginning here at The Peoples Church. At 9:30 a.m. she will present "Tools for a Healthier You in the New Year," focusing on nutrition and rejuvenation. At 11:30 a.m. will be "Practical Ways to Incorporate Movement, Healthy Eating and Rest in Your Already Busy Life." Both sessions will take place in the Robertson Room.



## 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.



## GROW

### HILDEGARD, JULIAN & BETSY | JAN. 7 & 14

Hildegard of Bingen and Julian of Norwich are two mystics who are known for their writings, faith and theological wisdom. They also are no strangers to controversy. Join Betsy Aho as she leads us in learning about these "Mystics of the Middle Ages." We will explore some of their writings and teachings, as well as discuss the culture and events surrounding their place in history. We'll discuss Hildegard of Bingen on Jan. 7 and Julian of Norwich on Jan. 14. Discussion will take place in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. as part of our *Wednesday Night Live!* program. A Community Meal will be served at 5:30 in Snider Social Hall. All are welcome.



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