

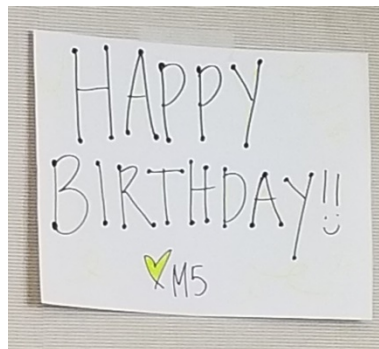
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NYC
Weekly pastoral email for the Week of Sunday June 14, 2020

Dear Ones,

Thank you all for your prayers and cards and good wishes this week. My health issues seem to be finally resolved - after one of my new drugs put me in the hospital for 2 days. But I'm so grateful for the attentive, kind and cheerful care I (and my neighboring patients) received - from nurses, doctors, aides, wheelchair drivers, meal bringers, etc. Healthcare workers are indeed amazing. And, yes, I celebrated my birthday while there, but don't worry - I had cake!



Birthday blessings to all the June babies – I know there are a lot of us!



PRAYERS ANSWERED AND NEEDED

I am delighted to report that Fiona is home from the hospital and doing well - incredible! We give all thanks to God, who gave her such good support and medical care. As we continue to pray for Fiona we also give thanks for her sister Marion, who worked so hard to watch over for Fiona from a distance
Rev Ted, however, is back in the hospital - please keep him in prayer, but it doesn't look too serious, though he'll be there about a week for treatment and observation. We thank God for Ted's friend Kody who got him the care he needed - and for Kody's dog

Charlies, who has become a dear companion for Ted, as you can see by the photo below.



SAVE THE DATE

On **Friday, June 26, 5:30 pm**, we'll gather virtually to begin our **anti-racism conversations**. Don't get nervous - our first meeting will be quite simple. We'll watch a video together (on Zoom), and then all will be invited to share some thoughts. Those who can't Zoom - I'm hoping you can watch the video on your computer through a link I'll send - and you can either stay on your phone, or rejoin the Zoom meeting after the video. For those without a computer or tablet on which to watch, I think even just listening by phone will be good. Then we'll talk about what our next steps might be. I hope you'll consider joining in, and I'll send out reminders and then the links as the date gets closer.

Don't forget - Fill out your Census 2020 form (<https://my2020census.gov/>) and encourage others to do so. It's important that we and all our neighbors be counted.

VOTE! Absentee Application Deadlines:

For the June 23 Primary, absentee applications received by email, fax or telephone, the deadline is close-of-business on June 16th. Absentee applications received by postal mail with a postmark on or before June 16th must be processed.

After June 16th, voters may apply in person (over-the-counter) through June 22nd or by Early Voting from June 13-21. Please check with your local board of elections for Early Voting hours and locations. The deadline for the postmarked return of an absentee ballot has been extended to June 23, 2020 for the primary election and November 3, 2020 for the general election per Chapter 91 of the laws of 2020.

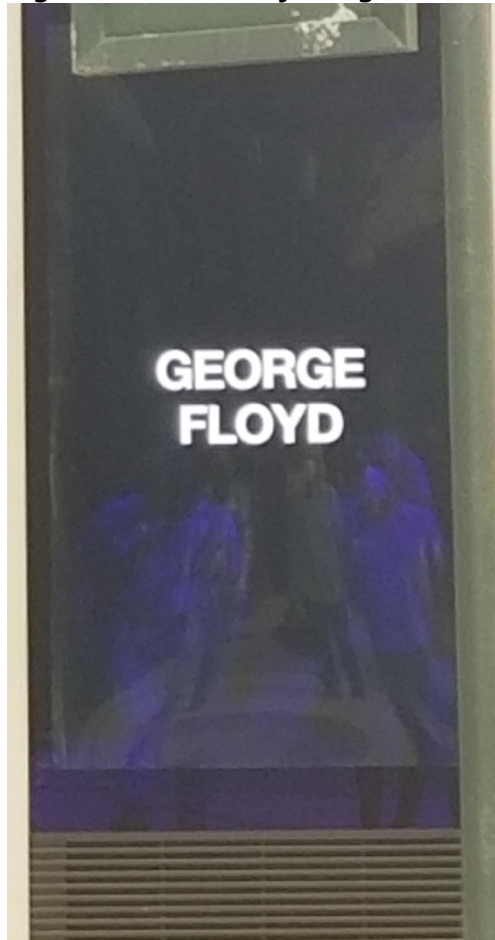
Absentee voting: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html>

Voter registration: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingDeadlines.html>

The League of Women Voters NYC is always helpful – their staff is working remotely, so you can call: **212-725-3541 or 212-213-8950**

Call for Musicians! Summer Worship starts June 28, and Minister of Music, Ms. Eunjung Ahn, invites any and all church musicians (singers and/or instrument players) to volunteer to serve as soloists while Kyunghie and Marcel are off for the summer. So call or email Eunjung if you're interested - or even think you might be!

If you have been out and about lately, you may have seen that the LinkNYC kiosks are featuring the names of black Americans killed by police officers and others. I was taken aback and also impressed to see that, and took, sadly, many pictures as the many names cycled by in rotation. It wasn't till I got home and looked at the photos that I noticed the other people around me, also stopping to look, and perhaps, as I did, say a prayer. Finally, people, ordinary people, a wide array of people, are stopping what they are doing and paying attention - and joining in the demand for change.



God be with you, until we meet again.

love and light,
Rev. Lindsay