



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, January 9, 2022
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
The Baptism of Christ
January 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is White

CENTERING THOUGHT

Frederick Buechner

“To be commanded to love God at all, let alone in the wilderness, is like being commanded to be well when we are sick, to sing for joy when we are dying of thirst, to run when our legs are broken. But this is the first and great commandment, nonetheless. Even in the wilderness especially in the wilderness you shall love him.”

PRELUDE

Alice Jordan

I Love to Tell the Story
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

Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

No.117 Joachim Neander AAHH

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty
Peoples Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Deacon Priscilla Wallace
Deacon Tanielle Parker

Isaiah 43:1-7 (New Revised Standard Version)
Luke 3:15-17,21-22 (New Revised Standard Version)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Deacon Gladys Boyd

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

Richard Smallwood

Trust Me
Peoples Adult Choir

SERMON

Rev. Brandon Harris

Questioning Within Their Hearts

Luke 3:15-17

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

Rev. Brandon Harris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Brandon Harris

HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 580 William F. Hubbard AAHH

I Love You Lord Today
Peoples Adult Choir

OFFERTORY

Rev. Brandon Harris

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. Mahogany S. Thomas

Rev. Brandon Harris

CLOSING SONG

No. 326 Doris Akers AAHH

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Peoples Adult Choir

BENEDICTION

Rev. Brandon Harris

POSTLUDE

Andre Crouch

He's Worthy
Malcolm Willoughby, Acting Director of Worship

...DEPART TO SERVE

**AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

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<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/actimagelink.pl?RC=56877> [retrieved January 6, 2022].

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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. 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

Virtual Church School Will Resume on January 23

COVID-19 Update

After consulting with the Reopening Committee, the Moderator and receiving updates from sibling UCC churches and metro DC Area congregations. Peoples Church will temporarily **suspend hybrid (in-person and online worship) and will worship online only**. All digital worship services can be accessed at peopleschurchucc.org, Facebook, and YouTube. We will continue to keep the congregation updated as we monitor the current situation regarding COVID-19.



Multimedia Technology Team Update

The Multimedia Technology Team is pleased to welcome our newest volunteer, Mrs. Tiffany Daniels-Harris, who is now serving as our Instagram Manager. Our Instagram was launched in October 2021 to serve as another communication platform to expand our social media presence. Instagram is an online photo-sharing application and social network platform that allows Peoples Church to upload photos and short videos through a mobile application. You can view and follow Instagram posts by clicking the Instagram logo on the Home Page of the website at peopleschurchucc.org. Share our Instagram announcement with your social media followers!

THANK-YOU! THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMUNITY OF FAITH

The membership of the **Capital Campaign Community of Faith** is so very grateful for your ongoing support of our vital Faith Raising endeavor. Whether you purchased a 130th Anniversary Commemorative Poster, endorsed the 2-Year Donation Commitment, donated to the Campaign or contributed to the Mortgage Elimination or Building Fund, your gifts are appreciated beyond measure. Your treasure, that is above and beyond your tithes and offerings, will move us closer to becoming debt free. We entered the 4th Quarter of the 2-Year Campaign on January 1st, which ends Year One of the Capital Campaign Reimagined! March 2021 - March 2023. We will continue to Honor the Gifts of each Generation with an Attitude of Gratitude! Please join us or continue your journey with the **Capital Campaign Community of Faith** in support of our Beloved Church. **“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6 NRSV)**

The **General Body** meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The electronic link for the General Body Meeting will be sent one week prior to the meeting date. In the meantime, we will continue to operate under the 2021 budget.

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) 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.

Popping with Peoples “Popcorn Fundraiser”

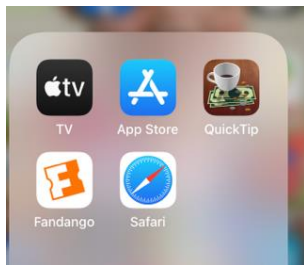
The Board of Trustees, Peoples Congregational UCC is excited about sponsoring a Double Good Virtual Fundraiser! It's 100% contactless and we keep 50% of each purchase which will be directed to the General Fund. The product ships directly to the purchaser.

Each church member is requested to create a Pop-Up Store and sell Double Good gourmet popcorn! Prices range from \$18-\$59. The popcorn is award-winning and really delicious!

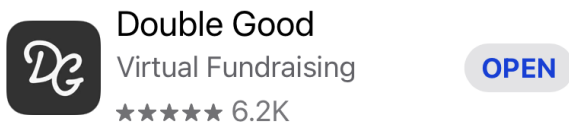
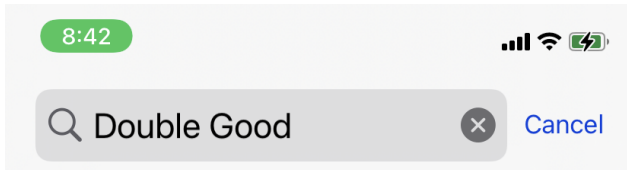
Our fundraising window begins on January 07, 2022, at 4:00 PM, and goes until January 11, 2022, at 4:00 PM.

Before the fundraiser begins you must

1. Download the **Double Good** app from the App Store on your IOS or Android cell phone.



2. Enter “Double Good” in the Search Box and press enter.



3. Open the App and Enter our Event Code **SALNVD** in the app
4. Follow the Directions to Create your Pop-Up Store!

If you have any questions or need assistance contact Peoples Church at 202-829-5511

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, and the staff will put your name 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).*

