



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

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Interim Minister

Sunday, November 17, 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-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is Green

CENTERING THOUGHT

“It helps now and then to step back and take the long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work. . . . We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. . . . We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders. . . . We are prophets of a future not our own.”
— **Archbishop Oscar Romero**

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Traditional

I Woke Up This Morning

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

MORNING HYMN

No.175 AAHH Valeria A. Foster

Come, Thou Front of Every Blessing

PEOPLES PRAISE

No. 106 AAHH Stephen Key

In The Beauty of Hollines

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Leader: For poor and rich, for friends and strangers,

People: God passed through darkness into light.

Leader: For judges and criminals, for disciples and enemies,

People: God passed through darkness into light.

Leader: For people like us and different from us, for each one of us,

People: God passed through darkness into light.

Leader: Let us worship!

****Invocation and Saviors Prayer**

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus our Sovereign and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our healer, and redeemer who taught us how 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

Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Deacon Pricilla Wallace
Deacon Bill Wills

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

Bill and Gloria Gaither

Jesus, There's Something About the Name

SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

“A POWER ANALYSIS”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

OFFERTORY

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

MUSICAL SELECTION

Holland Davis

Let It Rise

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

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 SONG

No. 377 AAHH Horatio Spafford

*It is Well with My Soul
(Verses 1 and 4)*

BENEDICTION **

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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

Cover Page: Young Joshua Jenkins at the Organ 2012

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.

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

Peoples Church will be closed on November 28 and 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

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. Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. There are also opportunities to sing with Peoples Praise, our praise & worship team. Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Instrumentalists are also welcome. Join us as we rehearse music for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Come sing with us!

The Music Ministry at Peoples UCC is growing and expanding and we are looking for a few people with the desire to help in our growth by providing administrative support. If you are interested please reach out to: Min. Diedre Gray, Assistant Director of Worship msdeedeemusic@gmail.com or LeAta Jackson leatarj@gmail.com

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
Lucille Herring Passed on October 28, 2024	

The Linkage to Life

As Christians, we are called to minister to others in the name of Christ, who gave his life so that we might have life in its fullness. Like many other religions, the Christian faith supports organ donation, eye, marrow, and tissue donation. If you have not already done so through your local Department of Motor Vehicles, we encourage you to stop by the donor information tables and consider registering after the service. In 2023, more than 46,630 people in Washington, DC, have begun new lives thanks to the generosity of organ and blood donors. By electing to become an organ, eye, marrow, tissue, or blood donor, you can save the lives of as many as eight people and enhance the lives of as many as 75 people. This act of charity will not delay or change your desired funeral arrangements, and an open-casket ceremony remains possible. You can visit RegisterMe.org/LinkagestoLife to learn more about Linkages to Life and to register as a donor. It is our sincere hope that your faith fills you with compassion. Remember, we can each be #LinkagesToLife.

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 so that we may 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 before, we would like to acknowledge all 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.

Members of the Pastoral Search Committee

Amber Romine, Chair	Tuere Marshall
James Mack, Co-Chair	Jennine Jackson
Jeff Banks	Brenda Jones
Brenda Ewing	Tanielle Parker
Carol Hamilton	Thomas Pinder

The Food Pantry not only provides food to nourish the body but also love to nourish the spirit. Join us as we collect personal care and winter items for our Christmas distribution. Items will be collected through Sunday, December 15. Boxes for your donations will be located in the Atrium.

Holiday
Fundraiser

TROOP 544 BOY SCOUT WREATHS ARE BACK!

Adorn your door with beautiful, fresh, and festive holiday balsam or supplies. All sales will help support Troop 544 with camping adventures, purchasing equipment and providing fee reductions for scouts needing financial assistance.

There are two ways to purchase.

Email your order to akapamack@gmail.com. Your order will be delivered or available for pick up on December 6, 2024. Make checks payable to Troop 544.

- OR -

Order online at <https://giftitforward.com> for additional selections and to have the order shipped directly to you. (Prices are higher for on-line purchases.) Use fundraising-code: TR544DC001 and make sure to mention Troop 544 as the Scout. Your order will be shipped directly to you.



Thank you for your support.

Your Scout's name: **TROOP 544**



Classic Wreath \$35



Spray \$25



LED Lights \$10

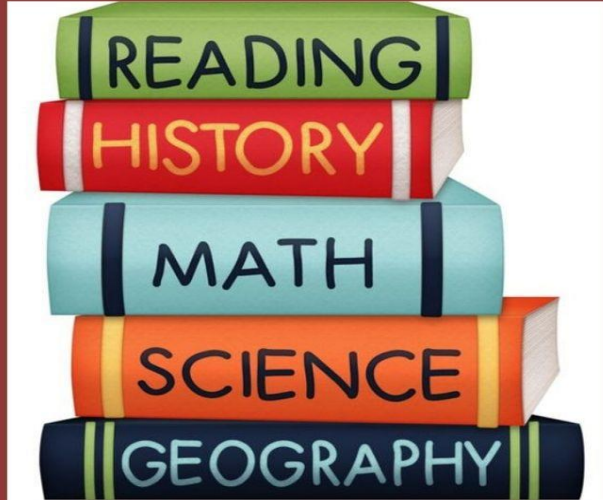


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APPLY TODAY!

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

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