

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

# *The Golden Thread*

Once A Girl Scout, Always A Girl Scout

CELEBRATING 57 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTING  
AT PEOPLES CHURCH  
(114 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTING WORLDWIDE)



SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026, 10:00 AM

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ENTER TO WORSHIP

**The Order of the Word**  
Third Sunday in Lent  
**Girl Scout Sunday**  
Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.  
The Liturgical Color is Violet

**Centering Thought**

“The work of TODAY is the history of tomorrow, and we are its MAKERS.”

Juliette Gordon Low (Founder of Girl Scouts)

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn**

#540 AAHH

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
*Led by Daisy GS Troop 1563*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Olivia Pierre  
Ambassador Troop 1257

Reader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

**Peoples: We cry out, believing that God hears.**

Reader: Come together and wait for God.

**People: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**

Reader: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

**Peoples: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

Reader: Come, worship the Lord.

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

Gabrielle Lewis  
Ambassador Troop 42052

Leader: Across the barriers that divide race from race,

**People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your love.**

Leader: Across the barriers that divide rich from poor,

**People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your love.**

Leader: Across the barriers that divide nations and communities,

**People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your love.**

Leader: Across the barriers that divide your church,

**People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your love.**

Leader: Across the barriers that divide young and old,

**People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers. Enable us to see the causes of strife; remove from us all senses of superiority and inferiority. Teach us to grow in unity with all your people. And all for your love's sake. We pray this in the name of the one whose life fulfilled Your Holy vision and taught us to pray, 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Scripture Readings**

Proverbs 3:15-18

Zora Beverly

Brownie Troop 5608

1Timothy 4:12-14

Shayla Wright

Senior Troop 42133

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Spencer Dixon

Cadette Troop 42033

**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, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.**

### **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

### **Nature of Occasion**

Lani Jones

Senior/Ambassador Troop 42133

### **Celebration of Girl Scout Birthday**

Aria Briggs

Past Girl Scout/Howard University Student

### **Introduction of Speaker**

Lena Turner

Ambassador Troop 1257

**Song of Preparation**

Donnie Harper

*Praise Him*

**Address**

Tamika Hawkins Adu

***“Golden Thread: Once a Girl Scout, Always a Girl Scout”***

**Representation of Theme Message**

Current/Former Girl Scouts

**Invitation to Discipleship**

Rev. George Walker

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**Offertory**

Rev. George Walker

**Offertory Selection**

Judith McCalister

*Oh Give Thanks*

**Offertory Prayer**

Aria Anderson  
Junior Troop 42219

**Girl Scout Special Presentations**

Girl Scouts

**\*\*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**

*As You Go Tell the World*

**Pinning Ceremony**

My Promise, My Faith

**Benediction**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**Postlude**

**...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  
Dr. Helga Baskett -Tippett, Ministerial Team  
Rev. George Walker, Ministerial Team

\*AAHH - African American Heritage Hymnal  
\*\*All who are able, please stand

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## Peoples Preaching and Worship Leader Schedule March 2026

**Sunday, March 1** (Second Sunday in Lent) \*  
**Peoples Founder's Day – 135th Church Anniversary**  
“Where From Here?” Psalm 121; Acts 9:1-19

- **Rev. Bragg-Reynolds**, *Preaching*
- **Minister Francis Smith**, *Worship Leader*

**Sunday, March 8** (Third Sunday in Lent)  
“Golden Thread: Once a Girl Scout, Always a Girl Scout” Proverbs 3:15-18; I Timothy 4:12-14

- **The 114th Girl Scouts Worldwide and 57th Anniversary of Girl Scouts at Peoples Worship**
- **Rev. George Walker**, *Worship Leader*
- **Tamika Hawkins Adu**, *Guest Speaker*

**Sunday, March 15** (Fourth Sunday in Lent) \*  
“It's Not Complicated” Psalm 23; Romans 1:16-17; Romans 3:21-31

- **Rev. Bragg-Reynolds**, *Preaching*
- **Rev. George Walker**, *Worship Leader*

**Sunday, March 22** (Fifth Sunday in Lent) \*  
“Opportunity in Weakness” Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 12:1-12

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

**Sunday, March 29** (Sixth Sunday in Lent and Palm Sunday) \*  
“You Still Have Time” Joshua 1:9; Colossians 3:12-17

- **Rev. Bragg-Reynolds**, *Preaching*
- **Rev. George Walker**, *Worship Leader*

\*Indicates sermon talkback Sunday in the Corbin Lounge



# Holy Week Schedule

March 28 (Jazz for the Holy Week Journey)	<b>Jazz Vespers: 5:00 p.m.</b>
March 29 (Palm Sunday)	<b>Service: 10:00 a.m.</b>
April 2 (Maundy Thursday)	<b>Service: 6:00 p.m.</b>
April 3 (Good Friday)	<b>Service: 12:00 Noon at Peoples Church</b>
April 5 (Easter Sunday)	<b>Sunrise service: 6:30 a.m. Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.</b>



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