

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 20, 2015

From the rising of the sun



*to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

+ PSALM 113:3 +



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823
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SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
*Carol Choir Rehearsal
*Confirmation Class
PCYG Open Hang Out
Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal
*Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
*Dance 149

**Off this Week.*

*WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation
Holy Moly | Children's Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class

**WNL! returns Jan. 13.*

'We'll be home for Christmas!'

Pastor Andrew and his family returned to their home this month following their house fire earlier this year. They invite you to help celebrate this personal blessing and the universal joy of the Christmas story ... All are welcome.

PASTOR ANDREW'S HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

1137 Teakwood Cir.,
Haslett, Mich.

SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM



**NEXT DROP-OFF:
GREEN GLASS (FOURTH SUNDAY)**

Items can be dropped off near our sign in the Northwest Entrance. Please be sure to only drop off clean, rinsed 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. Thank you.

MEMORIAL DEDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY FLOWERS



Sunday Floral Dedications offer members weekly opportunities to celebrate and remember loved ones. Dedications may be reserved with a memorial gift of \$85 to benefit the Sanctuary Fund. Reserve a Sunday using the notebook at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office at 517-332-5073.

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS AND PLEDGE FULFILLMENT



Those who wish to make an end-of-year charitable gift or fulfill their 2015 Annual Campaign pledge are asked to make sure their gifts are donated or postmarked by Dec. 28 to insure their credit to the 2015 fiscal year budget. Tax statements will be sent out in January. Questions? Contact Dee Przybylski in the church office at 517-908-4446. You may also give electronically at ThePeoplesChurch.com/give. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our mission.



**MAKE A
GIFT
ONLINE**

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 | DECEMBER 20, 2015

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "The Shepherds at the Manger" Franz Liszt

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Christmastide" Arnold Sherman
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship "Joy to the World" Casting Crowns
Dance 149 directed by Jodi Cook

Gathering Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **No. 88**
(Please stand if able.)

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Responsive Prayer Betsy Aho

Leader: We light the fourth Advent candle to illuminate our journey,

People: To we see the hope God is bringing into the world.

Leader: Let this light remind us of God's hope.

People: And help us live into those promises through our love for one another.

Leader: Let us worship our ever faithful Lord.

Responsive Song "Christ is Coming" (Verse 3) **No. 360**

With that blessed hope before us, flutes are tuned and harps are strung;

Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:

Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the song.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 113

(Pew Bible Page 607, Large Print Page 894)

Bell Anthem

(10:30 a.m.)

“Christmas Bells” (Czech Carol)

arr. M. Thompson

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.

Children are dismissed to participate in Sunday School at this time. (10:30 a.m.)

They will return to the Sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

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

Choral Anthem

(10:30 a.m.)

“A Babe is Born”

William Matthias

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

New Testament Reading

Luke 1:57-80

(Pew Bible Page 1,024, Large Print Page 1,559)

Sermon

“What Will the Child Become?”

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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Responsive Song

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

No. 347

Dooley Scholarship Presentation (10:30 a.m.)

Audrey Henry

Daniel Shafer

Gregory Naghtin

Matthew Watson

Taryn Schrems

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 and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

Christmas Carol Fest

arr. Douglas Wagner

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Verse 1)	No. 133
"The First Nowell" (Verse 1)	No. 147
"Away in a Manger" (Verse 1)	No. 115
"Joy to the World" (Verse 1)	No. 134
"Silent Night, Holy Night!" (Verse 1)	No. 122

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

God, who is faithful and just, help us be equally consistent with our neighbors by loving all people the same, regardless of the barriers and differences the world tells us exist between brother and sister, parent and child, enemy and friend. Use us to be instruments of your peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!"

No. 132

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Advent Benediction Response

"Go Tell it on the Mountain" (Refrain)

No. 136

***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

Postlude

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

arr. Janet Linker

Today's Fellowship Offering

Given in celebration of Don & Merlyn Dickson's 75th Wedding anniversary by David & Janet Ronk.

Poinsettia Dedications | Christmas 2015

IN MEMORY OF ...

Dr. Harry D. Allis and Dr. David Milk by Susan Allis.

Lynn J. Babbitt by Paul Babbitt.

Our parents: Jim Barbieri and Harry & Midge Seitz by Chuck & Lorie Barbieri.

Marge Joslin by Margaret & Jack Bates.

My parents, Kathryn & Hugh Beachler by Ken Beachler.

My husband, Norm, by Marion Bird and family.

Stanley & Doris Brower and Marie Brower by David Brower.

Our parents, Bill & Helen Elizabeth Harris and William & Norma Sarah Budde by Wayne & Sue Budde.

Ralph Cummins, father and grandfather, by Chris, Bill & Jon Collette.

Gus & Bessie Collette and Jim & Martha Kell by Bill, Chris & Jon Collette.

Doug Crist by Alice Crist and family.

Mary Dalley by her daughters.

Richard & Doris Luther and Judge Robert Danhof by Bill & Nancy Danhof.

My father, Robert Davis, by Barb & Jim Dunlap.

Warren & Ruth Eddie and Julie A. Eddie by Kim Warren Eddie.

John & Joan Newhof and Weldon & Dorothy Emerson by Bert & Lynne Emerson.

Don & Mary Grummon, Polly & Jay Haight II and Jay Haight III by Dave & Phyllis Grummon.

Michael Gerkin by Emily & Kyle Guerrant.

Mary Nuechterlein by the Hamlin & King Family.

Roy H. Heil by Marion Heil and Susan Godfrey.

Greg Hilton by Suzette Hilton.

Donald H. Huldin by Lois Huldin.

Thomas & Dorothy Jones by John Jones.

Kevin A. Kelly, Bonny Kelly and Dorothy & Jim Savvas by Jamie, Daniel and Michael Kelly.

George & Katie Kerr by their children.

Our fathers, Jong Ku Kim and John Stoughton by the Kim Family.

George & Libby Kohl, beloved parents and grandparents, by Linda and Rachel Kohl

Barb & Keith Lawton and Max D. Hall by Mindy & John Lawton.

Judith Lessard, Louis Lessard Sr. and Lillian Anna Mae Jones by Lou & Alicia Lessard and family.

Our son, John, and good friend, Marge Joslin, by Curt & Mary Liechty.

Marian & Richard Braund by Ann, John and Abby Lindley.

David Lindley by Ann, John and Abby Lindley.

Son and daughter-in-law, Craig & Kimberly Hale, and husband, Jim Cooke, by June Marsh.

Julie, parents and grandparents by the Robert Martin Family.

My parents and other family members so influential in our lives by Barbara McMillan.

Donald B. Moore, M.D. by Children & Grandchildren.

Mary A. Nash by Bill & Patricia Nash.

Gail & Camille Rockwell and Esther Nowack by Mary Nowack, David Rockwell and family.

IN MEMORY OF . . .

Larry Giesler, Joe & Rosie Perron by Helen Giesler, Ray & Jan Perron.
Dean & Paula Telder and Adelia & Harry Przybylski by Dee & Dave Przybylski.
Our grandparents, Tom DeSimone and Polly & Jack Reed, by Hallie and Christopher Reed.
Carol & Paul Fowler by Wes & Susan Reedy.
Irving & Ruby Ronk, Robert & Zoe Hicks, Tom Moriarty, May Lohr, Bernice & Ard Sackrider,
and Phyllis & Joe Owen by the Ronks.
Our parents by Stew & Shirley SirLouis.
William & Adele Longhway and Jerry Longhway by Margie & Bob Steinkamp.
Wayne & Glenna Steinkamp and Bernie Steinkamp by Margie & Bob Steinkamp.
Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Stone by the Stone Family.
The music, sermons & gardening of Jim Stroup by John Stroup.
Robert N. Thomas by Dorothy G. Thomas & Sons.
David Van Looy by Dorothy, Chip & Denice Van Looy.
Stephen & Karen Vaughn and their father, Thomas H. Vaughn, by Merrilyn Vaughn-Hoffman.
John Liechty and our parents by Lana & Steve Wagner
Don & Ruth Ehle by Dr. Robert & Helen Ward.
Carol Wells by Tony & Kellie Wells and boys.
My beloved wife, Peggy, by Dr. Randy Wirth.
Kenneth & Mildred Moore and Allen Woolsey & Grace Woolsey Garfield
by Bill & Janet Woolsey, Debra & Jane.

IN CELEBRATION OF . . .

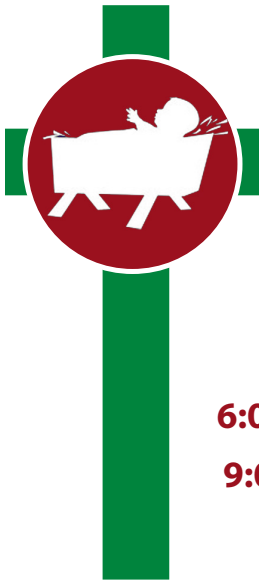
Wally & Sylvia Aho's 45th Wedding Anniversary by Phil & Betsy Aho.
The engagement of Ashley & Dustin by Chuck & Lorie Barbieri
Our family - Tom, Heidi, Beth & Katie by Carol & Sandy Bryson.
Our children and grandchildren: Bill, John, Kathleen, Jack and Lola Ferris by Jake & Maxine Ferris.
Our granddaughters, Kennedy and Charlotte by Jim & Lisa Kost.
Paul's senior year at East Lansing High School by Dee & Dave Przybylski.
The Wilbur & Ruth Wright children, grandchildren and great grandchildren by Joan Wright, daughter.

IN HONOR OF . . .

Our wonderful family and friends, past and present, by Patty & George Brookover.
Adam Loomis by Duncan Darnell.
Carol O. Ekern by Fran Ekern.
Our grandson, Thomas Corner, a senior at Holt High School by Dr. Robert & Helen Ward.

GLORY OF GOD

Jack & Jean Draper
Thomas & Traci Dudley
The Robert Martin Family



CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Worship Services

AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

6:00 p.m. | Family Service with Youth & Children's Choirs

9:00 p.m. | Traditional Service with the Sanctuary Choir

11:00 p.m. | Midnight Vigil and Traditional Carols

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SOUTHSIDE KITCHEN

Peoples Church members will continue to serve lunches at the Southside Kitchen on a monthly basis through 2016. It's exciting to see how our volunteer base has grown. Thank you for your outstanding support. We have once again been asked to serve on the third Tuesday of each month starting in January (Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 15, Apr. 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20). If you are interested in helping with this wonderful mission, contact Janet Perron at RPerron631@aol.com and let her know the dates you can serve.

BREAD DELIVERERS NEEDED

Panera Bread in Okemos generously donates all its leftover bread to Edgewood Village every Wednesday night at closing (9:00 p.m.). We are looking for a volunteer to pick up bread on Wednesday evening and deliver it to our neighbors at Edgewood Village on Thursday mornings. Contact Barbara Scott at 517-889-5603.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

We study each Monday at 11 a.m., examining key stories, events and themes throughout the Word of God. For more information, contact Pastor Drew.