



PEOPLE'S CHURCH
— of Kalamazoo —

Christmas Eve Service **December 24, 2023**

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering Savannah Ramsey & Missy

Howse-Kurtz

Opening Words from *All I Really Want* by Quinn G. Caldwell

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Congregational Song 'O Come All Ye Faithful' (#253)

Chalice Lighting Matthew Morris McCormick

Words: 'Fellow Sojourners' by Dan Lambert

If you are lighting a chalice at home, you are encouraged to type in the chat box 'A chalice is lit in (your neighborhood/city/street).'

Congregational Song 'People, Look East' (#226)

Remembering the Story

Ancient Text Matthew 1:18-25, NRSV Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Congregational Song 'The First Nowell' (#237)

Modern Text 'Fear Not and Hallelujah' by Marcus Liefert

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Music 'Angels We Have Heard on High' People's Ringers

Sharing Gifts

Ancient Text Matthew 2:1-12, NRSV Matthew Morris McCormick

Congregational Song 'We Three Kings' (#259)

Modern Text 'The Camels Speak' by Lynn Ungar

Congregational Song Matthew Morris McCormick
'Once in Royal David's City' (#228)
Offering to Benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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Offertory 'O Come All Ye Faithful' People's Ringers

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

Matthew Morris McCormick

*From the countless gifts we each have been given,
gifts of life and love and sustenance,
we bring these small portions to share in the works of love
which none of us can accomplish alone.*

Seeking Safety...

Ancient Text Matthew 2:13-15, NRSV Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Music 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' People's Ringers

Modern Text 'What You Need to Be Warm' by Neil Gaiman

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Music 'Sanctuary' (Newcomer) Savannah Ramsey

...In a Violent World

Ancient Text Matthew 2:16-18, NRSV Matthew Morris McCormick

Congregational Song 'Dona Nobis Pacem' (#388)

Modern Text 'Christmas Eternal' by Bob Janis

Matthew Morris McCormick

Congregational Song 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear' (#244)

Hoping for Peace

Tip your unlit candle into the flame of your neighbor's lit candle.

Please avoid tipping lit candles.

Benediction 'The Work of Christmas' by Howard Thurman

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Congregational Song 'Silent Night / Peace, Peace' (Powell)

People's Singers, People's Ringers

Silent night, holy night

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin, mother and child

Holy infant so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace