

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 18, 2016



The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

+ Luke 1:35 +



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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 Bible Exploration

*Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

*Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry

*Coppertones Rehearsal

*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 Classes

*Holy Moly | Children's Education

*Peoples Church Youth Group

*Yoga Class

WNL! returns Jan. 11

YOU'RE INVITED TO
PASTOR ANDREW & RACHELL POMERVILLE'S
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



TODAY | 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
1137 Teakwood Cir., Haslett, Mich.

ALL ARE WELCOME

SUNDAY WORSHIP
DEC. 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY
JAN. 1 | NEW YEAR'S DAY
10:30 A.M. (ONLY)

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED DEC. 26 - DEC. 30.



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CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Worship Services

6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Family Service with Youth & Children's Choirs

9:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Traditional Service with the Sanctuary Choir

11:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Midnight Vigil and Traditional Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 a.m. | Robertson Room

Fireside Lessons & Carols

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 18, 2016

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "What Child is This?" arr. R. Vaughn Williams

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Christmas Joy" C. Dobrinski
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Inspired by Luke 1:46-50, Mary's Magnificat)

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

People: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Leader: The mighty One has done great things for us!

People: Holy is God's name!

Leader: Let us worship God.

**People: For God is our maker and our redeemer;
from generation to generation, the Lord gives mercy.**

Gathering Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" No. 140
(Please stand if able.)

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle Week Four: Hope

Leader: Four candles burning bright,

People: Chasing away the darkness from light.

Leader: Four candles glowing light,

People: The blessing of God, giving new sight.

**People: God of angels and sheep, the poor and meek, in these days before
Christmas, quiet us so we may hear where new life is struggling to be
born, slow our rush so we may hear the faint sound of angel wings and
the words whispered in hope. Open our hearts to the wonder of
Emmanuel God with us. Amen.**

Congregational Response No. 360

***Christ is coming! Let creation from its groans and labor cease;
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of peace.***

First Reading

Psalm 113

(Pew Bible Page 607; Large Print 894)

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

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

*Children are dismissed to participate in Sunday School at this time. (10:30 a.m.)
You may pick up your child in the McCune Chapel following the worship service.*

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

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

Solo (8:30 a.m.)

"In the Bleak Midwinter"
Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

arr. Patrick Liebergen

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Mid-Winter"
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Bob Chilcott

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.

Second Reading

Luke 1:26-38

(Pew Bible Page 1,025; Large Print 1,558)

Sermon

"What About Mary?"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella" *(Clarion Ringers)*

C. Dobrinski

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

Most High God, for you nothing is impossible.

**Through a poor young woman in a small town
you gave birth to your realm of endless glory.**

**By your Holy Spirit, fill us with new life and hope
and overshadow us with your power and grace
so that we, like Mary, might be your servants,
bearing witness to the promise of your Word;
through Jesus Christ, who is coming to reign.**

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

No. 133

Installation and Ordination of New Elders (10:30 a.m.)

Jodi Cook
Beth Lundy
Jennifer Nagel
Barbara Scott
Lew Worthington

Profession of Faith

**We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity,
unselfishness and service which he exemplified to the world.**

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.**

Postlude

"Rhapsodie on a Catalan Carol"

Eugene Gigout

Poinsettia Dedications | *Christmas 2016*

IN MEMORY OF . . .

Harry D. Allis, MD by Susan A. Allis

David Mills, DDS by Susan A. Allis

Lyn J. Babbitt by Paul C Babbitt

My parents, Kathryn & Hugh Beachler, by Ken Beachler

Norm by Marion Bird & family

Stanley & Doris Brower and Marie Brower by David Brower

Timothy Cornfield by Sheila Cornfield & family

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

Our fathers, Judge Robert Danhof & Richard Lothor, by Bill & Nancy Danhof

My parents, Harold & Vivian Laser, and sister, Marlene Stemen, by Sandy Draggoo

My parents, Ruth & Warren Eddie, and my late wife, Julie Eddie, by Kim Eddie

Carol O. Ekern by Fran Ekern

John & Joan Newhof by Bert & Lynne Emerson

Weldon & Dorothy Emerson by Bert & Lynne Emerson

Dr. Clyde & Miriam Flory and Max McComb by Clyde & Karen Flory

Flick & Smitty Gerkin by Emily & Kyle Guerrant

Keith Graft, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kenefick, Mr. & Mrs. Huhn by The Grafts

Roy H. Heil by Marion & Susan Heil

Mr. & Mrs. E. Ralph Maxwell and Mr. & Mrs. Dorwin E. Hoffmeyer by Tom & Lynne Hoffmeyer

Donald H. Huldin by Lois Huldin

George & Libby Kohl by Linda & Rachel Kohl

Keith & Barb Lawton by John & Mindy Lawton

Max Hall by John & Mindy Lawton

My loving husband, Curt, and son, John, by Mary Liechty & Family

Anna Jones, Louis Lessard Sr. and Judith Lessard by Louis & Alicia Lessard

Rollie Ledebuhr by Marilyn, David & Jane Ledebuhr

My son and daughter-in-law, Craig & Kim Hale, by June Hale-Cooke Marsh

Celia Marxer and Carol Turner by Frank Marxer

Our Parents by George & Mary Noel

Rosie & Joe Perron and Larry Gieseler by Ray & Janet Perron

Our grandparents, Jack & Polly Reed, and Tom DeSimone by Hallie & Christopher Reed
Robert & Zoe Hicks, Tom Moriarty and May Lohr by The Ronks & Moriarty's
Robert Toth by Dee Toth & Family
William, Adele and Gerald Longhway by Bob & Margie Steinkamp
Wayne, Glenna and Bernie Steinkamp, Charles & Margaret Steinkamp by Bob & Margie Steinkamp
Dick Stubbs by Eleanor Stubbs & Family
Thomas H. Vaughn and Steward B. Hoffman by Merrilyn Vaughn-Hoffman & Family
Dr. Curtis Liechty, John Liechty and our parents by Lana & Steve Wagner
Our parents, Arthur & Majorie Gard, and Edward & Thelma Wegenke, by The Wegenke Family
Carol Wells by Tony & Kellie Wells and the boys
Cameron & Barbara Carruthers, James & Olene West by Ken & Mary West
Albert A. White by The Family of Albert A. White
George & Jean White by The Family of George & Jean White
My precious wife, Peggy, by Dr. Randy Wirth
Parents and grandparents of William & Janet Woolsey and daughters by William & Janet Woolsey

IN CELEBRATION OF ...

Our family: Tom, Heidi, Beth and Kate by Carol & Sandy Bryson
My family being together by Jeanne Cargill
Our family: Bill, John, Kathleen, Jack and Lola by Jack & Maxine Ferris
Our five children and two granddaughters by Jim & Lisa Kost
Our parents, Tony & Liz Raduazo and Barb Lindley, by John & Ann Lindley
Ellinor James Lessard Miller, born October 4, 2016, by Mimi & Papa Lessard
The life of my husband, Dr. Walter Scott, by Barbara Scott
Our loving parents, Lary & Mary Hill, by Tonia & Steve Whittaker
Wright Family's Christmas memories by Joan Wright

IN HONOR OF ...

Family & Friends by Barbara McMillan
Our two great-grandsons, Jackson & Julius, by Jack & Margaret Bates
Shirley Guider by Mark, Linda, Seth and Adam
Kevin Hoffmeyer, Kelly McDevitt and families by Tom & Lynne Hoffmeyer
Paul Jones (GOPJ) and Marian Lessard by Louis & Alicia Lessard
Daisy Mae the beagle by the Stroup children

TEACHER TRAINING | JAN. 8

There will be teacher training for anyone interested in working with children and youth at 11:45 a.m. on Jan. 8 in the Robertson Room. Questions? Contact Julie Bills, Jacob Gates, or Pastor Drew.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

We are grateful for the continued generosity of our congregation in 2016. Anyone who wishes to make a tax-deductible year-end gift may contact Dee in the Church Office.

UPDATE: 2017 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The Council of Elders approved its proposed 2017 operating budget at its November meeting. The budget will be presented to the congregation for final approval during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 29. The 2017 Annual Campaign will kickoff on Jan. 15. Members who wish to make their 2017 pledge before campaign materials are mailed, may contact the Church Office.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | JAN. 18 & 22

Are you interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church? New Members Classes will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 during *Wednesday Night Live!* and following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 22. Contact the Church Office to RSVP. Childcare is available upon request. All are welcome.



2017 HEARTS-ON-FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF & EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER | FEB. 5

It's coming! It's just around the corner! It's delicious! ... The 2017 Hearts-On-Fire Chili Cook-Off and Empty Bowls Fundraiser will take place following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Feb. 5 in Snider Social Hall. We're seeking chili chefs, servers and tasters! Stay tuned for more info, but in the meantime, contact the Welcome Ministry's Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com with any questions, comments or to sign up!



LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 6:30 P.M. (CHAPEL)

