



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

Sunday, January 22, 2023
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
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is Green

CENTERING THOUGHT

The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes

"It is only as the members of the community stand in the power of the anointing that they will be able to fulfill their commission. Even as Jesus served in the light of his anointing, so will disciples bear faithful and true witness as that same Spirit indwells believers in community."

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

No. 286 Twila Paris AAHH**

We Will Glorify

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Warren Romine

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice, people of God: This is our Sabbath day.

People: **Rejoice, friends in Christ for this is our time of worship.**

Leader: God ordained the Sabbath for rest and restoration.

People: **God is worthy of worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Inspiration.**

Leader: So then let us worship God.

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

THE UNISON INVOCATION AND OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

Minister Francis Smith

All Mighty God, as we stand in awe of Your goodness and mercy today, we invite You to be present among us by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Lord, we declare our love for You. Lead by Your Holy Spirit to praise you. May our spirits overflow with thanksgiving and our mouths proclaim Your everlasting greatness. We pray that You inspire in us this day the great love revealed to us through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who taught his disciples to pray saying, 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. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Aaron Cox

French Horn Malotte

SCRIPTURE READING

Deacon Esther Pinder

Morgan Rice

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Patricia Faggett**

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*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

No. 160 Stephen Key AAHH

The Lord is My Light and Salvation

SERMON

Rev. Dawn Jefferson

The Message of the Cross

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

Minister Francis Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 558 Kirkpatrick AAHH

Jesus Saves

OFFERTORY

Minister Francis Smith

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

Minister Francis Smith

CLOSING SONG

No. 269 Goodness AAHH**

Think of His Goodness to You

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

...DEPART TO SERVE

**AAHH- Congregations Stands

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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- 992-1039, Access Code: 659959#

Prayer Service is every Wednesday at Noon.

Thursday Virtual Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNIUXBXczJkMWVxZ1VZclU5UT09>

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 from 8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 883 9085 7788 Passcode: 438381

Sermon By Phone

Available every Sunday at Noon

202-318-5405

Make a Joyful Noise... Do you like to sing? Do you play a musical instrument? Come and be a part of the music ministry at Peoples! Everyone is invited. We rehearse on Saturdays from 10 am to 12 noon. We'd love to have you. Contact Dr. Jefferson about being a part of the music ministry at Peoples.

The Girl Scouts of Peoples Congregational Church invite you to the Girl Scout Sunday service on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 10:00 am service. Stacey Stuart, Transformational Public Health Executive, former CEO of the March of Dimes, former Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital Board of Directors member, will deliver the message to celebrate the 111th Birthday of Girl Scouts. All are invited to help celebrate this wonderful occasion.

SAVE THE DATE

Governing Body Meeting

When: Saturday, January 28, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: In-person & Zoom

TRANSITION UPDATE

Moderator Brenda Smith and the Church Council are pleased to announce the selection of the Interim Minister Committee. **Merlyn Enyi, Bobby Edwards, Laura Minor, Regina Romero, Warren Romine, Jen Virgo** and **Batina Washington** have all expressed a willingness and passion to serve the Church in this important step of our transition. The Committee will work collaboratively with Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Marvin Silver, and will interview and consider Interim Minister candidates. We ask the Congregation to keep the Interim Minister Committee in prayer as they embark on this task. Periodic updates will be provided to the Congregation.

Realm Givings Campaign

2022 Annual Giving Statements are Coming in February 2023

Dear Members,

Your **2022 Official Giving statements** will be available in our **Realm** Church Management System on **February 1, 2023** and will cover your church Givings & Donations for the period of **January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.**

All members who have previously activated their **Realm** accounts with an email and password have immediate access to their personal giving statements for review.

If you have never signed into your **Realm** account, and would like to review your statement online, receive them by email or have your statement mailed to your current address please ensure that the following information is provided to the church staff for verification:

- Your **full name** should match you tax information
- Your **home or P.O. box address** is where your paper statement will be sent
- Your **primary email address** is where your digital statement will be sent
- Your **primary home and/or mobile phone#** is how members can call or text you

Please contact the church office at **202-829-5511** or send an email to **info@peopleschurchucc.org** and provide your updated contact information.

To be transparent, we may encounter unforeseen implementation issues from our new Realm Givings platform. The Board of Trustees & the Admin task group have worked very hard to ensure that all givings data is correct. If you find any discrepancies or need additional information please have the church office contact someone on the task group as soon as possible, so we can research and address the issue with you personally.

Please click on the link to create a Realm Account or to sign-up/sign-in: <https://onrealm.org/PeoplesCongrega32550>). You can also check your email daily for a Realm Invite to join our Realm Online member directory and community.

SPECIAL NOTE: For members who are not using computers and would like their statements mailed to them, please call the Front Office (202-829-5511) and provide them with your full name, mailing address and a contact phone number.

*Additional information to follow

In Memoriam



Jacqueline Thomas
Passed on January 18, 2023

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.*



Anyone Entering This Facility
MUST...

- Allow only 1 person to enter at a time
- Have their temperature taken before signing in
- *Anyone with a temperature over 100° will not be allowed to remain*
- Wear a Mask and use Hand Sanitizer
- Sign-in & Sign-out at the Front Desk
- Maintain 6 feet of Social Distancing

