

Second Presbyterian Church: March 2020

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We're trying something new: a short "at a glance" calendar,
followed by a longer, more detailed version.

Sunday, March 1, 10:15 am: Worship, followed by a special Fellowship Hour meal and the start of our Vital Congregations Lenten Bible Study.

Wednesday, March 4: Chime Choir rehearses at 6:15; *Choir rehearses at 7 every Wednesday.*

Friday March 6 – Saturday March 7: The Confirmation class will be on retreat!

Saturday, March 7: Women's Press Collective Annual Women's International Day Celebration, 11 am – 3 pm, at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, 85 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn.

Sunday, March 8, 10:15 am: **Daylight saving time begins today! Spring forward!** Worship, Fellowship and Bible Study.

Wednesday, March 11: Worship & Music Committee meets at 5:30 pm; Chime Choir at 6:15

Sunday, March 15, 10:15 am: Worship, Fellowship and Bible Study.

Wednesday, March 18: Chime Choir at 6:15.

Thursday, March 19, 6:15 pm: Session meeting, Carnegie Library.

Saturday, March 21, 9 am – 12:30 pm: Volunteer Opportunity at Broadway Presbyterian Church (Broadway and 114 St.).

Sunday, March 22: Worship, Fellowship and Bible Study.

Wednesday, March 25, 12 noon: Prayer group meets at Vivian's for prayer, fellowship and lunch. All are welcome! Just let Vivian, Karen A. or Rev. L know.

Thursday, March 26: 10 am – 12 noon in the gym: Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children® Presented by NCG Insurance. Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. Free for church members.

Friday, March 27, 4:30 pm: Confirmation Class meets.

Sunday, March 29, 10:15 am: Worship, Fellowship and Bible Study.

Second Presbyterian Church: March 2020 The Season of Lent

**Elaine Song and Rev. Lindsay are Worship Coordinators.
Sign up during Fellowship Hour for setup, serving, and cleanup.**

Sunday, March 1, 10:15 am: On this first Sunday in Lent, we'll celebrate the Sacrament of Communion, and Elder Neal Boswell will Shine a Light on Lifelong Discipleship Formation. After worship, we'll be treated to a special Fellowship Hour with a Caribbean flair, courtesy of Constance Campbell, Maxine Soares and Elaine Steele. We will also begin our Vital Congregations Lenten Bible Study (which will continue for every Sunday in March. We hope everyone will attend at least 2 sessions). Today we focus, fittingly, on Discipleship Formation.

Wednesday, March 4: Chime Choir at 6:15. *Choir rehearses at 7 every Wednesday.*

Friday March 6 – Saturday March 7: The Confirmation class will be on retreat!

Saturday, March 7: Women's Press Collective hosts their 13th Annual Celebration of Women's International Day, with the theme: "Telling the truth in a climate of disinformation." 11 am – 3 pm at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, 85 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn. \$20 suggested donation. For info call 718-543-5100, or talk to Elaine Song or Nancy Hughes.

Sunday, March 8, 10:15 am: Daylight saving time begins today! Spring

forward! In worship on the Second Sunday in Lent, we will ordain and install Sam Riggs to the office of elder, and Shine a Light on Empowering Servant Leadership, which will also be the focus of our after worship Bible Study.

Wednesday, March 11: Worship & Music Committee meets at 5:30 pm; Chime Choir at 6:15.

Sunday, March 15, 10:15 am: On this Third Sunday in Lent, we'll Shine a Light on another mark of Vital Congregations, and gather after worship for fellowship, and Bible study focusing on Intentional Authentic Evangelism.

Wednesday, March 18: Chimes Choir at 6:15.

Thursday, March 19, 6:15 pm: Session meeting, Carnegie Library.

Saturday, March 21, 9 am – 12:30 noon: Volunteer Opportunity. Broadway Community Outreach Activity: clothing distribution at Broadway Presbyterian Church, 601 W 114th Street (at Broadway). We will sort clothes and help guests find free clothing that they need. If you have questions or would like to participate, please talk with Karen Amrhein.

Sunday, March 22: Join us for worship at 10:15 am on the Fourth Sunday in Lent, as we Shine a Light, and meet after fellowship time for a Bible Study on Outward Incarnational Focus.

Wednesday, March 25, 12 noon: Prayer group meets at Vivian's for prayer, fellowship and lunch. All are welcome! Just let Vivian, Karen A. or Rev. L know.

Thursday, March 26: 10 am – 12 noon in the gym: **Training Opportunity.** Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children® Presented by NCG Insurance. This is an important training about preventing the sexual abuse of children. It features real people and real stories about protecting children in our care. **Free for church members, if you let**

Rev. Lindsay know you'd like to attend.

For info: <https://www.d2l.org/education/stewards-of-children/>

Friday, March 27, 4:30 pm: Confirmation Class meets.

Sunday, March 29, 10:15 am: In worship on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we'll be inspired by a special Lenten music selection from Theodore Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ," under the direction of Music Minister Eunjung Ahn. We'll also be encouraged by another Shine a Light, and after worship, we'll continue our Vital Congregations Bible Study.

A word about the music:

Theodore Dubois was born in France in 1837. He spent most of his life in Paris, where he studied at the Paris Conservatory. While he was not recognized as one of the great musicians of his time, he was highly respected by his more famous counterparts, including Franz Liszt (who gave him musical encouragement), Cesar Franck, and Camille Saint-Saens.

Dubois was the organist and choirmaster at the Church of St. Clotilde in Paris (where Cesar Franck also served at one time) when he wrote the "Seven Last Words of Christ." This composition was first performed in 1867 for the Good Friday service at the Church of St. Clotilde. Even though Dubois composed several other works (orchestral, choral and organ), very few of them are still performed today, with the exception of the "Seven Last Words of Christ."

Broadway Community Outreach Activity

On Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm interested adults, teens, and school age children from our congregation will volunteer and help with the clothing distribution at Broadway Presbyterian Church. We will sort clothes and help guests find free clothing that they need. The address of Broadway Presbyterian Church is 601 W 114th Street. It is close to Columbia University. If you have questions or would like to participate, please talk with Karen Amrhein or email her at karenlynnamrhein@gmail.com

MARCH IN SOLIDARITY WITH FARM WORKERS
3-Mile Grand Finale
MARCH 12, 4 pm, UNION SQUARE PARK

"FOLLOW THE MONEY" BOYCOTT WENDY'S MARCH

Every day, millions of migrant farm workers do the back-breaking work of harvesting the fruits and vegetables that feed the entire country and, in turn, generate billions in profits for the trillion-dollar retail food industry. Yet despite the essential nature of their labor, for generations farm workers have endured extreme poverty, sexual assault and modern-day slavery.

But in 2011, after nearly two decades of hard-fought organizing with consumers across the country, farm workers with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) built an award-winning program of worker-led monitoring and enforcement, ending decades of gender-based violence, forced labor and other long-standing human rights violations. All of the largest fast-food companies — McDonald's, Burger King, Subway, Taco Bell and Chipotle — along with nine other major food retailers, from Whole Foods to Walmart, have joined. **All except Wendy's.**

Building on years of massive, colorful marches in New York City, farm workers from Immokalee, their families and consumers are taking the fight for Fair Food directly to the Wall Street power players behind Wendy's with a 3-day "Follow the Money" March through the city's bustling boroughs from March 10-12, culminating in a **3-MILE GRAND FINALE MARCH on THURSDAY, 12 at 4 pm, at UNION SQUARE PARK.**

More info: <http://www.boycott-wendys.org/why-we-are-marching>

Please keep in your prayers...

all those who mourn; all who suffer in any way from the Corvid-19 virus; Leroy and his family on the birth of Leroy's new granddaughter; Dr. B and family; Matt Mauser and his three children (family of Susanna N); Pete and his family; Cecilia; Eunjung's mother-in-law Jaechun; Johanna W; Constance; Patti; Rev. Ted; Virginia and her sisters Joanne and June; Alison; Lew; Lolita; Vivian; Fiona; Fern; Ruddy; Karen's father; those affected in the Middle East; immigrants and refugees at risk; victims and perpetrators of 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

Dear Friends,

I know the news is full of information and disinformation about the Corvid-19 virus, and while people are understandably concerned, we don't want anyone to be worried unnecessarily. Clerk of Session Nancy Hughes and I have been conferring, and we want you to know that we are keeping ourselves informed. NYC Presbytery and NYDIS (New York Disaster Interfaith Services) are closely monitoring Corvid-19 updates and are in regular communication with DOHMH-OEPR (Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response), NYC Emergency Management, the CDC and FEMA. We will share any updates from them, as appropriate, by email, Facebook and website. We will even call all church members and friends if the need is urgent – though we don't expect it will be.

Meanwhile, we urge everyone to follow general flu prevention guidelines, including:

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve

(elbows and armpits come in handy)

Wash your hands regularly

Use the hottest water you can stand, and wash for at least as long as it takes you to sing Happy Birthday – or the Doxology (“Praise God from whom all blessings flow...”)

Avoid touching your face

especially, eyes, nose and mouth areas

Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Stay away from crowds if you feel at risk – but don't shun people because of their race or ethnicity

Get your flu shot –

it's never too late!

Stay home if you're feeling sick.

Call your doctor and let them know your symptoms, travel history, and if you've had contact with people who are sick

**And, as always, reach out to me, Clerk Nancy Hughes,
or any Elder or Deacon if you need help.**

*grace and peace ~
Rev. Lindsay*
