

SUNDAY WORSHIP DECEMBER 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent



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

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT LIVE!**

Will return on

January 10, 2018.



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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 through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Julie Bills, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor; please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 17, 2017

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "Creator of the Stars of Night" arr. Wilbur Held

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Angel Tidings" Cynthia Dobrinski

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "Jubilate Deo" Dale Wood
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.

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-3
(Pew Bible Page 737; Large Print 1,112)

Gathering Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 82

Procession of the Light of Christ Abby Lindley and Anna Harvey, Acolytes

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Leader: People of God: return!
You are called to be God's own.
From the mountains announce the good news.
God comes in justice and peace, to all who follow God's ways.
You are God's children.

People: Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ today and forever. Amen.

Bell Response "Gloria" arr. Frances Callahan

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.

The Peoples Church Academic Scholarship

Rev. Drew Filkins & Joe Kennedy

Alex Gosselin • Rachel Ledebuhr • Jessie Mitchell
Paul Przybylski • Joshua Rick • Mitchell Selin

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

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

(Children are dismissed after the Children's Moment and can be picked up after service on the third floor.)

Ordination & Installation of Elders

Bob Cantrell • Stacy Gronowski • Clark McCreedy • Diane Shafer

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.)

"There Is No Rose"

Graham J. Ellis

Second Scripture Reading

John 1:19-28

(Pew Bible Page 1,062; Large Print 1,614)

Sermon

"#NotHomeForTheHolidays"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Christmas Carol Fest"

arr. Douglas Wagner

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Verse 1)

No. 133

"The First Nowell" (Verse 1)

No. 147

"Away in a Manger" (Verse 1)

No. 115

"Joy to the World" (Verse 1)

No. 134

"Silent Night, Holy Night!" (Verse 1)

No. 122

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

As we await the coming Messiah, let us give freely, serve lovingly, and forgive with reckless abandon. Use us, God, for your Kingdom that is to come. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

No. 93

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

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

arr. Gaston Dethier

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 mimburpee@gmail.com. Any amount of time is appreciated. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT WNL!

Wednesday Night Live! will return on January 10, 2018. Please plan to join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome!

THE PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum will return on January 7, 2018. Watch the January *Portal* for the upcoming line-up!



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 at ThePeoplesChurch.com.



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.

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!

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.



The Church Office will be closed December 25 through December 29, 2017.

**For Pastoral emergencies please call:
Rev. Betsy Aho at 332.6074 or
Rev. Drew Filkins at 908.4448**

Merry Christmas!



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

CHRISMON TREE HISTORY: PART 3

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.

There are four orb centered Chrismons on the tree that symbolize the way to eternal life. Each orb is based on two circles that represent Heaven around Earth. Can you find each of them?

Floral Orb: the petal-like edges resemble a flower that symbolizes creation and the life of Christ. "I am the life."

Sun Orb: with crystal beads that glow and reflect light, this orb resembles the sun and reminds us of Christ's words, "I am the light of the world."

Flame Orb: the flame like rays remind us that God is a Spirit, one we worship "in spirit and in truth."

Cross Orb: through the cross on the top we are reminded that the way to heaven is through faith. "I am the way."

BURCHAM HILLS BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Andrew's Burcham Hills Bible Study is on hiatus until January 11, 2018. It takes place Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth floor. We will study 1 Corinthians 10 on January 11.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting to vote on the 2018 budget during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on January 28, 2018.

EDGEWOOD TRANSPORTATION: OH THE PLACES WE'LL GO!

In the last three years volunteers from The Peoples Church have provided transportation to Edgewood residents and scholars allowing them a chance to experience many different adventures and opportunities.

Since 2014, our volunteer drivers, using church vehicles, have driven community members to the YMCA, Lansing Symphony Orchestra, polling locations to vote during elections, and trips to the Meridian Township Farmers Market. We have driven Scholars to various college visitations, community service opportunities, and leadership training workshops. At the end of December 2016, a total of 1,099 trips were driven with a total of 6,077 miles.

We hope to continue to offer these opportunities to the residents of Edgewood, but we could use some additional help. If you are interested in helping please contact Cheryl Leece 517-410-1313 or leececm44@gmail.com. You sign up for times that are convenient for you. Thank you to all the drivers that have helped for the last three years!

MY PEOPLES CONNECTION

My Peoples Connection is an online directory of our church members and friends; check it out! Go to the homepage of ThePeoplesChurch.com, where you will find an article with a PDF instructing you how to sign up and login to **My Peoples Connection** and use many of its helpful features. Not only are you able to find contact information in a secure way, you can track your giving and pledge history, see directory photos and make sure your contact information is up-to-date. There is even a phone app available on both Apple and Android. After creating an account through the website, simply search for "Church Life" in your app store.

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with Youth & Children's Choirs

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with the Sanctuary Choir

11:00 p.m., Sanctuary; Candlelight hymn service



AFAR
All Faith Alliance for Refugees

Too many people are not home for the holidays this year. Displaced from one home while waiting for another, refugee families around the world need our prayers and support.

Please join **AFAR, All Faith Alliance for Refugees** for a Longest Night Prayer Vigil for refugees on **Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.** at Mt. Hope United Methodist Church (501 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing).

AFAR is an interfaith network of organizations and congregations in the Lansing area that aims to educate, advocate and coordinate services for refugees. AFAR strives to make this community even more compassionate and welcoming to vulnerable people. Find AFAR on Facebook for more information, and search or share stories of hope for refugees using the hashtag #NotHomeForTheHolidays.

Poinsettia Dedications—Christmas 2017

IN MEMORY OF ...

- Dr. David Mills by Susan Allis
Dr. Harry Allis by Susan Allis
Lyn J. Babbitt by Paul C. Babbitt
Jack E. Bates by Margaret & Family
My Parents, Kathryn & Hugh and Brother, Fred by Ken Beachler
Martin & Shirley Beer by Ken, Sara, Anna & Lauren Beer
Bob Bradley by Fran Bradley
Stanley & Doris Brower and Marie Brower by David Brower
Peter J. Dragosh by his parents Steve & Faye
My Parents, Harold & Vivian Laser and sister, Marlene Laser Stemen
by The Sandy Draggoo Family
My parents Warren & Ruth Eddie, my wife Julie Eddie by Kim Warren Eddie
Carol O. Ekern by Fran Ekern
Dr. Clyde & Miriam Flory, John & Francis and Max McComb, Lora & Charles Ward
by Clyde & Karen Flory
Michael Gerkin by Emily & Kyle Guerrant
My parents, Maurice & Lenora Hales by Cindy Hales
George & Katie Kerr by their children
Loved ones who have gone ahead by the Kim Family
George & Libby Kohl by Linda and Rachel Kohl
Harold & Wilma Hicks and Mark Latterman by The Lattermans
Roland & Marilyn Ledebuhr by Dave & Jane Ledebuhr
Billy & Virginia Hanel and Duane & Margaret LeRoy by Duane & Patricia LeRoy
Curt and John Liechty by Mary Liechty
Mike Lingo by Terry and Stephanie Lingo
Ev and Rita Lothrop by Sue Lothrop
L. Edwin & Mary Louise Wenger, Edward & Virginia Markle by Barbara & Jim Markle
Lloyd & Martica Thompson by Robert & Lori Maron
Craig & Kim Hale by mother June Marsh
Mary Nash by Bill & Pat Nash
Bob, Julie and Reilly by Audrey, Pat, Pam and David Martin
My husband, Donald McMillan by Barbara McMillan
Whinnie by The Moreno Family
Mary Nash by Bill & Pat Nash
Joe & Rosie Perron, L. D. Gieseler by Ray & Janet Perron
My loving parents, Claude & Norma Raak by Bruce Raak
Our Grandparents, Tom DeSimone and Jack & Polly Reed by Hallie & Christopher Reed
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Poinsettia Dedications—Christmas 2017

IN MEMORY OF CONTINUED ...

Carol & Paul Fowler by Wes & Susan Reedy
Robert & Zoe Hicks and Irving & Ruby Ronk by Janet & David Ronk, Sr.
Donald & Merlyn Dickson by Janet & David Ronk, Sr.
William & Adele Longhway, Jerry Longhway by Margie & Bob Steinkamp
Wayne & Glenna Steinkamp, Charles & Margaret Steinkamp, and
Bernie Steinkamp by Margie & Bob Steinkamp
Claudia Trevisan by Margie Steinkamp
Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Stone by The Stone Family
Robert Toth by Dee Toth & family
Our loving grandparents by Mike & Kathy Tungate
David VanLooy by Dorothy, Chip and Denice VanLooy
Thomas H. Vaughn & Steward B. Hoffman by Merrilyn Vaughn-Hoffman and family
Lila & Paul Schramm and Helen & Forest Watson, by Kim Schramm & Bob Watson
J. Douglas Roy by Tony & Kellie Wells & boys
My precious wife Peggy by Dr. Randy Wirth
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Moore, Allen Woolsey, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Garfield
by The Woolsey Family

IN HONOR OF...

Our family, Bill, John, Kathleen, Jack & Lola by Jake & Maxine Ferris
Shirley Guider love Linda, Mark, Seth & Adam
Lary & Mary Hill
by their children and grandchildren Steve & Tonia Whitaker,
Peggy Hill, and The Decker Family
Rev. Reginald Lancaster & Dr. Karen Wilkinson by Cathy Lancaster
Dale & Carolyn Schuster for your support & love by Kristin Schuster

IN CELEBRATION OF...

Our Family, Tom, Heidi, Beth, & Kate Bryson by Carol & Sandy Bryson
Our loving family by Mary & Lary Hill
5 Children & 2 Granddaughters by Jim & Lisa Kost
My Family & Friends by Mary Liechty
Helen Gieseler by Ray & Janet Perron

TO THE GLORY OF GOD...

The Kim Family
Richard & Kay Comstock
Dee Toth & Family
