



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street NW
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, August 16, 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 WORSHIP

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

The Liturgical Color is Green

CENTERING THOUGHT

“Love is an action, not just a feeling.”

– bell hooks

PRELUDE

Stephen Hurd

Halleluia, Salvation, and Glory
(Rev 19:1)

PROCESSIONAL

Praise Ye the Lord!
(PSALM 117)

*OPENING HYMN

No.14 NCH** Andre Crouch

How Can I Say Thanks

PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

Rev. George Walker

PRAISE & WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Geneva Hudson

Leader: Beloved of God, today we gather not as strangers, but as one family,
called together by the One who knows our hearts.

**People: We come to worship with open hearts, ready to honor God in spirit
and in truth.**

Leader: This is more than a gathering of people; this is a family reunion where love
is renewed, burdens are shared, and lives are transformed.

**People: We come seeking unity, healing, and a deeper relationship with God
and one another.**

Leader: God is not looking for empty traditions or routine rituals. God desires a people whose worship is reflected in the way they love, serve, and care for each other.

People: May our praise be sincere, our hearts be humble, and our lives bear witness to God's righteousness.

Leader: Let us lay aside distractions, forgive one another, and embrace the joy of being God's family.

People: Together, we will lift our voices, open our hearts, and worship the Lord with gladness.

All: Come, family—it is time to worship the Lord!

***INVOCATION AND SAVIOR'S PRAYER**

Minister Geneva Hudson

Gracious and Loving God, we thank You for gathering us together in Your presence. As we come together as one family, prepare our hearts to worship You with sincerity, love, and reverence. Let Your Holy Spirit fill this place, unite us in faith, and open our hearts to receive Your Word. Bless every part of this service and may all that we say and do bring glory to Your name. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 50
Amos 5: 21-24

Sanaa Gittens
Farah Gittens

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*

SONG OF PREPARATION

John Black/Anthony Wilkins

That's When You Bless Me

SERMON

Rev. George Walker

“IT’S FAMILY TIME”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Minister Geneva Hudson

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. George Walker

OFFERTORY

Minister Geneva Hudson

OFFERTORY SELECTION

Doris Akers

You Can't Beat God Giving

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Minister Geneva Hudson

***DOXOLOGY**

L.V. Beethoven

*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. 538 AAHH Margaret Pleasant Douroux
One More Day

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. George Walker

POSTLUDE

Kurt Carr

Be Blessed

. . . 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
Rev. Dr. Helga Baskett -Tippett, Minister of Faith Formation
Rev. George Walker, Ministerial Team

***All who are able, please stand**

****NCH New Century Hymnal**

*****AAHH - African American Heritage Hymnal**

REALM REGISTRATION

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Peoples Preaching and Worship Leader Schedule August 2026

Sunday, August 2, 10:00 a.m. (*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*)

"Am I a Christian?" Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 3:21-31

Minister Geneva Hudson, Preaching

Rev. Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett, Worship Leader

Sunday, August 9, 10:00 a.m. (*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*)

"Distractions Can Sink You and Me Too" Proverbs 4:25; Matthew 14:22-33

Minister Francis Smith, Preaching

Rev. George Walker, Worship Leader

Sunday, August 16, 10:00 a.m. (*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*)

"It's Family Time" Psalm 50; Amos 5:21-24

Rev. George Walker, Preaching

Minister Geneva Hudson, Worship Leader

Sunday, August 23, 10:00 a.m. (*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*)

"The Reign of God or Living in Christ" Psalm 27; John 14:1-16; John 15:1-8

Minister Francis Smith, Preaching

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds, Worship Leader

Sunday, August 30, 10:00 a.m. (*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*)

*Jazz Worship Sunday, "**Honoring Our Ancestors**"*



PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL UCC COMMUNITY SING-ALONG & PIZZA!

**THE PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL UCC MUSIC MINISTRY IS INVITING SINGERS AND
THOSE WHO LIKE TO SING TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY SING-ALONG
WORKSHOP.**

DO YOU LIKE TO SING ALONE OR IN THE SHOWER?

DO YOU LIKE BLENDING YOUR VOICE WITH OTHERS?

DO YOU LIKE MEETING NEW FRIENDS?

DO YOU LIKE PIZZA?

LET'S SING TOGETHER! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SINGER.

WHEN: SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2026 12:00-2:00 PM.

WHERE: PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL UCC 4704 13TH STREET NW

WASHINGTON, DC 20011

**WE WILL BE SINGING CHORAL LITERATURE FROM HYMNS, SPIRITUALS, GOSPEL,
AND MORE. COST: FREE**

**REGISTER EARLY TO HAVE YOUR NAME ENTERED FOR THE DRAWING TO GET FREE
GIFTS LIKE: SCHOOL BACKPACK, STORE GIFT CARDS, ETC.....**

**PRE-REGISTER USING EVENTBRITE: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peoples-
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1995701032511?aff=oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peoples-congregational-ucc-community-sing-along-pizza-tickets-1995701032511?aff=oddtcreator) OR COMPLETE AND RETURN A SIGN UP
SHEET AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH RECEPTION DESK**



PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL UCC COMMUNITY SING-ALONG & PIZZA SIGN UP FORM

PARTICIPANT NAME(S):

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND/OR CELL PHONE):

AGE GROUP(S): CHILD (4-12)_____ TEEN (13-19)_____

YOUNG ADULT 25-25_____ **MIDDLE ADULT (36-64)**_____

SENIOR ADULT (+65)_____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____**YES** (PLEASE
SPECIFY)_____ **NO**

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AND RETURN FORM TO CHURCH RECEPTION DESK



**PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



BACK TO SCHOOL

Blessing Service

at the 10 a.m. Service

 All community members,
neighbors, and friends
are invited! 

 Small **GOODY** bags
will be provided!

 **AUGUST 23, 2026**

 STUDENTS • TEACHERS • SCHOOL STAFF • COLLEGE STUDENTS



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WE ARE
BECAUSE
THEY WERE

HONORING
OUR ANCESTORS.
INSPIRING
OUR FUTURE.

"Honoring Our Ancestors With Jazz"

Peoples Church Annual Jazz Worship Service

Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

In-Person and Live Stream

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Sponsored by the Peoples Jazz Society

Reception in the Fellowship Hall after the Service

Peoples Church Food Pantry

Toiletry Drive!



Help us stock our pantry with essential toiletries for a community in need. Every donation makes a difference!



We Need Your Help!

Donate Toiletries

Items We're Collecting:

-  Shampoo & Conditioner
-  Bar Soap & Body Wash
-  Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
-  Toilet Paper
-  Deodorant
-  Razors & Shaving Cream
-  Feminine Hygiene Products
-  Lotion & Moisturizer

Drop-off is easy! Look for the donation box located in the Atrium. No registration needed — just drop and go!

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