

# CHRISTMAS DAY

## DECEMBER 25, 2016



### THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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**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 | CHRISTMAS DAY

### **Prelude**

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!**

Rev. Drew Filkins

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: When God appeared on earth as an infant,  
most of the world did not recognize him  
and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes  
to see Jesus for who he is,  
that we might worship him in spirit and truth.  
People of God, behold your Lord and Savior!

**People: We open our eyes to see his glory.  
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.  
We open our hands to offer him gifts.  
We open our mouths to sing his praise.  
We open our hearts to offer him our love.  
Jesus is Lord!**

**Carol** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **No. 88**

**First Reading** Luke 1:26-38  
(Pew Bible Page 1,025, Large Print Page 1,557)

**Carol** "Angels We Have Heard On High" **No. 113**

**Second Reading** Luke 1:39-56  
(Pew Bible Page 1,025, Large Print Page 1,558)

### **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.**

**Third Reading** Luke 2:1-20  
(Pew Bible Page 1,026, Large Print Page 1,560)

**Carol** "Joy to the World" **No. 134**

**Fourth Reading** Luke 2:21-38  
(Pew Bible Page 1,027, Large Print Page 1,561)

**Celebration of Baptism** Alice Jane Hunter

**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.**

**Carol** "What Child is This?" **No. 145**

**Fifth Reading** Luke 2:39-40  
(Pew Bible Page 1,027, Large Print Page 1,562)

**Offertory** "Hunger Carol" Shirley Murray  
*Joshua Barton, soloist*

**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.**

**Sending Carol** "Go Tell It On the Mountain" **No. 136**

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

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

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

# Merry Christmas!



Welcome to The Peoples Church!

On behalf of our pastors, elders and staff, I wish you a very Merry Christmas. We are so glad you're worshipping with us today.

Whether you are a first time visitor, a long time member or somewhere in between, your presence is important.

The Peoples Church is a multi-denominational congregation with worship, education and service opportunities for people of all ages and stages of faith. Our growing congregation strives to reflect Christ's love in many ways, including local, national and international mission partnerships.

We hope you find Christmas worship meaningful, and invite you to continue to be part of our faith community. You are welcome here!

- Pastor Andrew Pomerville



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Chapel (Returns Jan. 8)

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m. (Community Meal),

6:30 p.m. (Programs for All Ages)

(WNL! returns Jan. 8)



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