

A SECOND LOOK

An Invitation to the Life and Work of Our Community of Faith and Fellowship

Second Presbyterian Church in New York City

IN SESSION: News from the October Session Meetings by Nancy Hughes, Clerk of Session

Session continues its devotional study of the Great Ends of the Church, which were also a focus of the second congregational mission study meeting in October.

Session approved a motion to donate our church's portion of the special denominational Peace & Global Witness offering to Bright Stars of Bethlehem. To learn more about the important work they do in Palestine, visit <http://brightstarsbethlehem.org/>

Elders Bruce Ewing and Bram Lewis were elected to sit on the condominium board of 360 CPW, on behalf of the church and school, respectively.

The Stewardship Committee launched the 2019 pledge drive with letters to the congregation encouraging 100% of members to give as they are able.

The Worship & Music Committee recommends that Holy Communion be served more often by intinction, rather than alternating each month with Communion in the pews. The Committee is currently working on plans for Advent.

Session and trustees held a joint meeting with the ARS Committee, to hear about the Alexander Robertson School and discuss our mutual concerns. The Committee has formed a new Metrics team, to collect data about all aspects of the school from enrollment and student retention, to finance, curriculum, and alumni outreach. This is an important step in our joint effort to move ARS in the direction of sustainability.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We recently dedicated our 2019 financial pledges to the church – and I am so grateful to all who have made the commitment to support your church with your treasure. But, as I said in my October 21 sermon, God wants your heart, mind, body and strength!

So, if you've been looking for ways to get more involved, in or out of the church, please see "Sharing Our Gifts" on page 2 for some ideas.

And stay tuned to hear about more opportunities we're working on, including a Christmas Carol Sing at a neighborhood care facility.

It's Stewardship season – time to think and pray about offering our treasure to the church, including our treasured gifts of time and talent. And in this Thanksgiving month, what better way to give thanks for our manifold gifts than to share them, generously and joyfully?

*In gratitude for you all,
Rev. Lindsay*

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Rev. Lindsay Borden, Interim Pastor

Eunjung Ahn, Minister of Music

Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Seeking a better world together

SHARING OUR GIFTS

In the church:

Sunday mornings: We can always use help with worship leadership (liturgist, beadle, greeter or usher) and Fellowship Hour. In November, Elaine Steele is Worship Coordinator and Janet Brown is Fellowship Hour coordinator – give them a call and volunteer!

Committees: For more long-term involvement, think about serving on a Committee of Session. You can contact the following elders for information about the next meeting, or with questions about the committees/teams they serve on:

Archives – Nancy Hughes	Membership – Scott Amrhein
Argo/Building – Bruce Ewing	Personnel – Elaine Song
Christian Education – Neal Boswell	Stewardship – Elaine Steele
Congregational Life – Ken Threet	Worship & Music – Elaine Song

Consider serving next year as a session member, deacon or trustee! Talk to your Nominating Committee if you'd like to be considered for an officer position: Karen Amrhein, Gordon Bakoulis (chair), Ed Carpenter, Rev. Lindsay Borden (ex officio).

Christmas Cards for Syria: The people of Syria have endured over seven years of horrific war. You can be a peacemaker this Christmas by sending a card to show Syrians that the rest of the world has not forgotten them – and they will send you a card in return! In Fellowship Hour on Sunday, November 4, we'll hold a card signing event. If you have extra Christmas cards at home, you can donate them, and there'll be an opportunity to make cards, too. Common Humanity, the sponsoring organization, requests a \$2 contribute per card. Learn more at <https://www.commonhumanity.org>.

Chimes Choir: Youth and children are invited to join the Chimes Choir, rehearsing with Ms. Eunjung Ahn every Sunday after worship for a December 16th presentation as part of our Christmas Pageant! (The pageant will be rehearsed mostly during Sunday School time.)

Outside of the church, here are some opportunities to grow, serve and learn:

Prison Visiting: On Saturday December 1, several of us will be joining a group from the Church of Gethsemane to visit women who are in prison. If you are interested in joining this ministry now or in the future, please let Rev. L know.

Accompaniment Training: The New Sanctuary Coalition accompaniment program recruits and trains volunteers to accompany people facing deportation to their immigration hearings and ICE check-ins. This provides moral support to the person facing deportation and enables volunteers to hold immigration authorities accountable. Standing in solidarity with migrants facing deportation demonstrates to immigration judges, ICE officers, and government attorneys that there is a community mobilized against their deportation. Learn more and sign up for a training at <https://newsanctuarycoalition.nationbuilder.com/>.

Mass Incarceration & Women's Imprisonment: Lessons from Church of Gethsemane

Thursday, November 1, 2018, 7 pm

First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, 12 West 12th St, New York, NY; RSVP to nstansifer@fpcnyc.org or at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aafad2ba3fc1-fall>.

Conversation with PC(USA) National Staff: Ministries of Advocacy

Friday, November 9, 2018, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Broadway Presbyterian Church – Parish Hall, 601 W. 114th St. (Enter through the second set of red doors). Please RSVP to MKoenig@presbynyc.org.

Bearing Witness: Tools for Advocacy

Saturday, November 10, 2018, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, 12 West 12th St, New York. A light lunch will be provided for a free-will offering.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bearing-witness-tools-for-advocacy-tickets-51237046385>.

Ministry with Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers

Tuesday, November 13, 2018, Noon, Brown Bag Lunch with Ms. Heaven Berhane of the New Sanctuary Coalition. Rutgers Presbyterian Church, 236 W. 73rd St; please RSVP to MKoenig@presbynyc.org.

Ministry Addressing Homelessness and Housing

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 3:00 – 4:30 PM, Broadway Presbyterian Church

601 W. 114th St. (Enter through the second set of red doors); please RSVP to MKoenig@presbynyc.org.

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