



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Interim Minister

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Love God and Love Neighbor

ENTER TO WORSHIP...

The Order of the Word
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is White

CENTERING THOUGHT

“The horizon is still quite dark, but hope is about to dawn. The seed of salvation is sprouting, as earth makes ready. What about the roots of our hearts? “

– Pierre Talec, *Bread in the Desert*

Prelude Bless the Lord, O my Soul Andre Crouch

Opening Hymn No 508 AAHH Phoebe P Knapp

Blessed Assurance

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg- Reynolds

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Geneva Hudson

Leader: Sing to God a new song,

People: for God has done marvelous things!

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

People: for God is still doing marvelous things!

Leader: Break into joyful song!

People: Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!

Leader: Sing to God a new song!

People: Let us worship!

INVOCATION OF AND SAVIOR’S PRAYER

Minister Geneva Hudson

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; We silence the cries of the oppressed and remain indifferent to calls for peace; we reject the weak and abuse the earth You made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. For we ask these things in the name of the One who came humbly and taught us to pray, 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66:8-20
John 15:1-8

Deacon Gladys Boyd
Deacon Lois Sylver

GLORIA PATRI

Saint Hilary 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 Bragg- Reynolds

“A Question of Identity”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Minister Geneva Hudson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg- Reynolds

HYMN OF RESPONSE

OFFERING

Minister Geneva Hudson

DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

CLOSING HYMN

No. 131 AAHH Dr. Wendell P Whalum

*Guide my Feet Lord While I Run This Race.
(Verse 1-3)*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg- Reynolds

POSTLUDE

BRIAN COURTNEY WILSON

Always Peace.

Music by Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship & Peoples Adult Choir
Special Music by Jennine Jackson, Warren Magruder, Harlan Magruder, and Denzel Gatling

*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

** All who are able, please stand

...DEPART TO SERVE

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEOPLES CHURCH

- 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

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Scan the QR Code and Click on {Give Online} below.

You can TEXT to Give-Please text GIVE2PEOPLES to 73256, followed by the gift amount, to give.

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=RmZoY2xqeTBIRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 4429 8433 Passcode: 853640

Church School meets every second and fourth 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

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Gloria W. Dutch, the mother of Jean Tate. Mrs. Dutch would have celebrated 101 years on April 29, 2024. "Happy Birthday MOM!"

Members of the Church Community, we want to ensure that you have the best possible communication with our Interim Minister to address any needs, concerns, or messages you may have. His email address is interimminister@peopleschurchucc.org. Please note that the Pastor's Sabbath is on Monday, a time dedicated to rest and reflection. If you need to contact the Pastor via email, we kindly ask that you keep in mind the following schedule: if you send an email on Sunday or Monday, please understand that the Pastor is not likely to respond until Tuesday, as these are his days of rest. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in respecting the Pastor's need for Sabbath rest. Your patience and consideration are highly valued as we seek to support our Pastor's well-being and continued service to the congregation. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any urgent concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Front Office.

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 have your image displayed.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

There will be a transition in the envelope giving system effective May 1, 2024. After examining the church budget, the Board of Trustees found that the provided giving envelopes were not used as much as they once were and that many members have a surplus of envelopes available to them. Effective May 1st, we encourage members to continue to donate using one of the following alternative methods: Realm, the blue envelopes available in the pews, or mail contributions directly to Peoples Church. **If this causes any hardship for you, the Board of Trustees wants to be made aware so that accommodations can be made. Please call the Front Office and let us know.** Thank you. We appreciate this effort to work cooperatively as good stewards of our collective resources.

Organ Coaching Available!

This spring and summer, Dr. Robert Jefferson, our Minister of Music, is offering free (yes, FREE) coaching to youth and young adults who want to learn organ techniques. Participation has only two requirements: that the child can play the piano (with music or by ear); and that he/she can attend adult choir practices on Saturdays, from 10-noon.

Let's continue the legacy of organ music at Peoples Church. For more information, contact Dr. Jefferson at drrobertjefferson@gmail.com.



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 partway across the church. Must have sufficient vision to see the director twenty feet away.

Experience: No applications 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.



In Memoriam



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
Sam Ewing Passed on April 5, 2024	

CAMELLIA CIRCLE: OUR MINISTRY THROUGH CARING

Order a designer floral arrangement to remember your loved ones or recognize a special day. The gift of your flowers and the occasion for which they are given will be acknowledged during the announcements. To order a floral arrangement, fill out the form and mail it to Camellia Circle, Attn: ALTAR FLOWERS. Peoples Congregational Church, 4704 13th Street, NW Washington, DC 20011. Enclose a check or money order (minimum \$75.00) payable to Camellia Circle. For further information, contact the Church office at 202-829-5511.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone# _____

Date I am requesting _____

I am giving flowers (in memory of or to honor) _____

SAVE THE DATE! Poor Peoples Campaign March and Assembly - June 29th!

People's members, Judith Howell, Vivian Jackson, and Wilbur Jackson, participated in the launch of the 40 days of preparation for the national march of the Poor Peoples Campaign on Saturday, March 2nd at the Church of Epiphany followed by a march to the Wilson Building. This launch event took place in over 30 state capitals on that day. The national event will take place in DC on Saturday, June 15th. Stay tuned for more information.

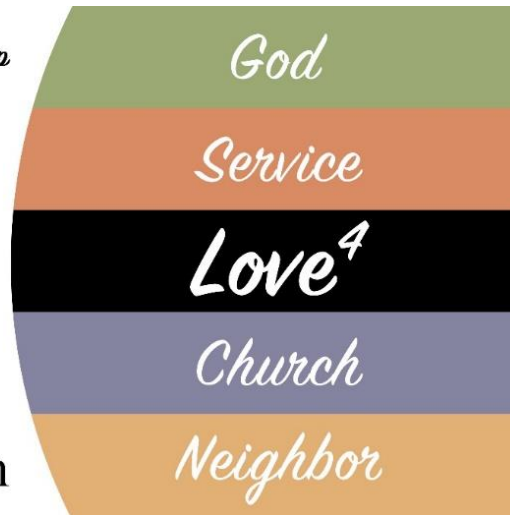


A Celebration of Community and Worship

June 1, 2024 | 10 AM - 4 PM

Peoples Congregational UCC
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Potomac Association



DEAR PEOPLES' JUSTICE SEEKER

Come and join the Peoples Congregational UCC Faith and Democracy Team! As a member of this team you will be assisting with the planning of activities to promote voter registration, voter education, and voter mobilization of our congregation and our community. Further, you will help coordinate activities that will support voting in areas across the country subject to voter suppression. Let's use our Peoples' Power!! Contact Michelle Gill or Diane Kern at info@peopleschurchucc.org to join.



VBS SAVE THE DATE. The 2024 Vacation Bible School Day Camp is scheduled for August 5-9, 2024. Do you know any children between 4 and 13 years old looking for a fun-filled week of faith, friends, and adventure? Peoples' VBS is here for you! Sign up using the QR code and your name will be added to our mailing list for updates and priority access to Early-Bird Registration. You may also return to this space for updates.



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Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ



Be Prepared Stay Prepared

Free Active Shooter

Preparedness & Response Training

by the Metropolitan Police Department

&

Sponsored by Peoples Emergency

Preparedness Committee

Today 12:00 noon.

In the Sanctuary

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