



FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2013

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 expected and encouraged during worship.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Early Service
in the McCune Chapel
**Will resume on Jan. 5, 2014.*

10:30 a.m. - Family Service
in the Sanctuary

SoJo Community in The
Lounge
**Will resume on Jan. 12, 2014.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Will resume on Jan. 12, 2014.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Will resume on Jan. 15, 2014.

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OFFICE HOURS

During the week of Christmas and New Year's holidays, please be aware that many of our staff members will be out of the office and office hours will be limited. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, excluding December, in the Robertson Room.

Michelle Rick, Chairperson

ORDER OF WORSHIP DECEMBER 29, 2013

Prelude "Away in a Manger" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain"
arr. Janet Linker

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville
Please pass the Friendship Roster located at the end of your pew.

Call to Worship

We recount the gracious deeds of God,
all the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us: *Isa. 63:7*
Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.

Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation. *Heb. 2:10*
Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ. *Heb. 2:11*

Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us and carrying us. *Isa. 63:9*
God's glory shines in heaven and on earth. Praise the Lord! *Ps. 148:13, 14*

Gathering Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" **No. 143**
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. *Heb. 2:10*
We confess that we have not loved you as we should.
We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans;
we grow weary and give up when the way is hard.
We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend.
Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence,
we fail to recognize our own complicity.
Forgive us, especially when we fail to protect children, *Matt. 2:16, 18*
so vulnerable and precious in your sight.
Forgive our misuse of power against people,
and against your creation.
Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace.
Do not be ashamed of us, we pray, *Heb. 2:11*
but strengthen us in our time of testing. *Heb. 2:18*

**Set us free from fear
that we may wholly trust in you.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who shared our flesh and blood. Amen.**

Heb 2:14

Assurance of Pardon (Refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High")

No. 113

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

(Pew Bible Page 605, Large Print Page 1,125)

Solo

"Alleluia, Lullaby"

Liz Hoard, soprano

J. Bert Carlson

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

(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.

Children's Moment

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

(Pew Bible Page 508, Large Print Page 929)

Sermon

"The Beginning is Important"

Celebration of Holy Baptism

William D'Luciano Terrill

Born on September 18, 2013.

Son of Jesenia & William Terrill.

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.

Baptism Hymn

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

No. 488

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Cradle Song"

arr. Alice Jordan

Act of Praise *(Please stand if able.)*

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn
(Please stand if able.)

"The First Nowell"

No. 147

Postlude

"The First Noel"

arr. Diane Bish

Floral Offering

In Celebration of William D'Luciano Terrill's baptism

"We prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted us what we asked of Him." 1 Samuel 1:27

Fellowship Time

Given in celebration of Roger and Marilyn Grove's 60th wedding anniversary.

Please join both families for refreshments following the service.
