

## Second Presbyterian Church: January 2020

**New Year Blessings to one and all.  
As we enter a new year and a new decade,  
let's carry the light of Christ with us, in all place, at all times,  
to all people.  
*May 2020 bring us new hope, new faith and new vision!***

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**Patti Van Dyke is Worship Coordinator.  
Sign up during Fellowship Hour for setup, serving, and cleanup.**

**Wednesday, January 1 is New Year's Day!** The office will reopen January 6.

**Sunday, January 5, 10:15 am:** On the Second Sunday of Christmas, we'll also celebrate the Sacrament of Communion, and Epiphany, too. So yes, there will be King Cake at fellowship hour!

**Wednesday, January 8:** Worship & Music Committee meets at 5:30 pm; Choir rehearses at 7, and every Wednesday.

**Sunday January 12, 10:15 am:** Today we mark another special day in the liturgical year, The Baptism of the Lord, as we remember our own baptisms with joy!

**Thursday, January 16, 6:15 pm:** Session meeting.

**Sunday, January 19:** Join us for worship at 10:15 am on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

**Monday, January 21: Martin Luther King Day.**

In the evening, all are invited to attend The Presbytery of New York City service of worship to God in **thanksgiving for the lives of Rosa Parks and the Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at Broadway Presbyterian Church**, at Broadway and 114<sup>th</sup> Street. Details TBA.

**Sunday, January 26:** The church will gather to worship at 10:15 am. Afterward, the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church in the City of New York** will be held in the Carnegie Library following worship, for the purposes of: receiving annual reports, reviewing the budget (for information purposes only), electing church officers, and other business as may properly come before the Congregation.

**Wednesday, January 29, 12 noon:** Let's close out the month with prayer! Our monthly midweek prayer group meets at Vivian's house for prayer, followed by fellowship and lunch. All are welcome! Just let Vivian or Karen know if you will attend.

**Save the Date!**  
**ANNUAL MEETING: January 26, 2020**

In accordance with the Book of Order (G-1.05), and the by-laws of the church, the Annual Meeting of Congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, will be held following worship on Sunday January 26, 2020, in the Carnegie Library, for the purposes of: receiving annual reports, electing church officers, and other business as may properly come before the Congregation.

**Please keep in your prayers...**

Rev. Leslie on the death of her mother Geraldine, and all those who mourn; Eunjung's mother-in-law Jaechun; Johanna W; Constance; Patti; Rev. Ted; Jane and Dennis and new baby Travis; Virginia and her sisters Joanne and June; Alison; Lew; Lolita; Vivian; Fiona; Fern; Ruddy; Justin; Karen's father; those affected by natural disasters; immigrants and refugees at risk; victims and perpetrators of hate crimes, and of any assault, abuse and other acts of physical and emotional violence; incarcerated persons; and all those who work for the common good. *Please call or email Rev. Borden or any*

*one of our Deacons with any name you would like to be on our prayer list.*

### **A note from Rev. Lindsay**

I love getting Christmas cards - and I thank all who sent me one this year! I send cards to friends and family members I see all the time, but also to those I seldom if ever see any more. So Christmas cards become a yearly check-in - a way to get updated on news and events, and, frankly, a way to make sure people are still out there!

This year a dear clergy friend included with her card a poem by Howard Thurman. Thurman, if you aren't familiar with him, was a key 20th century figure in the USA - a writer, educator, philosopher, theologian, and civil rights leader - and an early leader and mentor in the nonviolence movement that influenced and included The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This poem often turns up in my virtual inbox or actual mailbox at this time of year - and I might well included it in my Jan 5 sermon. So I'm grateful to my pastor buddy for reminding me of it, and I share it with you now. The words are worth keeping in mind as we pack away the ornaments and lights, and sweep up those last errant pine needles...

**When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.**

*(in The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations, 1985)*

*Wishing you love and light in 2020 ~  
Rev. Lindsay*

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