

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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.

Coppertones Rehearsal
Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
*Dance 149

6:10 p.m.

Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

***Off this week**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Children's Education K-5

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Middle School Youth Group
Yoga Class
Childcare for infant/
preschool

7:30 p.m.

Clarion Ringers



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

Alan Canady, Chairperson
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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.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

6:00 p.m. - Family service with children & youth choirs

9:00 p.m. - Traditional service with Sanctuary Choir

11:00 p.m. - Hymn Service



MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE

Children's Sunday School will resume on Sunday, December 17.

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Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" arr. David N. Johnson

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Christmas Carol Medley"
Coppertone Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Installation of Elder Rob Privette

Gathering Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 113

Procession of the Light of Christ Zachary and Brendon Wells, Acolytes

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Leader: We come to prepare the way;

People: The way for Christ—

Leader: the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ—

People: to enter our world, to enter our hearts.

Leader: We cry out together in the wilderness:

People: The kingdom of Heaven has come near.

Leader: We come to be part of the light—

People: the light that shines in the darkness.

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.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon (8:30 a.m.)

"Preaching to the Birds"

Rev. Drew Filkins

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

Preschool Dance 149 (10:30 a.m.) The Dancing Sheep

Children's Christmas Pagaent (10:30 a.m.)

"A Christmas Introit"

Robert Hartley

"Nova, Nova"

Michael Bedford

Annika Drzal, Alison Drzal, Anna Harvey, Abby Lindley, Bryce Pomerville

"Shepherds Awake"

Michael Jochen

"Chasing a Star"

Lowell Alexander

"Joy to the World" (please join the children in song on verse 2)

No. 134

Mia Manolakoudis, trumpet

Isaac Watts

Verse 2

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

"Receive the King"

Lowell Alexander

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

arr. Janet Linker

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, we are blessed to be led by the children in our midst. Let us take a page from their script and be living examples of your life in this world. Let your light shine through us so that we help others know your salvation. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

No. 136

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

"Joy to the World"

arr. Michael Burkhardt



Please join us downstairs in
the Snider Social Hall for cookies!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Today is our annual Children's Christmas Pageant, during our 10:30 a.m. worship service. The children, directed by Liz Reed, will present *The First Christmas*. There will be a cookie reception to follow in the Snider Social Hall.

ADVENT MUSIC!

On **Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.** join us for the MSU Holiday Brass Concert in the Sanctuary. The Fine Arts Committee, hosting the event, will provide refreshments in Friendship Hall following the performance.



YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

A Third Way Youth Writing Contest: Exploring Solutions for Difficult Problems will be accepting entries from middle school, high school, and college students of The Peoples Church. Prizes will be awarded in each age group. Submission of essays and narrative writing are welcomed. The winners will be encouraged to present their submissions at *WNL!* during the Lenten season. This event is co-sponsored by Fruit of Agape Community Transformations. Learn more about this in the December issue of the *Portal* Newsletter and online.



THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, December 17**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Mayor Virg Bernero, who will share with us "What's Next for the Lansing Region." Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m. The Peoples Forum welcomes a different speaker each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



EMPTY BOWLS EVENT & CHILI COOK-OFF COMING SOON!

On Sunday, February 11, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, the Welcome Ministry will host their annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser and Chili Cook-off! Stay tuned for more details in the January issue of the *Portal* Newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP OUR EDGEWOOD CHILDREN!

Will you help? Our Edgewood Village children, K-8, need assistance with homework December 11-20 and January 8 - February 1, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. MSU interns are on break those dates, but the need for after school help continues. Call Mimi Burpee at 349.0806 or email mimiburpee@gmail.com. Any amount of time is appreciated. Thank you!

SNOW PANTS COLLECTION!

Keep your donations coming; snow pants collection continues! All new and gently used snow pants are delivered to Judson Memorial Baptist Church for distribution in the Lansing area. A collection box is outside of the main office. Thank you for keeping our kids warm while playing outside in the Michigan weather!

THIS WEEK AT WNL!

Join us, Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room as we continue to explore the Songs of Christmas. Bring your instruments to play and sing along! All are welcome!

See the *Portal* Newsletter for more articles and information. Available online or at the Welcome Desk.

CHRISMON TREE HISTORY: PART 2

The ornaments on the tree in the front of the sanctuary are known as Chrismons—CHRIST MONograms. They have been made over a number of years by the children, youth and adults of The Peoples Church. Chrismons are always made of white and gold to signify Christ's purity and majesty.

Stars are symbols formed by crosses set at differing angles. They illustrate the relationship between Christ's birth and death. Some have additional meanings based on the number of points. How many of these can you find on the tree?

4 points–Star Cross: The points represent the four corners of the Earth; and the four Gospels.

5 points–Advent Star/Star of Jacob: Announces the birth of Christ. A rose in the center represents Christ.

6 points–Morning Star/Creator's Star: Represents the six days of creation.

8 points–Star of Baptism: The points represent the eight people saved on Noah's ark as baptism cleanses our hearts. Many baptismal fonts have an octagonal base.

12 points–Heavenly Star: Often represents completeness. In the New Testament twelve represents the church built upon the life and ministry of the twelve apostles.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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. You can reserve a spot using the notebook located at the Welcome Desk or contact the church office at 517.332.5073.



EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

You're invited to help the children at Edgewood Village enjoy a wonderful Christmas. There is a Christmas tree with gift ideas located in the Northwest Entrance. Choose an ornament and return the new, unwrapped gift by December 17 so it can be wrapped and delivered before Christmas morning! If you can assist with gift wrapping on Wednesday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room, please sign up below and put in the offering plate.

____ Yes! I can help wrap gifts for Edgewood Village! Please contact me.

Name: _____

email: _____

phone: _____

CHILD OF PEACE—A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR ALL

On **Wednesday, December 13**, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., the Women of Peoples Church Rebecka/Hannah Circle will host *A Child of Peace Christmas Story* beautifully told through music and in American Sign Language. This event is open to the deaf and hard-of-hearing community, The Peoples Church members, and friends and family! Join us in the Robertson Room.



Bev Mason,
Vocalist/Narrator



Vicky Ramirez-Smith,
Sign Language Interpreter

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



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GIFTS (PLEASE PRINT)

_____ YES! I would like to make a \$20 contribution to the Sanctuary Decorating Fund. Please accept my gift:

_____ In memory of

_____ In honor of

_____ In celebration of

_____ To the Glory of God

Given by: _____

Please make checks payable to **THE PEOPLES CHURCH** and indicate "Poinsettias" in the memo line. DEADLINE TO ORDER IS DEC. 10

Questions? Contact Dee Przybylski at 517.332.5073 or dprzybylski@thepeopleschurch.com



2017 ADVENT HOLIDAY CALENDAR

THE PEOPLES CHURCH

DECEMBER 2 | ADVENT TEA - 2:00 p.m., Snider Social Hall

DECEMBER 3 | ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 10 | CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 11 | MSU BEAUMONT BRASS CONCERT (FREE) - 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 a.m., Chapel

10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

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6:00 p.m., Sanctuary; Family service with children & youth choirs

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