



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

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Interim Minister

Sunday, September 29, 2024
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
Youth Sunday
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is Green

CENTERING THOUGHT

“We do not just die. We do not just suffer. We do not just fail. We do not just grieve. We live. We dance. We love. We shout.”

— Danté Stewart, *Shoutin’ in the Fire: An American Epistle*

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy

No. 329 AAHH Reginald Heber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister Geneva Hudson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Geneva Hudson

Leader: Every day is a day the Lord has made!

People: Let us live in dependence upon the Lord!

Leader: Every day is a day the Lord has made!

People: Let us celebrate the presence and active work of the Lord in our midst!

Leader: Every day is a day the Lord has made.

People: Let us live in the truth and the light given us in God’s Word!

Leader: Every day is a day the Lord has made!

People: Let us draw near to God through the power of Christ’s sacrifice upon the cross!

Leader: Every day is a day the Lord has made!

People: Let us give thanks and praise the Lord!

Leader: Every day is a day the Lord has made!

People: Let us remember the goodness and the love of God that endures forever!

All: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INVOCATION AND SAVIOR’S PRAYER**

Hunter Parler

Creator and Creating God: With hearts overflowing with gratitude, we begin this worship service dedicated to our youth. We are grateful for all the young people that Your providence has brought to us. We ask that You share Your Holy Spirit with us that we might have the wisdom to guide them on the journey that lays before them. May the Gospel of Jesus Christ be a lamp unto their feet and may the love he showed for all of us be an inspiration to them. Bless and keep them Lord on the path we pray, Lord. This we ask in Jesus’s name, 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 124:1-8
Mark 9:38-50

Christopher Monsanto
Zahra Koen

GLORIA PATRI**		Saint Hilary of Poitiers
	<i>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</i>	
SONG OF PREPARATION		Youth Handbell Choir
	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Ador Thee</i>	
SERMON		Minister Francis Smith
	“Quo Vadis, Where are you going, Lord?”	
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		Minister Geneva Hudson
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Minister Francis Smith
OFFERTORY		Minister Geneva Hudson
MUSICAL SELECTION		George W. Cooke
	<i>I've Got That Joy, Joy, Joy Youth Singers</i>	
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Minister Geneva Hudson
DOXOLOGY**		Thomas Ken
	<i>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</i>	
CLOSING SONG**		No. 547 AAHH Johnson Oatman
	<i>Lift Him Up</i>	
BENEDICTION **		Minister Francis Smith
POSTLUDE		

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship & Peoples Choir

Minister Diedre D. Gray, Assistant Director of Worship

*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

** All who are able, please stand

Cover Page Children's Choir

...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.

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 from 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

Dear 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. Should you have any urgent concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Front Office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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.

Music Ministry Announcements

Many thanks to the Peoples Congregational UCC for all your prayers and kind words during the passing of my brother. Your outpouring of love was amazing! Thank you. Dr. Jefferson.

There are several opportunities for you to participate in the music ministry at Peoples. We invite you to come and be a part of Peoples Choir! There are also opportunities to sing with the Praise & Worship Team. Instrumentalists are also welcome. Peoples Choir is now accepting new members. Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 10:30 AM - 12 noon. Join us as we plan music for the upcoming year. Come sing with us!

The Faith and Democracy would like to thank everyone who attended the postcard party on Sunday, September 22nd. We completed 600 postcards that will go to Black voters in Georgia, where basic civil rights are threatened, to emphasize that their vote is consequential. The postcard message encouraged the recipients of the cards to vote early and avoid long lines, as well as important ballot issues. We are making a difference!

Watch for future announcements as Faith and Democracy Team continues to encourage people to get out to vote!

Church School for 2024/25

When: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays*

Time: 10-11:15 am

Where: 2nd Floor Classrooms, Elmes Center

Class levels: Primary (ages 5-7), Intermediate (ages 8-10), Preteen (ages 11-12), and Youth (ages 13 and above)

Please note: We are seeking willing workers to assist with our Church School classes. This is an extraordinary opportunity to serve our young people while encouraging them and demonstrating how to love God as they learn to love their neighbors in Christian ways and live a good life. If interested, please contact Leslie Fogg Bowie or Cynthia Prather at 202 829-5511.

For information, contact Cynthia Prather or Leslie Bowie at 202-829-5511.

*A Children's Sermon will be presented during each first Sunday's worship service beginning October 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.



In Memoriam



Bezelle Thomas Passed on January 23, 2024	Maureen Butts Passed on May 6, 2024
Yvonne Grasty Passed on January 28, 2024	Florida Ella Greene Passed on May 19, 2024
Gwendolyn Jenifer Passed on February 23, 2024	Terry Thomas Passed on May 27, 2024
Norma Kelley Passed on February 27, 2024	Bernice Johnson Reagon Passed on July 16, 2024
Sam Ewing Passed on April 5, 2024	Marie Lee Passed on August 7, 2024

On Sunday, October 20, 2024, the Board of Deacons will sponsor “Family and Friendship Sunday”. Members are encouraged to reach out to family and friends to invite them to join us at our 10:00 A.M. worship service. Spread the “good word” about Peoples Church; “The Friendliest Church in the City”. It is our hope that this day will revitalize our care and concern for others as we grow spiritually through sharing worship together. The Board of Deacons will host the Coffee Hour following our worship service. Please plan to join us on this day of spiritual renewal and fellowship.

**The Diaconate of Peoples Congregational
United Church of Christ
invites you and the community to**

**Family & Friendship
Sunday
Worship Service**

Sunday, October 20, 2024
Ten o'clock in the Morning

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**A “Bag-Lunch” Reception will
immediately follow the service
in the Atrium sponsored by the
Board of Deacons**



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FOOD DRIVE

**OCTOBER 26, 2024
12-4PM**

HOST: PEOPLES CHURCH FOOD PANTRY



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE, WHERE WE COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF THOSE FACING FOOD INSECURITY. TOGETHER, WE AIM TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER AND PROVIDE VITAL SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

LOCATION



**PARKING LOT
4704 13TH ST NW
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FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

- HOT DOG'S & ROLLS
- BEVERAGES
- PUMPKINS
- CHIPS

For More Information : 202-829-5511

