



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

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Interim Minister

Sunday, October 27, 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
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Sabbath
October 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is Green

CENTERING THOUGHT

"Each child belongs to all of us, and they will bring us tomorrow in direct relation to the responsibility we have shown them."

– Maya Angelou

PRELUDE

Marc -Antoine Charpentier

Te Deum
Cyril Patrick Enyi, Trumpet

OPENING HYMN

No. 617 AAHH Carey Bonner

Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP**

Malcolm Wyatt

Leader: "...[T]he LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing."

People: We come to praise God, who executes justice for children and poor families and loves the stranger.

Leader: "You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

People: We come to follow God, seeking justice and showing love as God does.

Leader: "You shall fear the LORD your God; [God] alone you shall worship; to [God] you shall hold fast, and by [God's] name you shall swear. [God] is your praise; [God] is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen."

People: We come to worship and hold fast to God, who is our praise and has done for us great things.

****Invocation and Savior's Prayer**

Jacques Kearns

Leader: Creator and Creating God, every 29 seconds, a child is born into poverty. Every 67 seconds, a baby is born without health insurance. Every 85 seconds, a baby is born to a teen mother.

People: God of justice, God of mercy, make us merciful and just! Help us see all your creation as from you a sacred trust.

Leader: Every hour and a half, a child dies from an accident. Every 3 hours, a child or teen dies from a gun. Every 8 hours a child commits suicide. Every 47 seconds a child is abused or neglected. Every 5-and-a-half hours a child is killed by abuse or neglect.

People: And when people cry in anguish for their own or others' pain, show us ways to make a difference, O God, make us humane!

Leader: Every second and a half during the school year a public-school student receives an out-of-school suspension. Every 8 seconds during the school year a public high school student drops out. Every 30 seconds during the school year a public-school student is corporally punished. Every 17 seconds a child is arrested.

People: How can we, as people chosen by your grace for service here, endure another's hardship without offering hope or cheer? God, forgive us, we beseech you, when our love fails to empower. Teach us how to be more faithful in this crucial time.

(Pause for silent prayers.)

All: Grant all people work with meaning and strength to care for those they love. Food for table, truth for telling, challenges to rise above. But remind us, God of justice, this is now our work, our call! Changing life's oppressive systems into ones empowering all, we pray in the name of the One who is Christ 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 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

Jeremiah 29: 11
Luke 4: 16-21

Ryder Wesley
Shayla Wright

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*

MUSICAL SELECTION

“CHILDREN’S SABBATH: AN ADULT CONVERSATION”

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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Prayers of the People

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OFFERTORY

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MUSICAL SELECTION

No. 549 AAHH Nolan Williams

This Little Light of Mine

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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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 HYMN**

No. 131 AAHH Traditional

Guide My Feet

BENEDICTION **

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POSTLUDE

William B. Bradbury

*Jesus Loves Me
Cyril Patrick Enye, Trumpet*

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship & Peoples Congregation Choir
Minister Diedre D. Gray, Assistant Director of Worship & Peoples Praise

*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.

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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

Welcome to Peoples Church!

All individuals who participate in our Worship and Liturgical Services and 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.

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 contact the Front Office. Thank you

Music Ministry Announcements

Peoples Congregational Choir is now accepting new members. 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 choir. There are also opportunities to sing with Peoples Praise, our praise and worship Team. Instrumentalists are also welcome. Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 12 noon. Join us as we plan music for the upcoming year. Come sing with us!

The music ministry team will be celebrating the music of our own Gwendolyn Jenifer on Sunday, November 3rd. We will be rehearsing on Saturday at 10 am. All are welcome to participate!

In Memoriam

 Bezelle Thomas Passed on January 23, 2024	Florida Ella Greene Passed on May 19, 2024
Yvonne Grasty Passed on January 28, 2024	Terry Thomas Passed on May 27, 2024
Gwendolyn Jenifer Passed on February 23, 2024	Bernice Johnson Reagon Passed on July 16, 2024
Norma Kelley Passed on February 27, 2024	Marie Lee Passed on August 7, 2024
Sam Ewing Passed on April 5, 2024	Debra Long-Doyle Passed on October 15, 2024
Maureen Butts Passed on May 6, 2024	Gwendolyn Pla Passed on October 21, 2024

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 need 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.

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.

Prayer Requests: Rev. Bragg-Reynolds has asked us to be a praying church. Surely, we can agree that there is power in prayer. The Book of James 5:14 reads, *“Are any among you sick? They should call on the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.”* We don’t have elders in our church, but we have ministers, deacons, and prayer groups. The Bible says pray without ceasing and that’s what we would like to do at Peoples, but we need to know who is sick, who is in the hospital, rehab, or just needs prayer. Often, we hear about someone who had been ill, was in the hospital, or lost a loved one, and the church did not know. Beginning in October, there will be boxes and prayer request cards on the table in the atrium, the entrance to the Elmes Center, and in the pews. Put your prayer requests in one of the boxes, in the offering basket, or on the website. We will share your needs with the ministers and other prayer groups. If you wish for the prayer request to remain confidential and shared only with the minister, please note that. Let us remain connected as a church family to care for and support one another. Please let us know your prayer needs and we will lift you in prayer.

Sick and Shut-in

We would also like to know who may be sick and shut-in, hospitalized, in rehab, or confined to their homes and who may have lost loved ones. This information can be given to the office or sent to pastoralcare@peopleschurchucc.org.

Birthday Recognition

As we did once before, we would again like to acknowledge birthdays and anniversaries each month in the Prodder starting in January 2025. If you would like to be included, please let Marie Whitaker and your Birthmonth Club know. Also, indicate if you would not like to be included.

Faith and Democracy Committee

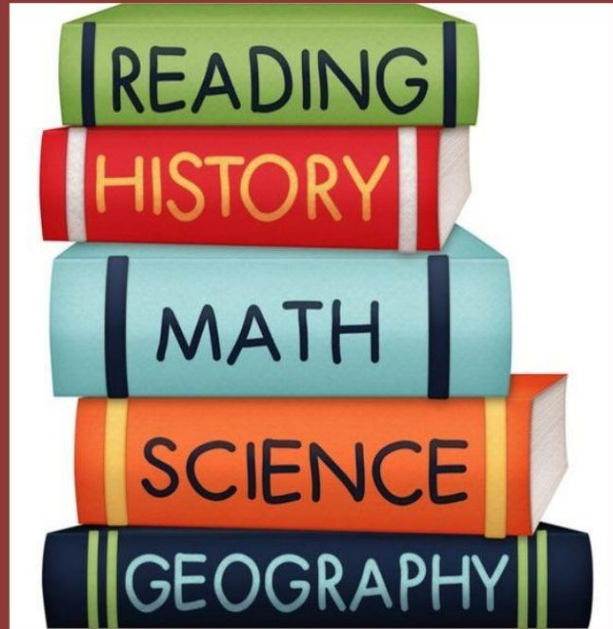
Today is Sneaker Sunday

With 8 days until election day, are you ready to vote? Let’s prepare to walk, run, stroll, or roll to the polls by celebrating the countdown to Election Day. Wear your favorite sneakers to show that you are ready to vote. Stop in the atrium to show off your favorite sneakers and meet members of the Peoples Church Faith and Democracy Committee before or after service for information on how to confirm your voter registration status and find your polling place or mail-in deadlines. If you have questions, email Michelle Gill or Diane Kern at info@peopleschurch.org

APPLY TODAY!

2024 PEOPLES CHURCH BOOK GRANT APPLICATION

Deadline: December 6, 2024 by 5:00 pm



Applications are being accepted now for Book Grants to be used for the Spring 2025 Semester! Book Grants are available for church members in undergraduate school and are **due on December 6, 2024 by 5:00 pm.**

BOOK GRANT MATERIALS

Applications should be requested by emailing
scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org

**Note: Book Grant applications can be completed fully online.*

QUESTIONS?

✉ scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org

