



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ  
4704 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

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

Sunday, November 28, 2021  
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)*

*Love God & Love Neighbor*

ENTER TO WORSHIP...

The Order of the Word  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.  
The Liturgical Color is Violet.

**CENTERING THOUGHT**

Fleming Rutledge

“The disappointment, brokenness, suffering, and pain that characterize life in this present world is held in dynamic tension with the promise of future glory that is yet to come. In that Advent tension, the church lives its life.”

**PRELUDE**

Traditional

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
Malcolm Willoughby, Acting Director of Worship

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas

*Reader:* O God, we light the first candle of Advent.  
(A member of a family lights the first candle.)

*Congregation:* We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

*Reader:* The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out to God.

*Congregation:* Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

No.188 Traditional AAHH

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*  
Peoples Adult Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Deacon Camille Mosley  
Nadine Duplessy Kearns

Isaiah 64:1-9 (*New Revised Standard Version*)  
Mark 13:24-37 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Eric Washington, Jr.

**GLORIA PATRI**

Saint Hilary of Poitiers

*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*

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

Norman Hutchins  
Walt Witman

*Emmanuel  
Perfect Praise*  
Peoples Adult Choir

**SERMON**

Rev. Bryant Oskvig  
University Chaplain, American University

**INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP**

Rev. Brandon Harris

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Brandon Harris

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Charles Jenkins

*My God is Awesome*  
Malcolm Willoughby, Acting Director of Worship

**OFFERTORY**

Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas

**DOXOLOGY**

Thomas Ken

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

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Rev. Brandon Harris

**CLOSING SONG**

No.120 Traditional AAHH

*Joyful Joyful We Adore You*  
Peoples Adult Choir

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bryant Oskvig

**POSTLUDE**

E.L. Ashford

Lift up Your Heads O Ye Gates  
Malcolm Willoughby, Acting Director of Worship

...DEPART TO SERVE

\*\*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEOPLES CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For weekly “What's Happening” submissions and monthly Prodder submissions, please send all newsletter articles to email: [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org). The deadline for “What's Happening” is Wednesday at noon. Prodder submissions must be submitted by 12:00 Noon on the 20th of the prior month.
- A confirmation email reply will be sent upon completion of all requests.



### Direct Links to Online Giving for Donations

#### Prayer Meeting Dial-In

##### **Wednesday Word Devotional Conference Call**

605-475-5950 Access Code: 8964544# Second and Fourth Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

##### **Wednesday Noon Prayer Service**

518 99 21039, Access Code: 659959#

*Prayer Service is every Wednesday at Noon.*

#### Thursday Virtual Bible Study

**Join Zoom Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

<https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNIUXBXczJkMWVxZlVZclU5UT09>

Dial-in Number: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 - Password: 784420

#### **Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ**

##### **Sunday Morning Praise and Worship Teleconference**

Call-in-Number 720-740-9739 Access Code 4684874

The Line Opens at 6:55 a.m.

Call in and invite others.

#### **Virtual Adult Church School**

**Virtual Adult Church School Every Sunday at 8:00 - 9:15 a.m.**

##### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBIRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09>

Meeting ID: 883 9085 7788 Passcode: 438381

#### **NEW IN-PERSON CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Monthly 2nd and 4th Sunday

10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall

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**Join us Every Sunday in December at 8:30 for a morning prayer Service in the Chapel.**

## **Getting through Holiday related Grief, Depression and Stress Webinar Sunday, November 28 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.**

Please click this URL to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87144014727?pwd=cTZ4TnlsYTlPeDlTWjE4ZmhxdVF0Zz09>

Passcode: 123675

OR

Webinar ID: 871 4401 4727

Passcode: 123675

## **Save the Date**

*Saturday December 11, 2021*

The first annual General Body meeting, for this church year, will be held on Saturday 12/11/21 from 10am-12 noon. The agenda and Zoom link will be emailed on Friday December 3, 2021. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!!

## **The Camellia Circle Resumes Altar Flower Orders**

The Camellia Circle is accepting Altar Flower Orders for Special Occasions, Commemorations, Remembrances and Celebrations. The cost for an arrangement of Altar Flowers is a maximum of \$50.00. Payment can be made electronically at [peopleschurchucc.org](http://peopleschurchucc.org) Online Giving Menu Option - Altar Flowers. Checks can be mailed to Peoples Church; made payable to Camellia Circle with Altar Flowers on the Memo Line. The Ministers will acknowledge your designated floral arrangements during Worship Service announcements.

## **GIVING TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 30, 2021,**

We have a day for giving thanks; and two days for shopping and getting deals. Now we have Giving Tuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back to charities, religious organizations, families, businesses, and community centers.

**On Tuesday, November 30, 2021,** we will unite for a world-wide celebration of generosity. Giving Tuesday is an opportunity for people around the world to come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. Please consider donating to support the Community Outreach and Mission of Peoples Church. Visit our website at [peopleschurchucc.org](http://peopleschurchucc.org) and select the Online Giving Menu Option: Giving Tuesday or mail in checks payable to Peoples Church with Giving Tuesday on the Memo Line. Thanks for your donations!

## 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. The Contact Tracing Form is posted on the Church website to expedite your sign-in time ([peopleschurchucc.org](http://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 and verification of COVID-19 vaccination when you visit the Church for essential business only. Thank you for your cooperation with this COVID-19 protocol.

### Capital Campaign Community of Faith: Peoples Church Membership Engagement

The Capital Campaign Membership Engagement Team has completed its first ambitious goal to contact each member with a personal telephone call. The purpose of this goal is to seek participation in our Capital Campaign Reimagined March 2021 - March 2023 2-year Donation Commitment. Your donations will allow us to reach financial freedom by eliminating our mortgage. If you did not receive a personal call, the Membership Engagement Team has committed to continue the personal telephone calls through the end of Year 2021. The Robo-Call Telephone Roster was used to reach our membership. If we do not have a correct telephone number for you, you can update your information on [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org) or call the Church office on 202-829-5511. We look forward to engaging you on our Faith-raising Journey with an Attitude of Gratitude!

#### *In Memoriam*



**Daisy Jackson Cox**

*Passed on January 8, 2021*

**Edward Carter**

*Passed on January 8, 2021*

**Joe L. Greene**

*Passed on January 10, 2021*

**Wilson Hull**

*Passed on January 21, 2021*

**Martha Bradley**

*Passed on March 30, 2021*

**Dr. Theodore Hudson**

*Passed on April 27, 2021*

**Lydia Whitted**

*Passed on May 20, 2021*

**Dorine Caves**

*Passed on July 3, 2021*

**Harold Broome**

*Passed on July 6, 2021*

**Keneth Reeder**

*Passed on August 15, 2021*

**Leslie Jackson**

*Passed On September 1, 2021*

**Dr. Julius King**

*Passed On September 12, 2021*

**Rev. Robert Gessert**

*Passed On November 21, 2021*

# 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 comply with CDC Guidelines as well as the DC government guidelines, we have 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, contact the Office Staff either by calling 202-829-5511 or by email: [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org), 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).

