



**Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ**

4704 13th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

**Sunday, October 12, 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**  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 12, 2025  
The Liturgical color is Green

**Centering Thought**

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."

- Albert Einstein

**Prelude**

**\*\*Opening Hymn**

No. 292 AAHH Edward Perronet

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Minister Geneva Hudson

Leader: We are reminded that entering God's kingdom is not always easy. Jesus himself tells us,

"Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom." Yet, this challenge beckons us to explore what it truly means to live as followers of Christ.

**People: We come with open hearts and minds, ready to confront our own discomforts and to seek transformation.**

Leader: In the spirit of the new way of life that Jesus offers, we are called to liberate the oppressed, serve the poor, and respect all creation. Even when the path is steep and the cost feels high, we trust in God's promise that His kingdom is breaking in among us.

**People: We are here to learn, to grow, and to be filled with hope for the coming of God's kingdom, however gradual.**

Leader: So let us worship with honesty and joy, leaning into the uncomfortable truths that lead us deeper into God's grace.

**People: Together, we strive to embody the light of Christ, inviting others into a hope that transforms and unites us. Amen.**

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

Minister Geneva Hudson

Creator and Creating God, we gather in Your presence today with hearts full of expectation and minds open to Your guidance. As we come together in worship, we ask that Your Spirit fill this place, igniting within us a yearning for Your kin-dom. Help us to confront our fears, let go of our attachments, and embrace the calling to live as Your disciples in a world in need of love and justice. May we find strength in our vulnerability and courage in our discomfort, as we seek to reflect Your light in every corner of our lives. Draw us closer to You and to one another, that we may grow together in faith and service. Now, as one family in Christ, we pray together the prayer You taught us: 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Scripture Readings**

Psalm 72:1-7  
Mark 10:17-31

Deacon Priscilla Wallace

**\*\*Gloria Patria**

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

**Song of Preparation**

V. Michael McKay

*What Shall I Do*, Kathy Holt

**Sermon**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**"Post Christiandom Church"**

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**Invitation to Discipleship**

Minister Geneva Hudson

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**Musical Selection**

David G. Frazier

*I Need You to Survive*

**Offertory**

Minister Geneva Hudson

**Musical Selection**

James Cleveland

*Lord, Do It*, Jennine Jackson

**Offertory Prayer**

Minister Geneva Hudson

**\*\* Doxology**

Beethoven

All Things Come of Thee,  
O Lord, and of Thine own  
Have we given Thee. Amen.

**\*\*Closing Hymn**

No. 228 AAHH Kurt Kaiser

*O, How He Loves You and Me*

**\*\*Benediction**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**Postlude**

Richard Smallwood/J.S. Bach

*Jesu' Joy of Man's Desiring*

**...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

Minister Geneva Hudson, Minister of Congregational Care

Minister Francis Smith, Minister of Community Engagement

\*AAHH - African American Heritage Hymnal

\*\*All who are able, please stand

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## FALL COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**\* Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm, the naming of the  
Rev. Dr. A. Knighton Stanley Way Designation Act**

**\* Friends and Family Day, Sunday, October 19, 2025**



**\* Community Food Drive and Raffle, Saturday,  
October 25, 2025 12:00-4:00 pm**

**\* Children's Sabbath, Sunday, October 26, 2025 10:00 am**



**\* Denyce Graves Foundation Concert, Saturday, November  
15, 2025 4:00-5:30 pm**





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