



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, April 5, 2026 - 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
Resurrection Sunday
Sunday, April 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is White

Centering Thought

“There are years that ask questions and years that answer.”

– Zora Neale Hurston

Prelude

Lanny Wolfe

For God So Loved the World

Processional

Allen Pote

Worthy is the Lamb

***Opening Hymn**

No. 275 **AAHH Alfred H. Ackley

He Lives

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

***Call to Worship**

Minister Francis Smith

Leader: Good morning! Today, we gather to celebrate a transformative truth: it is a good news day!

People: We come, eager for the hope of resurrection!

Leader: In the face of our complexities and struggles, we remember that God's redemptive love calls us to rise anew.

People: As we seek to become the people God intends, we open our hearts to God's healing grace.

Leader: Let us embrace the promise that buried within each of us is a new creation, ready to emerge.

People: We celebrate the resurrection, where brokenness meets beauty and despair gives way to joy!

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of new life who brings hope to our weary souls.

People: We rejoice in God's love that transforms and redeems! Amen!

***Invocation**

Minister Francis Smith

Gracious and loving God, on this glorious Easter morning, we come before You with hearts full of hope and anticipation. As we gather to celebrate the miracle of resurrection, we ask for Your presence among us. Surround us with Your love and light, transforming our lives and igniting our spirits. Help us to embrace the gift of new beginnings and to reflect the beauty of Christ in all that we do. May this time of worship draw us closer to You and to one another, as we rejoice in the redemptive power of Your love. 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 Readings

Psalm 118:1-2;14-24

John 20:1-18

Deacon Kenneth Parker

Deacon Malcolm Carpenter

Covenant

Minister Francis Smith

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*

Children's Sermon

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

Song of Preparation

Dallas Holm

Rise Again

Sermon

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

“Transformed By Resurrection”

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Prayer of Communion

Invitation to Receive Communion

Instructions for Communion

Communion Hymn

Glenn Burleigh

Do This In Remembrance of Me

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Post Communion Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

No. 663 **AAHH Albert Hay Malotte

Offertory

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

Musical Selection

No. 171 **AAHH Jack Hayford

Majesty

Offertory Prayer

Minister Francis Smith

****Doxology**

Arr. by Roberta Martin

*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 Hymn

No. 281 **AAHH
Gloria Gaither/William J. Gaither

Because He Lives

****Benediction**

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Postlude

No. 111 **AAHH Andre Crouch

My Tribute

... 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

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

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Peoples Preaching and Worship Leader Schedule April 2026

Sunday, April 5 Easter/Resurrection Sunday

Women's Fellowship Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am

"An Eternal Power, A Living Hope" Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11; Luke 24:21; I Peter 3:8-9

- Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett, *Preaching*
- Minister Geneva Hudson, *Worship Leader*

Sunday, April 5 (Easter Sunday) 10:00 am

"Transformed By Resurrection" Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24; John 20:1-18

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

Sunday, April 12 (Second Sunday of Easter) *

"Memory and Easter" Psalm 136:1-16; Luke 24:1-13

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

Sunday, April 19 (Third Sunday of Easter) *

"Teach Us, Tabitha!" Psalm 133; Acts 9:36-43

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

Sunday, April 26 (Fourth Sunday of Easter) *

"A Spiritual Gymnasium" Psalm 23; I John 4:7-21

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

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

HAPPENING AT PEOPLES . . .

Sunday, April 19, 2026 - 10:00 am
Church School Earth Sunday

Friday, April 24, 2026 – 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Staff Retreat

Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Board of Christian Social Action (BoCSA) Faith and Liberty Summit

Sunday, May 3, 2026 – 10:00 am
Ministerial Team HBCU Sunday

Sunday, May 10, 2026 – 10:00 am (Mother's Day)
Women's Fellowship Sunday

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 3:00 pm (tentative)
Ordination Service for Dr. Helga Baskettt-Tippett

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026 – 10:00 am
Confirmation Class 2026

Friday, May 29 – Sunday, May 31 – All Day
Women's Fellowship Retreat

Sunday, June 7, 2026 – 10:00 am
Evangelism and Outreach: Preparing for Our Senior Minister
Church-wide Potluck 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Monday, June 8, 2026 – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Church Open for Prayer with Ministerial and Prayer Teams

Monday, June 8, 2026 – 6:00 pm
Congregational Prayer Service

Sunday, June 14, 2026 – 10:00 am
Student Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 21, 2026 – 10:00 am (Father's Day)
Men's Fellowship Sunday

Sunday, June 29, 2026 – 10:00 am
Annual Caribbean American Interfaith Service

*The schedule is subject to change.





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