



FOR
UNTO US
a Child is BORN.
UNTO US
a Son is GIVEN.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 9:00 p.m.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 24, 2017

Prelude "Traditional Carols"
Coppertone Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Carol Introit "???"
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville
Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Gathering Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 133

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Leader: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

People: **We have beheld Christ's brilliant, life changing glory!**

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

People: **And in him is the light of humanity.**

Leader: Let all come and worship our living God!



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Candle Lighting Response

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

No. 113

First New Testament Reading

Luke 2:1-12

(Pew Bible Page 618; Large Print 914)

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.

Hymn

"Once in Royal David's City"

No. 140

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.**Choir Anthem**

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Second New Testament Reading

Luke 2:13-20

(Pew Bible Page 618; Large Print 914)

Sermon

"Seeing and Believing"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

 @Connect2TPC #TPCsermon**Solo****Happening????****Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts****Offertory**

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Powell, Lee, Avery, Anderson, Carr

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

Lord Jesus, you open our eyes to the most unexpected moments of grace and hope. On this night, help us be those shining examples of peace in our world. Use our gifts to help all your people know they are loved. And in that love, let us be united. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Benediction *(Please stand if able)*

Closing Hymn

“Silent Night”

No. 122

Postlude

“Joy to the World”

arr. Fred Bock

