

## Minister's Message

Dear Beloved Peoples Church Community and Friends,

*I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.*  
— Isaiah 44:22

As we enter March, a season of reflection and renewal unfolds before us. March is a significant time in our spiritual journey as we continue into Lent and prepare our hearts for the observance of the solemn introspection of Holy Week, and the joyous celebration of Easter.

During this Lenten season, I hope you intentionally set aside time for prayer, fasting, and self-examination. As we draw closer to God through acts of humility and repentance, seeking God's grace and forgiveness; may we also use this time to reflect on our lives, relationships, and faith, seeking to deepen our connection with our Savior.

As we step through Holy Week, let us remember the sacrifices made by Jesus for our redemption. May we meditate on His journey to the cross, His suffering, and His ultimate victory over sin and death. Let us embrace the significance of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday as we prepare our hearts for the glorious resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

And finally, as we come together to celebrate Easter, may we experience a new hope that will allow us to rejoice in the triumph of our risen Savior. Let us proclaim the good news of Jesus' victory over the grave, His promise of new life, and His eternal love for every one of us. May our Easter celebration be a time of joy, hope, and renewal, as we remember the power of the resurrection and the promise of redemption.

May our journey through this season allow our hearts to be full of faith, minds focused on the Word, and spirits ready for the renewal that only Christ can bring. May our observance of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter be a time of transformation, growth, and deepening of our relationship with God.

As always, I am loving you into God's next!

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

## SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. 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.

8:00-9:45 a.m. Virtual Adult Church School

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBlRVdTtk09XWfY5cG9OQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 4429 8433 Passcode: 853640

10:00 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service and Virtual Service

Church School & Youth Ministry meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel (September-June).

12:00 p.m. Sermon by Phone – Sermons available every Sunday

Telephone Dial-in #: 1-202-318-5405

Listen to weekly church sermons and messages.

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Wednesday Word – A Devotional Conference Call

Dial-In Number: 605-475-5950, Passcode: 8964544# Second and Fourth Wednesday

This is not a toll-free number. Charges may apply.

12:00 Noon Prayer Meeting Dial-In – Prayer Service is every Wednesday.

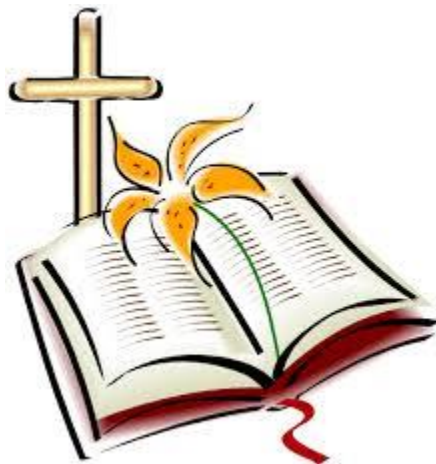
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## THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study (Classes suspended July and August)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNlUXBXczJkMWVxZlVZclU5UT09>

Dial-in Number: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 - Password: 784420



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Welcome to Peoples Church! All individuals who participate in our Worship and Liturgical Services and /or Events may have their images appear on our Social Media Platforms, Live Streaming, or communication documents. By attending these Services and Events, you tacitly agree to having your image displayed.**

### *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.

**The Adult Choir is now recruiting new members**

**Open:** Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass.

**Qualifications:** Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the church. Must have sufficient vision to see the director twenty feet away.



**Experience:** No application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the shower.

**Wages:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

**Hours:** Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at above mentioned wages).

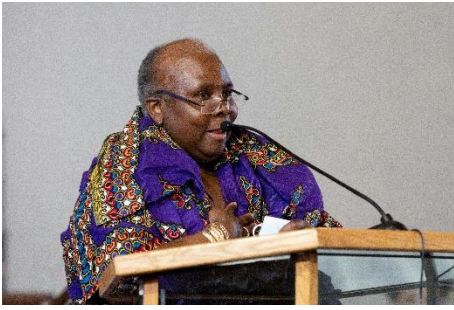
**Rehearsals:** Once a week except in the summer.

**Apply:** By attending the next rehearsal. Saturdays from 10:30 am - 12 noon.

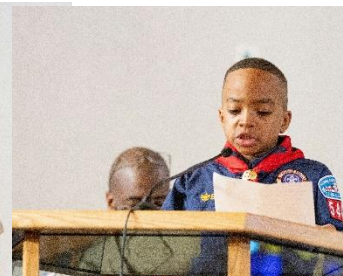
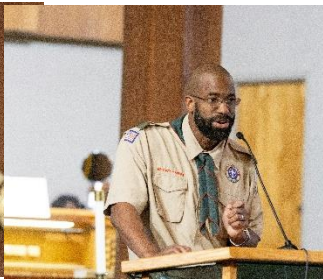
 <i>In Memoriam</i> 	
Bezelle Thomas Passed on January 23, 2024	Gwendolyn Jenifer Passed on February 23, 2024
Yvonne Grasty Passed on January 28, 2024	Norma Kelley Passed on February 27, 2024

**Save the Date:** WJAI and National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Beta Chapter presents: "A Jazz Concert" featuring the students and alumna of the Washington Jazz Arts Institute on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in Peoples Church Sanctuary. A donation of \$25.00 per person is appreciated. Tickets may be purchased by Zelle or PayPal – [nspdkbeta23@gmail.com](mailto:nspdkbeta23@gmail.com) from members of Beta Chapter or Eventbrite.com (a fee is added). If you are not able to attend, donations may be made to WJAI.org. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH.

## *Black History Month*



## *Boy Scout Sunday*





## *A Celebration of Love*



## *Black History Month and African American Read-In*



[“Direct Link to Online Giving for Donations.”](#)

## REALM REGISTRATION



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*Love God & Love Neighbor*

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## Prodder Guidelines

The Peoples Prodder is our Monthly Newsletter to inform our community about recent announcements, updates and information pertaining to the life of our congregation.

All announcements and flyers for the upcoming edition of the Prodder must be submitted by 12:00 Noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.

Announcements and flyers can be emailed to [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org).

Please do not mail information; electronic submissions are required. Announcements should be between 50-200 words maximum and should be informational about Peoples Church events or members and their families. All announcements may be edited and submissions are subject to final approval by the Ministers.

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# Upcoming Events

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## Lenten Schedule

February

**14**

### *Ash Wednesday*

8:00 a.m. Ashes -To-Go in front of the Church. 12 Noon- Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary. 4:30 p.m. Ashes-To-Go in front of the Church .

March

**23**

### *Easter Jazz Vespers*

Join us at 5:00 p.m. for Jazz for the Holy Week Journey in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow.

March

**24**

### *Palm Sunday*

Join us for Hybrid Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

March

**28**

### *Maundy Thursday*

Join us for Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

March

**29**

### *Good Friday*

Join us for Good Friday Reflective Service at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary.

March

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### *Easter Sunday*

Join us for Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel. 10:00 a.m. for a Hybrid Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary.