

**THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in the CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**Pastoral Newsletter for May 2021**  
**EASTERTIDE – TRINITY SUNDAY**



Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Saturday in the Park with Second event was a great success. It was a joy to see one another in the flesh! Especially those whom we don't even get to see on Zoom. We will do it again next month, if not before, so watch out for notices. And I hope to see you there, sooner or later.

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**PNC NEWS**

**Pastor Nominating Committee Forges Ahead**

The Pastor Nominating Committee has received the go ahead to start posting information for our new Pastor! Over the past three months, the Committee has met regularly to prepare the Ministry Information Form, which is required by the search process and provides a narrative picture of the mission and ministry of the congregation. Prospective pastors will use the Form to help them discern whether God is calling them to serve our church. The Form also contains criteria used to match our needs with the needs of future applicants. In April, the Session voted to send the Form on to the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery; the Commission approved it at its May 4th meeting.

Members of the committee – Gordon Bakoulis, Nancy Hughes, Lisa Infield-Harm and Elaine Song – are connecting well and enjoying the collaboration. We appreciate the support and prayers of the congregation, and we are ready to meet applicants with you in mind. ~ *Elaine Song, for the PNC*

*The PNC will Shine a Light on their activities every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month in worship.*

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## **NYC PRIMARY ELECTIONS JUNE 22**

As many of you know, the NYC Mayoral Primary Elections are coming! The 2021 New York City mayoral election will consist of Democratic and Republican primaries on June 22, 2021, followed by a general election on November 2, 2021. The primaries will be the first New York City mayoral election primaries to use ranked-choice, instant-runoff voting, as opposed to the plurality voting of previous primaries.

By now, registered voters should have gotten a notice in the mail about the Primary Elections including info about ranked-choice voting. NOTE: Early voting is from June 12 – 20. But early voting sites are different from primary day sites. As we get closer to the elections, you can go to [VOTE.NYC](http://VOTE.NYC) or call 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692) to find out where you can vote early, and more information about ranked-choice voting (the info is not posted yet).

New York City will use ranked-choice voting for Primary and Special Elections for the following NYC municipal offices:

- MAYOR
- PUBLIC ADVOCATE
- COMPTROLLER
- BOROUGH PRESIDENT
- CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Here are some commonly asked questions about RCV:

### **Does it hurt my first choice?**

No. Ranking other candidates does not affect your vote for your first choice.

### **Can I vote for the same candidate more than once?**

You can, but your vote has more power if you rank. Ranking one candidate as your first, second and third choice is the same as leaving the second, third and other choices blank. You do not improve a candidate's chances of winning by voting for that candidate more than once.

### **How is a winner determined?**

To start, all first-choice votes are counted. If a candidate gets 50%+1 of first-choice votes, they win. Otherwise, ballots are counted in rounds. In each round the

candidates with the fewest votes are eliminated. Ballots for that candidate are counted for the voter's next choice. Rounds continue until there is a winner of the final 2 candidates.

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### MAY AT SPC

*All worship and meetings continue on Zoom for the time being.*

**Sunday, May 9: 10 AM** Mini Sunday School; **10:15 AM** worship. The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide is also **Mother's Day**, a good day to give thanks for and honor all who have loved and do love us with a nurturing, motherly love.

**Sunday, May 16: 10 AM** Mini Sunday School; **10:15 AM** worship. The 7<sup>th</sup> (and last) Sunday of Eastertide will be a Prayer & Fellowship gathering.

**Sunday, May 23: 10 AM** Mini Sunday School; **10:15 AM** worship. **The Day of Pentecost – wear red!** And the PNC will Shine a Light on their latest adventures. Let's see what the Holy Spirit has in store!

**Wednesday, May 26: 12 noon.** Zoom Monthly Prayer Meeting. Contact Vivian, Karen or Lindsay for details.

**Sunday, May 30: 10 AM** Mini Sunday School; **10:15 AM** worship. This is **Trinity Sunday** (and the fifth Sunday of the month! And Memorial Day weekend!). Details to come.

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### WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

**10:15 AM Zoom Worship**

**(10 AM Mini Sunday School for children – though all are welcome!)**

For the Zoom link or dial in number, please contact Virginia Danner, Office Manager, Tuesdays – Fridays, at: (347) 918-7914, [vdanner@secondpresbyteriannyc.org](mailto:vdanner@secondpresbyteriannyc.org)

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Rev. Chibuzi Okorie of our sister church, Church of Gethsemane, recently shared some news about their Mother's Day project, along with a photo.

*These are the first of the Mother's Day Boxes.*

*They contain: a Mother's Day card and notes of encouragement from Second Presby. Manhattan, several cans of fruit and vegetables, packages of nuts, hard candy, veggie straws, a journal with inspirational notes plus a colorful composition book, a scarf, white socks and a plastic magnifying glass.*

*Please pray that they reach the women in Bedford Taconic and Albion without incident.*

We will, with gratitude to all at Gethsemane for their good work. And thanks to SPC members for their notes of encouragement!



*Rev. Diane Lacey and a volunteer.*

God be with you until we meet again.  
love and light,  
*Rev. Lindsay*

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