



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ
4704 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, December 7, 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
Second Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday

Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is Violet

Centering Thought

“There is always light, if only we are brave enough to see it. If only we are brave enough to be it.

Amanda Gorman

Prelude

****Opening Hymn**

Phoebe Worrell Palmer/William James Kirkpatrick

Watch Ye Saints
(Insert)

Welcome and Announcements

Minister Geneva Hudson

****Call to Worship**

Minister Geneva Hudson

Leader: As we enter this sacred time together, let us invite God's presence to dwell among us, filling our hearts with assurance and calm.

People: We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in His word we hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who is faithful, the One who calls us to prepare the way for Christ.

People: We open our hearts to God's peace, trusting in His faithfulness and love.

Leader: In the quiet of this season, let us pause to reflect on the hope and peace that Advent brings

People: We come with joyful expectation, ready to receive and share the peace of Christ.

Leader: May the light of Advent guide us through the days ahead, inspiring us to walk in peace and share God's love with those around us.

All: With grateful hearts, we welcome the presence of Christ among us, seeking His peace for ourselves and the world. Amen

Invocation

Gracious and loving God, as we journey through this sacred season, strengthen our faith and deepen our trust in Your promises. Let the hope of Advent inspire us to reach out to those in need, offering kindness and compassion as reflections of Your love. Prepare us, O Lord, for the coming of Your Son. Open our hearts to receive Your Word anew. Help us to clear away distractions and anxieties, so that we may be attentive to Your presence in our midst. Fill us with the spirit of hope, that we may encourage one another and share Your love in a world longing for peace and restoration. Guide our thoughts, our prayers, and our actions, that all we do may honor the promise of Christ's coming. We offer this time of worship to You, trusting in Your faithfulness and mercy. Come, Lord Jesus, and make us ready to receive You with joy and grace. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

****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 Readings1 Samuel 3:1-10
Mark 9:2-8Deacon Malcolm Carpenter
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 life everlasting.

****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

Duke Ellington

Come Sunday
Esther Williams Yarborough, Soloist

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Rubin Tendai

“Speak Lord, we are listening”

Invitation to the *Holy Communion*

Leader: Friends, we come together at this table, where our Lord invites all to experience the grace, love, and connection that come from sharing in this sacred meal. As we gather, let us open our hearts to the presence of Christ among us.

People: We come with gratitude for the gifts of bread and cup, symbols of Christ's body and blood, offered for us.

Leader: On the night that He was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it. He gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

People: We remember His sacrifice and witness His love.

Leader: In the same way, after supper, He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

People: We come to this table, united by our faith, celebrating the new life we have in Him.

Leader: For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again. Let us pray together: 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.

Musical Selection

Glenn Burleigh

Do This In Remembrance of Me

The Sharing of the Bread

The Sharing of the Wine

Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Savior's Prayer

Offertory	Minister Geneva Hudson
Musical Selection	Thomas Helmore
	O Come, O Come Emmanuel
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. 190 AAHH
	<i>While We Are Waiting, Come</i>
**Benediction	Rev. Dr. Rubin Tendai
Postlude	Andre Crouch
	<i>Always Remember</i>

...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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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13,
2025
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