



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

Sunday, November 27, 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
First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is Violet.

CENTERING THOUGHT

Fleming Rutledge

“What child is this? “The Infinite has become a finite fact.” Everything depends on this, or the nativity story is just a child’s fable that no thinking adult can believe.”

PRELUDE

Opening Hymn

No. 120 Henry van Dyke AAHH
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister Francis Smith

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

*I Feel Like Praising Him
Your Grace and Mercy*

Peoples Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister Francis Smith

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

People: The Lord is our righteousness.

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and mercy will be executed throughout the land.

People: The Lord is our righteousness.

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when my promised one will teach transgressors my ways, and heal the world with love and mercy.

People: The Lord is our righteousness.

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Deacon Patricia Faggett and Carrie Tyus

See Insert

HYMN

Amazing Grace

John Newton

SCRIPTURE READING

*Isaiah 2:1-5 (New Revised Standard Version)
Matthew 24: 36-44 (New Revised Standard Version)*

Deacon Gerald Younger
Morgan Rice

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The New Creed- See Insert

Natasha D. Davis-DeBose

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

SERMON

Rev. Regina Boyd

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP

Minister Francis Smith

We Offer Christ

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF RESPONSE

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson

Let the Church Say Amen

OFFERTORY

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*

OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

Minister Francis Smith

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

CLOSING REMARKS

CLOSING SONG

No.327 Italian Hymn AAHH

Come, Thou Almighty King (Verses 1-3)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Regina Boyd

Threefold Amen

No.646 Danish Amen AAHH

POSTLUDE

To God be The Glory

...DEPART TO SERVE

Music by Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship & Peoples Adult Choir

*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

** All who are able please stand

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
Call 518-992-1039, Access Code: 659959#
Prayer Service is every Wednesday at Noon.

Thursday Virtual Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting: [Click here to join](#)
Dial-in# +1 301 715 8592 US
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.

Virtual Adult Church School

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: 837 4429 8433 Passcode: 853640

Church School meets Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel September- June

Sermon By Phone

Available every Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Dial 1-202-318-5405

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Saturdays at 10:00am – 12:00pm. Do you like to sing and praise God in song? Come and join us! Do you play a musical instrument? Contact Dr. Jefferson about being a part of the music ministry at Peoples. Christmas is rapidly approaching, come sing with us!

The Annual Poinsettia and Potted Plant Sale

November 12 – December 11th! Honor your loved one(s) by purchasing a Poinsettia and placing it on the altar for the Christmas Season. Pre-Orders and Online Sales Start on November 12. Send inquiries to the attention of Vernandi Richardson at camelliacirclepcucc@gmail.com.

GIVING TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 29, 2022

On **Tuesday, November 29, 2022**, 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 our Community Outreach and the Mission of Peoples Church. Visit our website at 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 generosity and donations!

The Church will be closed November 24th & 25th to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Save The Date: Governing Body Meeting

When: Saturday, December 10, 2022

Time: 9:30 am- 11:30 am

The meeting will be in person in the Sanctuary and live streamed.

In Memoriam



Alvanette Jones

Passed on January 3, 2022

Rev. Yolande W. Ford

Passed on August 11, 2022

Paula McKann

Passed on January 5, 2022

Dr. Marion Mann

Passed on August 20, 2022

Shauna Fields

Passed on January 14, 2022

Dr. Elvira Doman

Passed on October 7, 2022

Diane Fitzhugh-Sollers

Passed on March 9, 2022

Claudette Helms

Passed on October 17, 2022

Georgiana Baird

Passed on May 7, 2022

Clyde Parker

Passed on November 5, 2022

"Please join the Board of Christian Social Action (BoCSA) in spreading Holiday Cheer by donating Toys and Gifts to Mary's Center's Annual Holiday Toy Drive. The Center provides over one thousand kids with a toy during the Holiday Season. Boxes have been set up at both Church entrances for your convenience. until December 12. Gift suggestions by age may be found on the tables near each box."

Your gift will make a difference!

Youth Town Hall Meeting

When: Sunday, December 4th

Where: Chapel

Subject: Selection of Interim Minister for Peoples Church

The Board of Christian Education and the Moderator of Peoples Church invites all youth to a special meeting to discuss the recent departure of Rev. Harris and Rev. Thomas and the next steps for Peoples Church.

Every member of Peoples Church can participate in deciding the direction of the church including youth who have been confirmed into the church. All youth regardless of confirmation can discuss their concerns about the direction of the church and the church school.

We want to hear from youth about your feelings about selecting a new minister, your church school experience, and how to keep you informed about church issues.

Come enjoy Cookies, Cocoa and
Decorate the Holiday Tree



Saturday December 17

Noon to 2:30 in atrium

All children ages 4-10
are welcome

Look for announcement in Eventbrite or RSVP to
Board of Christian Education at
boce2020@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

Bring a scarf, hat or gloves for a needy child at
Martha's Table. All items must be new with tags
showing.

Bring a wrapped toy for a boy or girl for a gift
swap of church school students

Continuing Through the Pandemic



In order for us to continue to operate safely and comply with CDC Guidelines as well as the DC government guidelines, the following practices remain in place.

Schedule: *If you need to come to the Church, contact the Office Staff either by email: info@peopleschurchucc.org or calling 202-829-5511 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.*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Today is the beginning of Advent—the preparation time for celebrating Christ's birth. We are here because of God's promises to our ancestors came true when Jesus was born. God's promise is kept each Sunday when we worship because Christ is in our midst. God will keep the promise to come again in glory.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Leader: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of the light there is hope. Because of Christ we not only have hope, but we believe that good is stronger than evil. God wants us to work for good in the world.

Light one candle in the wreath.

ALL: O God, we thank you that Jesus brought hope into our world. By the good news of the Bible you are still bringing hope to people. Help us be ready to welcome Jesus Christ so that we may think good thoughts and do good deeds and so that we may be people of hope in our world.

Affirmation of Faith- The New Creed

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.