

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## JANUARY 8, 2017



*As he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."*

+ Luke 3:21-22 +

## 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

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.**

Youth Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 p.m.**

Adult Formation Classes  
Kids Serve | Children's Education  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Yoga Class



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**COUNCIL OF ELDERS** | Our Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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## A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR . . .

What does it mean to  
"remember your baptism?"

Especially for those who  
may have been too young  
to actually remember what  
happened to, with, and for  
them many years ago?



Today we remember the baptism of  
Jesus, and in the process, we will be asked  
to remember our own identification,  
calling, and experience of grace through  
the sacrament.

Here at The Peoples Church, we typi-  
cally celebrate baptism in the context of  
corporate gatherings, when the whole  
congregation is together to worship God.

Baptism, regardless of who is being  
baptized, is a celebration for all believers  
and is meant to inspire in us a sense of  
re-commitment to our own faith.

Take the time today to reflect on what  
your baptism means.

And, if you have not yet been baptized,  
consider why or why not? I would love to  
talk with you more about this incredible  
act of faith and worship and help you  
make the decision to be baptized.

Have a blessed start of the New Year!

*Pastor Andrew*



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GIFT  
ONLINE**

**ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE**

**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 8, 2016

### **Prelude**

"In Thee Is Gladness"

J.S. Bach

### **Welcome to The Peoples Church!**

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

**People: Jesus emerges from the water.**

Leader: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**People: "This is my child, my Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."**

Leader: Jesus is named and called.

**People: We come to the water. We remember we are named and we are called.**

Leader: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

### **Gathering Hymn**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

No. 151

*(Please stand if able.)*

### **Prayer for a Calling**

**Almighty God, your spirit swept over the waters of creation; you are sweeping over us now, creating something new. Call us away from the distractions of the world to experience what you are doing now, in us, and through us, and in our world. Open us to a new awakening, a new beginning, where we look through the lens of the goodness of your creation, experiencing all possibilities in you. Turn us away from our negativity, and lead us to the light. In the name of Jesus, who leads us into life, we pray. Amen.**

### **Prayer for a Calling**

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 51

Betsy Aho

(Pew Bible Page 566; Large Print 823)

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

<b>Communion Hymns</b>	"Joy to the World"	<b>No. 134</b>
	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	<b>No. 136</b>
	"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"	<b>No. 143</b>
	"The First Nowell"	<b>No. 147</b>

### **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.**

**Anthem** (10:30 a.m.) "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt" arr. Carl Schalk  
*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

**Second Reading** Luke 3:15-22  
(Pew Bible Page 1,028; Large Print 1,563)

**Sermon** "Who Tells Your Story?" Rev. Andrew Pomerville  
 @Connect2TPC #TPCsermon

### **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** (10:30 a.m.) "How Bright Appears the Morning Star" arr. Paul Manz

### **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 calls us, claims us, and prepares us – let us dwell in the hope and security that comes from being member of your family. In that reality, let us give abundantly, serve freely, and proclaim the gospel to all people, in all places, and at all times. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## ***Sending Hymn***

*(Please stand if able.)*

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 475

## ***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***

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

arr. Janet Linker

**TEACHER TRAINING** FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE ROBERTSON ROOM FOLLOWING TODAY’S 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE.

**PEOPLES CHURCH CAMPUS MINISTRY** MEETS EACH SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE. STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO GATHER WITH CAMPUS MINISTER BETSY AHO IN FRIENDSHIP HALL. JOIN US FOR FREE LUNCH AND GOOD COMPANY.

### ***Today’s Floral Offering***

*Given by Kenneth & Mary West in memory of their parents,  
Olene & Jim West and Barbara & Cameron Carruthers.*

### ***Today’s Fellowship Offering***

*Given by Cheryl & David Ronk, Jr., in celebration of their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on Jan. 5.*



## CONNECT

### 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.

### REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE | JAN. 25

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet for lunch at Coral Gables in East Lansing, at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 25. Questions? Contact Joan at 517-349-1074 or Gretchen at 517-322-5132.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | JAN. 29

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.

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

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. Sign up to enter your chili or help out during the event at [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com). Questions? Contact the Welcome Ministry's Jane Ledebuhr at [jledebuhr@yahoo.com](mailto:jledebuhr@yahoo.com).



## SERVE

### ON BEHALF OF 91 KIDS: 'THANK YOU'

A big thank you to all who purchased, wrapped and delivered Christmas gifts to children of Edgewood Village! Together we made this sacred time of year a bit more joyful for 91 kids. We extend special recognition to Emily Anderson, who was a key player in everything from converting the children's wish lists into tags for the Christmas tree to packaging the gifts for delivery to Edgewood. Thanks again to all who helped!

*- Barbara Scott and Loretta Johnston*

### TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

7:00 A.M. | ROBERTSON ROOM

Join us for great morning fellowship and wonderful faith-focused discussion. This month, we begin reading and discussing "The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World" by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. We gather at 7 a.m. each Tuesday in the Robertson Room.

### WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP

12:00 P.M. | FISCHBACH LIBRARY

Join us for a lively discussion with friends who are excited about learning more about our faith. This month, we begin reading and discussing "The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why" by Phyllis Tickle as part of our continued study of the growth of Christianity during the first four centuries. We meet at Noon each Wednesday in the Fischbach Library and our discussions are led by the Rev. Dr. Frank McAuley, a retired Baptist minister and member of The Peoples Church.



## GROW

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! | JAN. 11 & 18** **'OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH NYAKA'**

We will look at our mission partnership with Nyaka Aids Orphans Project. On Jan. 11, Rev. Andrew & Rachell Pomerville and Pete & Kurt Guter will be presenting on their recent trip to Uganda. On Jan. 18, we will be presenting "Cornerstone" a documentary featuring Nyaka. Join us for these great two weeks. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Come early to enjoy our weekly Community Meal with friends at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

### **PEOPLES FORUM | JAN. 15**

Next Sunday, the Peoples Forum will welcome LaShawn Erby of A Billion in One Consulting to speak about "Communication Across Racial Lines." LaShawn led last fall's Men's Retreat. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

### **DORCAS CIRCLE | JAN. 20**

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 7 p.m. on Jan. 20 in the Robertson Room. Our guest speaker will be Aran Kabodian who will talk about "The Writing Project and How it Helps Teachers." Contact Phyllis Gauden at 517-483-0930.

### **READING PEOPLE | JAN. 19**

The Reading People will gather at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 19 in the Robertson Room to discuss "The Two-Family House" by Lynda Cohan Loigman. Questions? Contact Joanne Keith at 517-349-5977.

### **GREAT DECISIONS | JAN. 26** **'SAUDI ARABIA IN TRANSITION'**



As Saudi Arabia struggles to adjust to the drastic decline in oil revenue, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman is attempting to boldly transform the country and shift more power to the younger generation. At the same time, many countries such as the United States criticize the nation's lack of democracy, human rights violations, and blame its promotion of Wahhabism for creating jihadists. On Jan. 26, we will welcome Dr. Russell Lucas, Associate Professor of Arabic Studies in MSU's Department of Linguistics and Languages, to discuss "Saudi Arabia in Transition." Sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. We meet from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Topic books are available in the church office for \$20 each. Questions? Contact Mary Anne Larzelere at malarz@aol.com or Sandy Bryson at sbryson@msu.edu.



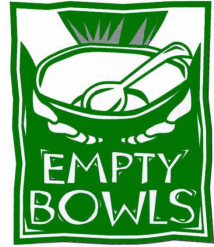
### **PCYG WINTER RETREAT | FEB. 3-5**

The PCYG Winter Retreat for middle and high school students is just around the corner. We will travel to Grace Adventures camp near Muskegon from Feb. 3 to 5 for daily worship opportunities, fellowship with other students and tons of fun activities, like gaga, rock climbing, snow tubing, broom ball, open gym time, arts and crafts and an exploration of Lake Michigan's frozen shoreline. Contact Youth Director Jacob Gates at [jgates@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jgates@thepeopleschurch.com) to learn more.

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

**THE PEOPLES CHURCH  
2017 HEARTS OF FIRE  
CHILI COOK-OFF &  
EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 5 | SNIDER SOCIAL HALL**  
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE



**YES!** I want to participate in the 2017 Hearts on Fire Chili Cook-Off and Empty Bowls Fundraiser.

- I have a fantastic chili to share. I will bring a warmed crock-pot full of delicious chili to Snider Social Hall by 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 5.
  - Youth Entry (Under 18)
  - Adult Entry (18 and Over)
  
- I will help set-up for the event.
  - Saturday, Feb. 4 (Time TBD)
  - Sunday, Feb. 5 (9 to 10 a.m.)
  
- I will help during the event as a server, rover or buffet line worker.
  
- I will help clean up after the event. (Noon - 2 p.m.)

**(PLEASE PRINT)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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