

## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Eve Jazz Vespers



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

*Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds, Interim Minister*

*Wednesday, December 24, 2025  
5:00 p.m.*

*ENTER TO WORSHIP ...*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

*(Psalm 118:24) NRSV*

CENTERING THOUGHT

Howard Thurman

*"Christmas is waiting to be born: In you, in me, in all humankind"*

THE PRELUDE

Vince Guaraldi

*Christmas Time is Here*  
C.P. Enyi, Soloist

WELCOME

Patricia J. Ellis

OPENING SONG

Barry Gordy/Freddie Perren

*Give Love on Christmas Day*  
Esther Williams Yarborough, Soloist

SELECTION

*A Child is Born*  
Esther Williams Yarborough, Soloist

Thad Jones

HOMILY

"A Reflective Christmas"

Minister Francis Smith

LOVE OFFERING

*This Christmas*  
Esther Williams Yarborough, Soloist

Donny Hathaway

SELECTION

*Oh Tannenbaum*

Melchior Franck

CONGREGATION SING-ALONG

*Joy to the World*

No.197 AAHH George F. Handel

CLOSING SPOKEN WORD

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

*"A Nite of Hope and Harmony"*

...DEPART TO SERVE

JOIN US FOR OUR HOLIDAY RECEPTION IN THE FELLOWSHIP  
HALL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PROGRAM

## MUSICIANS

Jon Ozment- Piano  
David Marsh- Bass  
Isaac Daniel- Guitar  
Francis Thompson- Percussion  
Esther Williams Yarborough- Vocals  
Davey Yarborough- Woodwinds  
C.P. Enyi- Trumpet  
Dr. Robert L. Jefferson- Instrumentalist

Your generous donations support the inspiring Jazz Services throughout the  
year! Thank you for your commitment!

Join us for our Watch Night Service on December 31, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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The Diaconate of Peoples Congregational  
United Church of Christ  
*invites you and the community to*

2025  
Watch Night  
Service

We will begin with supper at 6:30 pm in the  
Fellowship Hall and worship after in the Sanctuary.  
All are invited!

Wednesday, December 31, 2025  
Six-thirty in the evening

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