

All Saints Sunday



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ
4704 13th Street NW
Washington, DC 20011

Rev. Brandon Harris, Senior Minister
Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas, Executive Minister

Sunday, November 1, 2020
10:00 a.m.

*"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it". Psalm 118:24
(NRSV)*

VISION 2020: Renew Reach Restore

Enter to Worship...

The Order of the Word
All Saints Day
Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Centering Thought

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7-9 KJV

PRELUDE

William Walsham

For All the Saints
Played by Dr. Warren D. Hood, II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brandon Harris

Let us know you're watching today!
<https://forms.gle/o4G68RMjzpTTmjUFA>

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Rick Lee

This day, O Lord, we remember those who You have gathered from the storms of this life into the peace of Your presence.

This day, O Lord, we mourn their passing and celebrate the lives they shared with us.

This day, O Lord, we call upon Your loving grace for comfort.

This day, O most merciful and everlasting God, we praise You and pledge our faithful worship in hope that we may one day receive with them the joyful life that never ends.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Phillip Carter

Everlasting God

SCRIPTURE READING

Deacon Esther Pinder/Deacon Lise Stevens

Psalm 34:1-10(New Revised Standard Version)
Matthew 5 :1-12/Revelation 7:9-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon Arlene King-Berry

Gloria Patri

Dr. Warren D. Hood, II

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Jeremy Camp

Give Me Jesus
Deacon Arlene King-Berry, Vocalist

SERMON

Rev. Brandon Harris

These Are They: Revelation 7:9-17

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

Rev. Brandon Harris

THE NATURE OF THE OCCASION

Deacon Gerald Younger

Today we gather in honor of All Saints Day, whose traditional observance is to commemorate all the saints of the Church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It is this tradition that we honor those among us who have transitioned from life to death, especially during the COVID pandemic. We are the Church whenever we gather and serve the living God. We thank God for the gift of life given to these individuals and how they have touched us and the world collectively. We now continue with the light of their gifts and help inspire others to walk as saints among us.

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

COMMUNION LITURGY

COMMUNION HYMN

Spiritual

Deep River

Deacon Arlene King-Berry, Vocalist

OFFERTORY

Rev. Brandon Harris

DOXOLOGY

Played by Dr. Warren D. Hood, II

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above Ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

CLOSING SONG

Phillip Carter

Behold the Lamb

BENEDICTION

Rev. Brandon Harris

POSTLUDE

Richard Smallwood

Total Praise

Dr. Warren D. Hood, II

Handbells

*Cyril Patrick Enji;
Madeleine Romine
Nathanael Romine
Rachael Romine
Shayla Wright*

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Depart to Serve...

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEOPLES CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. For weekly "What's Happening" submissions and monthly Prodder submissions, please send all newsletter articles to email: info@peopleschurchucc.org. The deadline for "What's Happening" is Wednesday at noon. Prodder submissions deadline is the third Thursday of each month (except if there are 5 Thursdays in the month).
2. A confirmation email reply will be sent upon completion of all requests.

Direct Links to Online Giving for Donations
<https://peopleschurchucc.org/online-giving/> or
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2030372>



Prayer Meeting Dial-In

515-604-9545, Access Code: 659959#

Prayer Service is every Wednesday at Noon.



Bible Study Information

Virtual Bible Study Meeting Information

Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Dial-in# +1-301-715-8592 US Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678

Password: 784420 Join Zoom Meeting: Click on link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNIUXBXczJkMWVxZlVZcU5UT09>

Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 Password: 784420

The Scholarship Committee will began accepting college book grant applications on October 12, 2020. If hard copies of the application need to be retrieved from the church building, please email scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org Please note, the due date for applications and any supporting documentation is Friday, December 4, 2020 at midnight. Thank you.

COVID -19 CONTACT TRACING FORM UPDATE

Each person visiting the Church, **for the first time only**, with a **scheduled appointment**, must complete a Contact Tracing Form during the sign-in process. To expedite your sign-in time, the Contact Tracing Form has been posted on the Church website (peopleschurchucc.org) under Church Forms. The Church Forms Tab can be accessed from the Home Page of the website. The form can be downloaded and printed. Bring the completed form with you when you visit the Church for essential business only. Thanks for your cooperation with this COVID-19 protocol.

Thanksgiving donation - Faith without works is dead. James 2:14-17.

The Men's and Women's Fellowships are co-sponsoring a fundraiser to support the Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative. The Collaborative works with community-based organizations to provide assistance to Ward 4 children, youth and families and to help them navigate the complex social service system. The Collaborative will hold a Thanksgiving Food Giveaway on November 21, 2020; and they need our financial support. This project is also supported by the Diaconate.

You can participate by sending in your donation via the Peoples Church website online giving and designating your funds to the Men's or Women's Fellowship. Additionally, you may send a check made payable to the Men's or Women's Fellowship to the church. Deadline for submission is **Thursday, November 5, 2020**. Any questions, please contact Jackie Greene or Yvonne Hinkson, Fellowship Presidents.

THE BYLAWS WORK GROUP has completed discussions with the Church Council on the proposed amendments to the bylaws. They are in the process of further editing to reflect the results of discussions with the Church Council. The next phase is to make this document available to the full governing body (the congregation) for at least a 45-day review period. Because of COVID-19 protocols, the Work Group will announce a process for members of the congregation to raise questions and get responses from the Work Group. We hope to begin this phase mid-October. Members of the Work Group are: Pat Ellis, Lead; Robert Hendricks, Immediate Past Moderator; Brenda V. Smith, former Moderator; Brenda Ewing, Church Treasurer; Marie Whitaker, President, Council of Circles and Clubs and Esther Williams, At-Large Member, Church Council. The current Moderator and Moderator-Elect are integral in the process. Questions/Inquiries: info@peopleschurchucc.org

MEMBER CHECK-IN CALLS/TECHNOLOGY SURVEY is completed. Nineteen Church volunteers combed through a list of approximately 500 members to confirm contact information and to gauge effectiveness of Church communications during this period of COVID-19 protocols. The volunteers completed a sheet for each person reached. They were able to confirm contact information with 242 members (47.5 percent of the list). The remainder of the list were invalid numbers and unresponsive, and a few are no longer members. Deceased members numbered 25 (5 percent of the list). If there are members who were not contacted, please be in touch with Pat Ellis at info@peopleschurchucc.org. We want to be sure everyone is counted! Thank you.

PCUCC Members Five *Ready Questions* for the 2020 Election

- Currently, are you registered to vote on November 3, 2020? (Click square to select one)

Yes or No

- How are you planning to vote? (Click square to select one)

Mail In, Drop Off, In Person -Early Vote, or In Person – Nov 3, 2020

- Are you an individual who needs assistance casting your vote, in-person or through drop-box? (Click square to select one)

Yes or No

- Would you be willing to help loved ones, family, friends and neighbors who need transportation assistance to cast their vote on November 3, 2020? (Click square to select one) Yes or No; and are you able to help on Early Vote Day? (Click square to select one)

Yes or No; to get to a Drop-Off site Yes or No

- Would you be willing to contact at least five (5) older adults and five (5) younger adults (18-35), to ensure that they are ready and prepared to vote in the 2020 General Election? (Click square to select one)

Yes or No

[Please email your responses to the *Five Ready Question* above to Peoplesvote2020@gmail.com.**

If you responded “yes” to needing assistance to vote on November 3, 2020, contact the *Peoples 2020 Voting Initiative* by email: Peoplesvote2020@gmail.com or call (202) 829-551.

Continuing Through the Pandemic

In-Church Worship Services, Activities and Events remain suspended until further notice.

In order for us to continue to operate safely and within the CDC Guidelines as well as the DC government guidelines, we have had to put new practices in place.

Schedule: Since we can only have a limited number of **essential** individuals in the building at any one time, a schedule has been set in place. If you need to come to the church, simply contact the Office Staff either by email: info@peopleschurchucc.org or by calling 202-829-5511 and the staff will get you on the schedule.

Contact Tracing: In compliance with the District of Columbia guidelines, **ALL** persons entering the facility **MUST** complete a Contact Tracing Form. The information is kept confidential, unless requested by the Contact Trace Force of the District of Columbia.

Accessing the Facility: Strict procedures are in place which you will find posted at the front door (see below).



In Memoriam

For members who transitioned January 2020-October 2020

Vaster Bridgewater

Passed on January 10, 2020

Derek Jones

Passed on February 27, 2020

Dr. David Driskell

Passed on April 1, 2020

Ebena Sims

Passed on April 21, 2020

Dr. James Jones

Passed on June 19, 2020

Presley Reed, Sr.

Passed on July 17, 2020

Onra Dillard

Passed on July 20, 2020

Josephine Wulu

Passed on August 18, 2020



Frank Love

Passed on August 21, 2020

Orren Cohill

Passed on September 5, 2020

Melvin Calhoun

Passed on September 5, 2020

Margaret Askew

Passed on September 18, 2020