



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15, 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

8:30 a.m. - Early Service
in the McCune Chapel

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

***6:00 p.m.** - SoJo Community
in The Lounge
**Will resume on Jan. 12, 2014.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Will resume on Jan. 12, 2014.

9:30 a.m. - Faith Formation
Programs for Children, Teens
and Adults.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Will resume on Jan. 15, 2014.

5:30 p.m. - Community Meal
in Snider Social Hall

6:30 p.m. - Faith-based
Programs for All Ages

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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 15, 2013**

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Fred Bock

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "In the Bleak Midwinter" Holst
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

Please pass the Friendship Roster located at the end of your pew.

Liturgical Dance (10:30 a.m.) "The Little Drummer Boy"
Choreographed by Jodi Cook

Call to Worship "O Hearken Ye" Alfred Burt
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Opening Prayer (Inspired from Psalm 146)

Happy are those whose hope is in God,
maker of heaven and earth —
for God is forever faithful!

God executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food for the hungry.
**God sets the prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind.**

God lifts up those who are bowed down.
**God watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

People of God, sing praise to the one who is your help —
for God is forever faithful!

Gathering Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(Please stand if able.)

No. 88

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35:1-10
(Pew Bible Page 713, Large Print Page 1,072)

Solo "Labor of Love" arr. Andrew Peterson
Jenn Hill, Campus Ministry Director

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

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

K-4th grade children are invited to follow Pastor Drew to participate in Children's Chapel at this time and will return to the main sanctuary during the Offertory.

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

New Testament Reading Luke 1:46b-55
(Pew Bible Page 1,072, Large Print Page 1,558)

Sermon "Nevertheless" Rev. Drew Filkins

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 (8:30 a.m.) "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" J.S. Bach

Offertory (10:30 a.m.) "The Shepherd's Song" C. Dobrinski
Clarion Rings directed by Elizabeth Reed

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 very moment, God, You are with us, bringing hope, bringing forgiveness, bringing grace as freely offered gifts to us. May we open our hearts to you, the God who is always with us. Receive these gifts and talents which we offer to you today. Amen.

Sending Hymn
(Please stand if able.)

"Joy to the World"

No. 134

Benediction
(Please stand if able.)

**Lighting of the
Third Advent Candle**

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"
(Verses One, Two and Three)

No. 85

Postlude

"Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts"
from *Christmas Oratorio*

Camille Saint-Saens

THE LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

McCune Chapel | 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2013
A community meal will be serviced at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF CHARLIE WALLER

4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 19, 2013

*You are invited to join in this family-friendly celebration in memory of Charlie Waller.
Children are welcome and encouraged to attend, even if they want to dress like Pirates!*

PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

COMMUNITY

THANK YOU

I wanted to make a point to say, "Thank You" to our many volunteers, church staff, amazing children and talented choir for helping to make last Sunday such a joyful holiday celebration of faith and family. The Music Sunday selections were a superb and exciting way to praise our God. Nearly 250 gathered at 4 p.m. in Snider Social Hall for our Children's Christmas Program. As Dr. Reed said on our Facebook page, "One of the best pageants in recent memory, sincere, honest, beautiful." I couldn't say it any better. Thank you. *- Pastor Andrew*

DINNER & A MOVIE : THE POLAR EXPRESS

Meaghan Gonzales, our new Director of Children's Christian Education, invites you to dinner and a movie on Dec. 20. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in Snider Social Hall and The Polar Express will depart from the Youth Parlor at 6:45 p.m. You are welcome to come meet Meaghan and her family. There will be a special Christmas gift for the kids!



FESTIVAL OF GIVING TREES 2013

The Festival of Giving Trees continues today. Be sure to visit the Robertson Room to learn more about how to support some of our outreach opportunities.

SIGN ME UP

Please return your completed form in the Sunday offering plate or to the church office during regular hours.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GIFTS

_____ 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. 18.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative
Movement Class (G)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview
Bible Study (RR)
5:30 p.m. Community Meal (SSH)
5:30 p.m. PCYG Christmas Party (YP)
6:30 p.m. The Longest Night
Worship Service (C)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 a.m. Men's Morning Book Study (RR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Noon Book Study (L)
4:00 p.m. Charlie Waller
Memorial Service (S)
6:30 p.m. Thursdays with Jesus (RR)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (S)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 p.m. Dinner & Movie
"The Polar Express" (SSH / YP)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. Worship Service (C)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (S)
6:00 p.m. SoJo (L)

ROOM KEY: C = Chapel; CC=Children's Chapel
CTR = Centennial Room; CR = Choir Room; G = Gymnasium;
FH = Friendship Hall; L = Library; N = Newton; R = Rotunda;
RR = Robertson Room; S = Sanctuary; SSH = Snider Social Hall;
TL = The Lounge; YP = Youth Parlor

2013 Holiday Calendar

WED., DEC. 18 | 6:30 p.m.

The Longest Night Worship Service
McCune Chapel
*(A Community Dinner will be served
at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall)*

TUES., DEC. 24 | 6 & 10 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Service
Main Sanctuary

*On December 29, there will be only one
Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
in the Main Sanctuary.*

SAVE THE DATE: HEARTS ON FIRE CHILI-COOK OFF

Sunday, Feb. 9, has been set for the annual Peoples Church Chili-Cook Off. Plan on joining us in Snider Social Hall following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We need chili chefs, tasters and diners. Contact Kim Gools at kgools@yahoo.com.