



**PEOPLES**  
**CONGREGATIONAL**  
United Church of Christ

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

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds  
Interim Minister

Sunday, September 17, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

*"... that they may all be one." John 17:21 (NRSV)*

*Love God and Love Neighbor*

ENTER TO WORSHIP...

The Order of the Word  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
“JUST PEACE SUNDAY”  
September 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
The Liturgical Color is Green.

CENTERING THOUGHT

“We have been sent dangerously by God’s address—called by name, entrusted with risky words, and empowered with authority. We are to tell the truth openly, work for justice, and stand in solidarity with our neighbors. The cost is high, but the purposes are those of the Holy God.”

— Walter Brueggemann, *Prayers for a Privileged People*

PRELUDE

Walford Davies

*Solemn Medley*

OPENING HYMN\*\*

No. 184 AAHH Lowell Mason

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
(Verses 1 & 2: All, Verse 3: Women, Verse 4: Men, Verse 5: All)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Leader: Bless the Holy One with our whole selves. Praise the Maker of our being!

**People: Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our God.**

Leader: The Sovereign One endows us with many gifts and equips us to do good work.

**People: Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our God.**

Leader: Holy Love entered the world without condemnation but with grace and forgiveness, mercy and compassion, redemption, and restoration.

**People: Hallelujah! We give thanks for the mighty deeds and the good works of our God!**

INVOCATION AND SAVIOR PRAYER

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

God, who calls, it is You who gathers us together and forms us as a community. It is You who makes us uniquely individual and who designs us for companionship. Let us journey together this day in Your presence, reminded of our interdependence with one another. May we see Your glory and be inspired to demonstrate Your goodness and care through our lives. We need Your strength in our weakness. We confess that we can be judgmental and hyper-critical of our neighbors, family, and friends. We project our own shortcomings on others in order to deflect attention from our mistakes. We withhold and condition forgiveness, mercy, and grace from those who wrong us, at the same time, we seek it for the wrongs we have done. Even still, we struggle to forgive ourselves. You have shown us the better way. Help us to follow Your path—receiving and extending forgiveness in a world in need of an infusion of grace for transformation. In Your mercy, O God, hear our prayer and let us forgive as you forgive, as we pray the prayer, we’ve been taught by 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

ANTHEM

by Stephen Paulus

*Pilgrims Hymn  
(Insert)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 114  
Romans 14: 1-12  
*(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)*

Deacon Gladys Boyd  
Lana Washington

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, Amen*

SONG OF PREPARATION

SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

“HONEST AND GENTLE”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Andrae Crouch

*Let the Church Say Amen*

OFFERTORY

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

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 SONG

*I Need You to Survive*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

POSTLUDE

Charles Marie Widor

*Toccata from 5<sup>th</sup> Symphony  
Storee Nathaniel Denson, Organist*

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

\*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

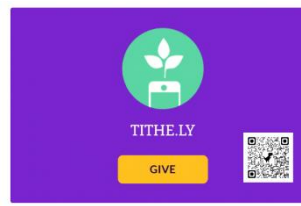
\*\* All who are able, please stand

...DEPART TO SERVE

## 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 Wednesdays 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 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBlRVdTK09XWfY5cG9OQT09>

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

# “Weekly Announcements”

**A General Body Meeting** will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. In-person and Virtual. Please join us!

**The Potomac (VA) Links and the Women’s Fellowship of Peoples Church Go Pink for Breast Health.**

Free Mammogram Screenings Friday, September 22, 2023, at Peoples from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Why wait until Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October? Be an Early Bird in Early Detection. Join the Potomac (VA) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated in tackling breast cancer with FREE Mammograms and a day of wellness. Also included are free giveaways and wellness activities!

## **Music Ministry Announcements**

There are several opportunities for you to participate in the music ministry at Peoples. We invite you to come and be a part of the Adult Choir or the Praise & Worship Team. Instrumentalists are also welcome. Join us in singing the *Agnus Dei* (Winter's Dream) by Paul Halley. The Peoples Adult Choir rehearses on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Contact Dr. Jefferson or any member of our Music Ministry team at [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org) about being part of the music ministry at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ!

## **VBS 2023: More Thank you!**

In addition to the list of donors presented on September 3 and 10, VBS 2023 also extends a sincere thank you to the following donors. Martin and Kathy Bates, Ashley Davis, Megan Jackson, Stephanie Reed, Leora (Toni) Robinson, Maureen Sullivan, David Walton, Sr. & Diana Haines-Walton, and Jimise Winston. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

## **Acolytes Needed!**

We're looking for young people to join the Peoples Church group of acolytes, who perform the important role of ushering in the light of God into our morning worship services. Children should be at least eight years old. For more information, contact Cynthia Prather at [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org).

## **Thank you from the Tate & Dutch Family**

It is with a humble and grateful heart that the family of Gloria Dutch expresses our sincere thank you for the cards, donations, and your presence at her homegoing service on August 19<sup>th</sup>. She loved Peoples Church so much and considered each of you a part of the extended family. Her family wishes God's blessings on each of you.



## RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS INFECTION (RSV)

RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild cold-like symptoms. The virus is highly contagious and is spread by virus droplets in cough or sneeze or by touching a surface that has been contaminated with the virus. RSV can survive on hard surfaces for many hours. RSV outbreaks are seasonal, usually occurring from October to May, with a peak in February. Most individuals in the US have had an RSV infection in early childhood. However, repeat infections may occur throughout life. While the disease is mild in most healthy adults, the disease can be severe in adults with compromised immune systems and older adults, especially those with underlying heart and lung disease. It can cause wheezing and difficulty breathing due to inflammation of the small airways in the lungs (Bronchiolitis) and pneumonia. Bronchiolitis does not respond to the standard treatments for wheezing due to asthma. Therefore, it may result in hospitalization for supportive treatment such as oxygen and IV fluids.

Two vaccines were licensed in May for use in adults over 60 years. Currently, a single dose is recommended. So far, the vaccine appears to provide some protection for at least two RSV seasons. Additional surveillance and evaluation activities are planned to assess how long the vaccine protects against RSV and whether additional doses will be needed.

While the CDC recommends the vaccine, the decision to receive the vaccine should be made after discussion with your Primary Care Provider.

## Movement and Dance!

We are one body with many different gifts. Last week, we witnessed the installation of Peoples Church officers, listened to musical praise from singers and musicians, and heard moving messages from our ministers and liturgists.

*Psalm 150* declares, "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!", so if you are interested in praising God with "timbrel and dance" --with movement--we invite you to sign up to explore this ministry of praise and worship. Anyone age 13 and up is welcome--male and female.

Please contact Rev. Regina Boyd at [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org) by September 20, 2023, to express your interest. Prior training and experience are desirable but are not required. "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16) Join in: Set the Spirit free through your worship of God with movement and dance!

### SAVE THE DATE:

On Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., the Food Pantry will host a Fall Harvest Festival in the parking lot. The festival will be a community event that will include the following.

- Face Painting
- Cooking Demonstration
- Food donations for the Food Pantry and more
- More details to follow.

To: Yvonne Hinkson, Esq.  
Chair of the Women's Fellowship

Jesus begins His public ministry with these words.  
"The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me.  
to proclaim good news to the poor. Luke 4: 18

We share in the Ministry of Jesus by continuing to do the work Jesus did while on earth. I am so grateful to those who graciously gave supplies to the Barnard Elementary School children. It is not only what we say when we take up the mantle and follow Jesus but, more importantly, what we do.

You always rise to the challenge of making others feel God's love through your good works and generosity. I wish you could have seen the faces of the women who accepted the donations from Peoples Women's Fellowship. One lady came up and hugged me, stating that they were in such need of the more than 500 children at the school. Peoples received 200 Backpacks which we also gave to the school. On this Labor Day, I am grateful for your labor of love, and pray we continue to support Barnard Elementary School.

Thank you again for your support and open heart for the children attending Barnard. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14.

May your head be one with your heart, your heart one with your soul, and your soul one with God.

Grateful,  
Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

## School of Nursing Announces the Canary Savage Girardeau Award for Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion





The UW-Madison School of Nursing is proud to announce the establishment of a new award. Named in honor of the first Black alumnus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing, The Canary Savage Girardeau Award for Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion reflects the School of Nursing's commitment to building health equity through diversity and inclusion in nursing education and health care.

Girardeau is presently a senior program associate at Summit Health Institute for Research and Education (SHIRE) in Washington, D.C., where she contributes her nursing expertise to the organization and has been instrumental in implementing wellness circles for District of Columbia residents with chronic conditions. With so many notable achievements throughout her career, Girardeau stresses that she just wants to be remembered as the nurse who made her patients feel comfortable and included in their healthcare journeys. "I think about the fact that people want to participate in getting well and recovering from any ailment that they have, and as nurses, they want our help!" she says. "They want us to recognize them as an active participant in their healing and want to feel as important in the process as the nurse. However, they are usually scared and don't know how to participate. As nurses, we show them how, and we show them how participation speeds their recovery. Patients become appreciative and relieved that they can do something themselves. I want to be remembered as the type of nurse who made that happen for her patients."

## Emergency Preparedness at Peoples Church

The Emergency Preparedness Committee at Peoples Church has been hard at work to ensure that, in the event of an emergency, all would know exactly what action to take to ensure their safety. To that end, the Committee has written a plan to address the emergencies that could possibly occur at the Church. The emergencies addressed in the plan include fire, natural disasters, adversarial actions, and medical protocols and procedures. The Committee is very proud to say that our plan has received approval from the DC Fire Department and is now on file with that agency. On May 21, 2016, twenty-six Church volunteers participated in the first of a series of planned training sessions, with a focus on how to evacuate the Church in case of an emergency. Exit signs have been placed throughout the Church to guide us in the evacuation process. We would like you to take note of these additions the next time you attend a Church activity. Updates are forthcoming on future training courses, which will include what to do if a natural disaster or an adversarial event should occur, as well as medical emergency protocols and procedures. A major focus of the Committee will be the continued recruitment of Church volunteers to support the Emergency Preparedness efforts. The Emergency Preparedness Committee members are James Butts, former Committee Chair, Yvette Hunter, Isaac Jackson, Jr., Earlene Jenkins, Co-Chair, Dawn Kum, Dr. Esther Pinder, Jean Tate, Co-Chair, and Carolyn Veiga.

 <i>In Memoriam</i> 	
<i>Jacqueline Adkins</i> <i>Passed on January 14, 2023</i>	<i>Robert Hill</i> <i>Passed on April 9, 2023</i>
<i>Elizabeth Scott</i> <i>Passed on January 23, 2023</i>	<i>Arthur Stewart</i> <i>Passed on May 22, 2023</i>
<i>Virginia Spencer</i> <i>Passed on February 16, 2023</i>	<i>Dr. Robert Baird</i> <i>Passed on June 8, 2023</i>
<i>Erica Taylor Minor</i> <i>Passed on March 4, 2023</i>	<i>Ethel E. Kum</i> <i>Passed on July 30, 2023</i>
<i>Marian Miller</i> <i>Passed on June 29, 2023</i>	<i>Gloria Dutch</i> <i>Passed on August 10, 2023</i>
<i>Joann Pegues</i> <i>Passed on March 23, 2023</i>	<i>Anthony Diggs</i> <i>Passed on August 24, 2023</i>
<i>Vera J. Banks</i> <i>Passed on August 31, 2023</i>	