



**Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ**

4704 13th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

**Sunday, December 28, 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**  
**First Sunday After Christmas**  
Sunday, December 28, 2025  
The Liturgical Color is White

**Centering Thought**

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

Henry Ford

**Prelude**

**Processional**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**\*\*Opening Hymn**

No. 197 Watts/Handel

*Joy to the World*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Minister Geneva Hudson

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Deacon Cynthia Prather

Leader: By the tender mercy of God, we meet for worship. Come before God now with praise and thanksgiving.

**People: O Lord, our God, we thank you for all your mercies and for your loving care over all your creation; for the gift of life; for your protection around us; and your guiding hand upon us.**

Leader: We thank you for all the blessings of love, for friendship and family; for hope and precious memories; for the joys that cheer us and the trials that teach us to trust in you.

**People: We thank you for your Son our Lord and Savior; for the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for the Church; the Body of Christ, for the promise of hope for tomorrow.**

**All: Praise to God for signs and wonders around us; prayers to God for peace and reconciliation.**

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

Deacon Cynthia Prather

O Lord, our God and Savior, come among us in this worship hour. Open our minds to understand your purpose for each of us. Open our hearts to make a ready response to your call. Give us understanding of your will and like Mary, may we say, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Revive in us the wonderment of Mary and Joseph at the birth of the Savior and renew in us the adoration of the Magi who came to worship him. Increase our love for you, O God, and for one another. May the love, peace, and joy of Christ radiate from us as we interact with others. It is in His name that we pray. Amen

## Scripture Readings

Isaiah 63:7-9  
Matthew 2:13-23

Deacon Natasha DeBose  
Deacon Gerald Younger

## \*\*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

Sammy Cahn/James Van Heusen

*The Secret of Christmas*  
Toni Robinson, Soloist

## Sermon

Minister Geneva Hudson

**“Trust and Obey”**

## Invitation to Discipleship

Minister Geneva Hudson

## Prayers of the People

Minister Geneva Hudson

## Offertory

Deacon Cynthia Prather

## Musical Selection

No. 200 Traditional

*He Came Down*

## Offertory Prayer

Deacon Cynthia Prather

## \*\*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. 202 Spiritual

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

## \*\*Benediction

Minister Geneva Hudson

## Postlude

Andrae Crouch

*Always Remember*

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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