



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

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Interim Minister

Sunday, October 6, 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
World Communion Sunday
October 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is Green

CENTERING THOUGHT

“The world is filled with abundance and freighted with generosity. If bread is broken and shared, there is enough for all. The creation is infused with the Creator’s generosity.”

— Walter Brueggemann

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN**

Come, We Who Love God’s Name”
Verses 1, 2, 5

No. 382 NCH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. George Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. George Walker

Leader: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

People: God’s people called to the table, where simple grace nourishes us.

Leader: From down the street to out in the suburbs, from single households to apartment dwellers,

People: God’s people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

Leader: From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts,

People: God’s people are called to witness to God’s hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.

INVOCATION **

Rev. George Walker

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us again. Transform us at this table and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

AFFIRMATION**

Deacon Carrie Tyus

We are not alone; we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, and in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 37: 1-9
Lamentations 1:1-6, 3: 19-26

Deacon Gladys Boyd
Deacon Tanielle Parker

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

COVENANT

Rev. Geoge Walker

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures and in our purpose to walk in the ways of God, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Jesus Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all humankind, exalting the worship of the one true God and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of the beloved community. Depending as did our fathers and mothers upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the City of God, and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

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*

SONG OF PREPARATION

*Then Sings My Soul
Andre Kearns and LeAta Jackson, Soloist*

SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

“The Way the World Turns”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. George Walker

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

Great is Thy Faithfulness

No. 423 NCH

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Giving of the Bread

The Giving of the Cup

Musical Selection

Choir Acapella

Let Us Break Bread Together

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

OFFERTORY

Rev. George Walker

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MUSICAL SELECTION

Choir

Draw Us in Thy Spirit’s Tether

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. 460 NCH

God Will Take Care of You

BENEDICTION **

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

CHORAL AMEN

Choir

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

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...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

Peoples 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 Peoples Choir! There are also opportunities to sing with the Praise & Worship Team. Instrumentalists are also welcome. 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!

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

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

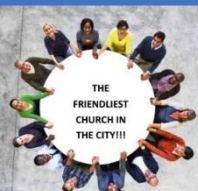
On Sunday, October 20, 2024, the Board of Deacons will sponsor "Family and Friendship Sunday". Members are encouraged to reach out to family and friends to invite them to join us at our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Spread the "good word" about Peoples Church, "The Friendliest Church in the City." It is 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

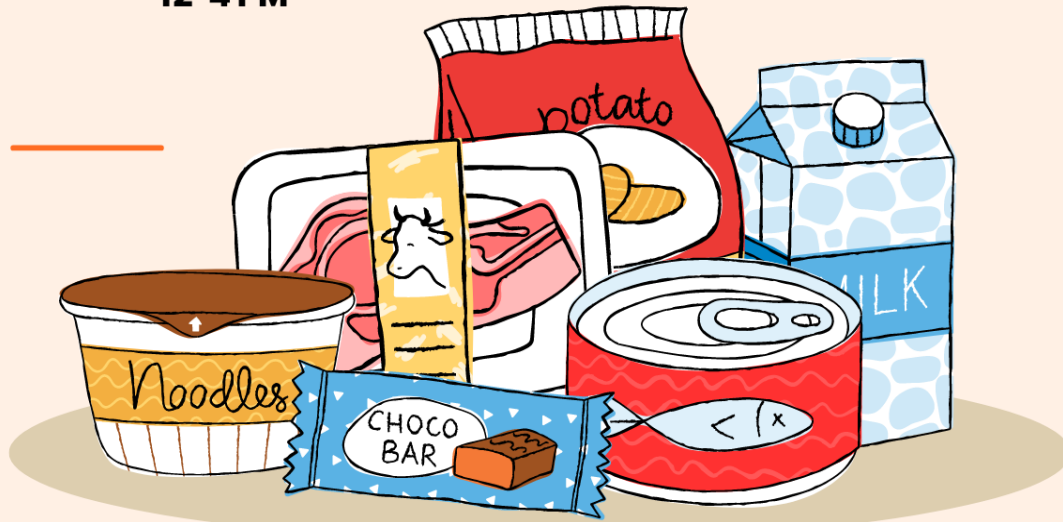


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PEOPLES CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024
12-4 PM



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. PLEASE BRING FOOD DONATIONS FOR SUCH AS CAN GOODS, AND NON-PERISHABLES,

LOCATION

PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL UCC
PARKING LOT
4704 13TH ST NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20011



FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

- ▶ HOT DOGS & ROLLS
- ▶ BEVERAGES
- ▶ PUMPKINS
- ▶ CHIPS

For More Information : 202-829-5511

