



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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

All Saints Sunday

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The Liturgical Color is Green

The Communion Table is draped in white cloth to represent the First Sunday and Holy Communion

Centering Thought

“God has set up a high standard of righteousness. He has made plain a distinction between human and divine wisdom. All who work on Christ’s side must work to save, not destroy”.

Ellen G. White

Prelude

****Opening Hymn**

No. 339 AAHH William W. How

For All the Saints

Verse 1, ALL; Verse 2, Women, Verse 3, Men, Verse 4, ALL

Welcome and Announcements

Minister Geneva Hudson

****Call to Worship**

Minister Geneva Hudson

Leader: Today we gather, united in the Spirit, to remember and celebrate all God's saints—those who have gone before us, those among us now, and those yet to come.

People: We give thanks for the lives that have inspired us, for the faith that has sustained generations, and for the love that connects us to the great cloud of witnesses. We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today. We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

Leader: We come as one body, bound together in hope and in memory, drawn together by the light of Christ that shines through every age and every people.

People: We rejoice in God’s faithfulness, trusting that the saints who have run the race before us now rest in His eternal embrace, and that we are called to carry on the work of love and justice.

Leader: Let us worship God with gladness and awe, for the Lord is our strength and our salvation.

All: With grateful hearts, we praise the One who calls us saints, who gathers us together, and who leads us on the journey of faith. Amen.

****Invocation**

Minister Geneva Hudson

Gracious God, as we gather in Your presence, we open our hearts to Your Spirit. Fill us with Your wisdom and peace, that we may honor the legacy of the saints and walk faithfully in their footsteps. Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as You would have us love. We do not always do as You would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from You when we should turn toward You. Hold us, dear One—comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family and help us to know that they are rejoicing in Your presence. We praise You for the grace You shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially those we don't share with anyone but You. May our worship today be pleasing to You and inspire us to serve with love and compassion. Amen.

Musical Selection

Arr. by Moses Hogan

Give Me Jesus

Imani Mchunu Grosvenor, Soloist

****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 Readings

Isaiah 1:10-18

Deacon Malcolm Carpenter

Luke 19:1-10

Deacon Kenneth Parker

****Covenant**

Minister Geneva Hudson

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. We look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the everlasting life.

****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*

Children's Sermon

Dr. Tuere Marshall

A Time of Remembrance

Minister Geneva Hudson

Song of Preparation

Spiritual Arr. by Jester Hairston

Hold On

Sermon

Minister Francis Smith

“Right vs Righteous: A Transformational Conundrum”

Invitation to Discipleship

Minister Geneva Hudson

The Ministry of Holy Communion

Congregational Selection

Thomas J. Porter

Let Us Be Bread

LET US BE BREAD

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Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,

bro - ken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love free - ly poured.

Let us be one in the Lord.

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Invitation to the Table

Leader: On this day when we remember our loved ones who have gone before us, we gather from every place and every background, united in our faith and in our longing for peace. We celebrate the gift of communion, which transcends borders and unites us as one body in Christ.

People: We are a diverse family of believers, called to share in the love and grace of our Lord.

Leader: As we prepare our hearts and minds for communion, let us remember that Jesus invites all to His table. There is plenty of room for each of us, regardless of our differences.

People: We welcome everyone here, recalling Jesus' words: "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (sung)

Musical Selection

Albert Hay Malotte

The Lord's Prayer

Imani Mchunu Grosvenor, Soloist

Offertory

Minister Geneva Hudson

Musical Selection

No. 256 AAHH Andraé Crouch

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

Offertory Prayer

Minister Geneva Hudson

****Doxology**

Thomas Ken

We give Thee but Thine Own
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
Amen

Closing Hymn

No. 243 AAHH Isaac Watts

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

****Benediction**

Minister Francis Smith

Postlude

Richard Strauss

Zueignung (Devotion)

Imani Mchunu Grosvenor, Soloist

...DEPART TO SERVE

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship and Peoples Congregational Choir

Minister Diedre D. Gray, Assistant Director of Worship and Peoples Praise

Guest Soloist, Imani Mchunu Grosvenor

*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

** All who are able, please stand

Imani Mchunu Grosvenor has enjoyed performing opera, musical theatre, and concert works in Europe and North America.

She holds degrees from The University of Michigan and is currently a soprano vocalist with the United States Army Band, Pershing's Own.

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