



# **Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ**

4704 13th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20011

**Sunday, February 15, 2026, 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  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
Sunday, February 15, 2026  
The Liturgical color is White

**Centering Thought**

Living up high in the rarefied air isn't the point of transfiguration. It was never intended as breathing space for a precious few, never meant as a private experience of spirituality removed from the public square. . . . It was and is a costly investment on the ground level, worth every tear, every prayer, every cent. It is an investment to honor all that has been invested in us.

— Heidi Neumark

**Prelude** Traditional  
*Spiritual Medley*

**\*\*Opening Hymn** No. 540 James W. Johnson/J. Rosamond Johnson  
*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**Praise & Worship** Peoples Praise

**\*\*Call to Worship** Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Leader: Under the brilliance of Christ's transfiguration—a moment where heaven touched earth, and the ordinary became extraordinary.

**People: We come, ready to seek and to understand the mystery that lies before us.**

Leader: Like Peter, James, and John, we often find ourselves at a loss for words—confronted by the radiance of God's glory and the profound truth of Jesus' divinity.

**People: We arrive with our questions, our uncertainties, and our longing to witness His transformation in our lives.**

Leader: Today, as we reflect on this sacred story, let us embrace the wonder of faith, hope, and love—the very essence of our journey together.

**People: May we shield our eyes in awe, ready to be transformed and renewed in His presence.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who is both above and among us; the One who brings light to our darkness and calls us forward into His glorious light.

**All: Amen. Together, we open our hearts to the mystery of Christ—the One who changes everything!**

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

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Gracious and Almighty God, as we gather in this sacred space, we pause to breathe in the brilliance of Your presence. In the midst of our daily lives, we seek a glimpse of the extraordinary—just as You revealed it to Peter, James, and John on that holy mountain. We acknowledge the challenge of dwelling in the heights of Your glory while remaining rooted in the realities of our world. Open our hearts, understanding that true transformation requires us to engage deeply with both joy and struggle, reflecting the love You have poured into us. Help us to recognize that the beauty of transfiguration is not in isolation, but in the call to carry Your light into the lives of others. Grant us the courage to invest in ourselves generously in the world around us, honoring the gifts we have received. As we breathe in Your spirit, may we exhale love, hope, and the promise of renewal into every corner of our existence. Embracing the mystery of Your presence, we are eager to be changed by Your grace and transformed by Your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Shepherd, who taught us to pray and exemplified the beauty of a life grounded in prayer by saying: 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**

Traditional

*Thuma Mina***Scripture Readings**Psalm 99  
Luke 9:28-43Deacon Gerald Younger  
Christopher Monsanto**\*\*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**

Traditional

*I Opened My Mouth Unto the Lord*  
Peoples Congregational Choir**Sermon**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**“Transfiguration”****Invitation to Discipleship**

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett
<b>Offertory</b>	Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
<b>Musical Selection</b>	Albert A. Goodson
	<i>We've Come This Far by Faith</i>
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
<b>** Doxology</b>	Thomas Ken
	<i>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</i>
<b>**Closing Hymn</b>	No. 511 Jessy Dixon
	<i>He's Done So Much for Me</i>
<b>**Benediction</b>	Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
<b>Postlude</b>	Andraé Crouch
	<i>God is On Our Side</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

\*\*\* Raphael, *The Transfiguration*, c. 1516–1520, is a seminal High Renaissance oil painting housed in the Vatican Museums.

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*Upcoming Events*

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<b>January</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>MLK Worship Service</b>
Join us for MLK Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow.		
<b>February</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Black History Month</b>
Join us for the Black History Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.		
<b>February</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
8:00 a.m. "Ashes -To- Go" in front of the Church. 12 Noon- Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary		
<b>February</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Lenten Institute 2026</b>
"Lent: Loading with Jesus" Sponsored by the Diaconate Board and Board of Christian Education, Wednesday, February 18-Thursday, April 2, 2026.		
<b>February</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Boy Scout Sunday</b>
Join us for Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.		
<b>March</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Girl Scout Sunday</b>
Join us for Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.		

## **Peoples Preaching and Worship Leader Schedule February 2026**

**Sunday, February 1** (Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany) \*  
“*Blessings Beyond Expectation*” Psalm 15; Matthew 5:1-12

- **Rev. Bragg-Reynolds, Preaching**
- **Minister Geneva Hudson, Worship Leader**

**Sunday, February 8** (Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany)  
“*Lifting Every Voice*” Psalm 100; Acts 2:17-18

- **Board of Christian Education Black History Program**
- **Julius Halstead, Guest Speaker**
- **Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds, Worship Leader**

**Sunday, February 15** (Transfiguration Sunday) \*  
“*Transfiguration*” Psalm 99; Luke 9:28-43

- **Rev. Bragg-Reynolds, Preaching**
- **Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett, Worship Leader**

**Sunday, February 22** (First Sunday in Lent)  
“*Scouting Through the Years*” Joshua 1:9; Matthew 5:14-15

- **Boy Scouts Annual Worship**
- **Boy Scouts, Leading Worship**
- **Roy Castleberry, Guest Speaker**

\* *Indicates Sermon-Talk-Back following the service in the Corbin Lounge*

*The Scrooby Circle and the Men's Fellowship of  
Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ  
invite you and the community to our annual*

# **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

**Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026  
5 pm until 8 pm  
(Or until supplies last)**



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