



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20011
Sunday, May 12 2024
10:00 AM

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
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 12 2024 at 10 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is White

CENTERING THOUGHT

“What we owe our children is our best effort to be a person worth emulating and to send through our lives a message to the future we hope they will feel is worth transmitting to their children and grandchildren.”

Marian Wright Edelman

PRELUDE

Franz Liszt

Consolation
Sarah Ramson, Harp

OPENING HYMN

No. 140 AAHH Thomas Hastings

Faith of Our Mothers

WELCOME AND NATURE OF THE OCCASION

Yvonne Hinkson, Esq.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Ella Gilbert

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all.

People: **Thank God for mothers.**

Leader: Everyone is either a son or a daughter

People: **Thank God for my mother.**

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth

People: **Thank God for mothers of the past.**

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now

People: **Thank God for the mothers of today.**

Leader: For all the women who took in children of others through adoption and foster care

People: **Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on

People: **Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

Leader: For all the women who have wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else

People: **Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

All: **We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. May we honor them in everything we do. Amen**

INVOCATION AND OUR SAVIOR’S PRAYER

Mrs. Ella Gilbert

We thank You, Lord, for giving us another day in which to experience Your grace and mercy. Every new morning is another gift from You. Today we give special thanks for the mothers in our lives, those who gave birth to us and others who have had an impact on our growth and development. We can easily lose sight of the evidence of your kindness in our lives. Help us to watch for even the tiniest of blessings in our families and friendships, in our work, in our homes, in our church, and even in our times of play and rest. May we always be secure in your steadfast love. It gives us confidence for today and hope for tomorrow as we pray the prayer our Savior taught us: 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 READINGS

1 Samuel 1:27-28
Luke 1:46-56

Nadia Foster

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*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

Dr. Tuere Anne Marshall

SONG OF PREPARATION

Josh Groban

"You Raise Me Up"
Women's Fellowship Choir
Geneva Hudson, Soloist

"FOR THIS CHILD, I HAVE PRAYED... REFLECTIONS ON MOTHERING"

Ms. Susan Burton Dr. Diane Kern Debra Long Doyle, Esq

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Minister Geneva Hudson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister Geneva Hudson

OFFERTORY

MUSICAL SELECTION

Jonathan Butler

One Night with the King
Shirleta Settles, Soloist

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Shayla Wright

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*

2024 WOMEN OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

Deacon Priscilla Wallace
Mrs. Deborah Spriggs

CLOSING REMARKS

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

CLOSING HYMN

No 474 AAHH Doris Akers

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

BENEDICTION

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

POSTLUDE

Henriette Renie

Angelus
Sarah Ramson, Harp

Music by Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship & Women's Fellowship Choir
Special Music by Sarah Ramson, Harp.
** 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 REALM



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

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.

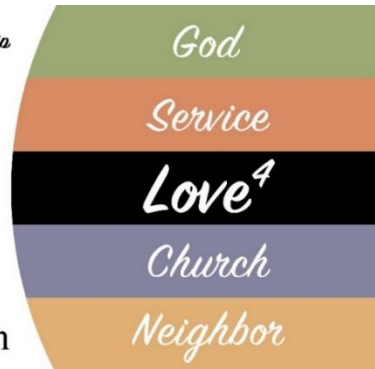
<i>In Memoriam</i>	
Bezelle Thomas Passed on January 23, 2024	Norma Kelley Passed on February 27, 2024
Yvonne Grasty Passed on January 28, 2024	Sam Ewing Passed on April 5, 2024
Gwendolyn Jenifer Passed on February 2024	Maureen Butts Passed on May 6, 2024

A Celebration of Community and Worship

June 1, 2024 | 10 AM - 4 PM

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Potomac Association



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.



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) _____

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.



REALM REGISTRATION



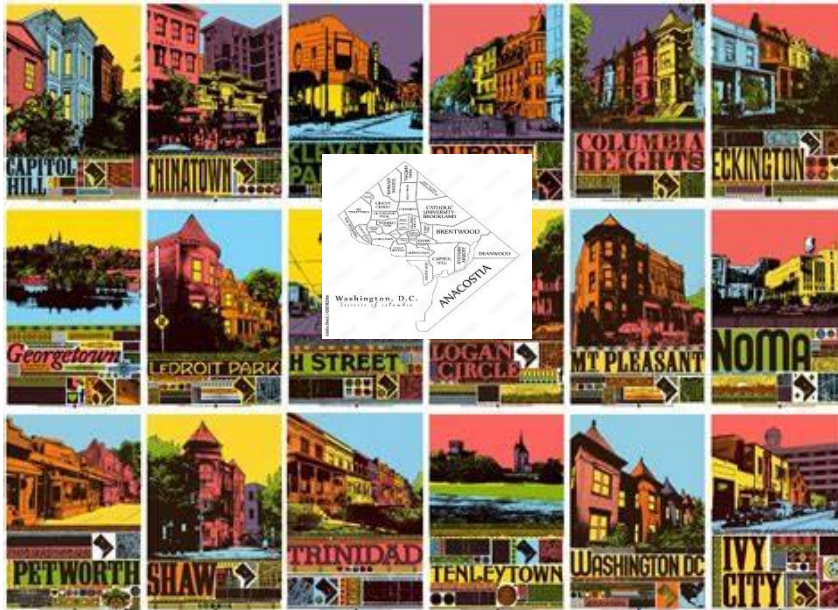
Scan the QR Code: Peoples Realm Sign-Up, Sign-in, or Make a Donation

HOUSING JUSTICE FORUM: KEEPING DC AS A HOME FOR ALL!!!

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Peoples Congregational UCC 4704 13th Street NW, Washington, DC 20011

Sponsored by the Board of Christian Social Action



Housing Justice!

*I want to live here,
don't PUSH me out!*

*I want to live here,
don't PRICE me out.!*

Affordable housing is an ongoing concern for DC residents in Ward 4 and throughout the DMV. Long-term tenants and senior homeowners are being

pushed out. First time homeowners (to be!) and young families are being priced out of Ward 4 and the city at-large.

This forum will broaden the understanding of the housing issues faced in Washington, DC. It will describe initiatives underway to prevent further displacement of longtime DC residents and promote opportunities for homeownership and renter affordability. The forum will host exhibitors that will provide relevant information and resources.

Dynamic Speakers, Exhibitors and Information Booths
SAVE THE DATE AND PASS ON THE WORD! COME OUT!

For more information, contact Vivian Jackson or Nina Faulk-Knight at boardofchristiansocaction@peopleschurchucc.org or (202) 829-5511, Ext 25.

