



September Newsletter

A Word of Gratitude from the Pastor

Believe it or not, Thursday, September 15, marked six months since I started serving as pastor of Second Presbyterian Church—and one year since my first conversation with the PNC. It's a joyous milestone in my ministry life. So I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for the warm welcome you have extended to me. I am truly grateful that God has led us together in this moment, and I look forward with great anticipation to the path that is emerging before us.

—Rev. Thia Reggio

Survey Results

A summary of survey results has been emailed to the members of the congregation. We'll use the responses to generate a conversation about our priorities for mission, worship, study, and congregational life together.

Hybrid Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6 pm

Join in person or online as we gather for Bible Study. We'll also choose a companion book to read alongside our studies. Feel free to bring a book option to propose. Possibilities we're considering include, *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem and *Call Us What We Carry* by Amanda Gorman.

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays at 7 pm

You're invited! Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7 pm and Sundays 9:30 am. Come lift your voice to God with the choir. If you are not sure whether you are ready to commit to rehearsals every week, you can schedule each week which rehearsal you'd like to attend. All are welcome!

Pastor Thia's Installation Service—Time to Celebrate!

from Elder Elaine Song

Our church is gearing up for the formal Installation of our new pastor! Rev. Thia Reggio will be installed as the 13th installed pastor of Second Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, Oct. 16, at 4 pm in our church**. We hope you have received your invitation by email.

The event promises to be special and spirit-filled, led by leaders and members of the New York City Presbytery. Pastors and members of Presbyterian churches all around the city will attend.

In light of this exciting day, our role as church members will be to make the space as welcoming as possible and to prepare a reception afterwards.

Since we don't know what Covid levels will be at the time, we will still have everyone gather in the Carnegie Library to enjoy each other's company, but instead of a food table, we will provide attendees with treats and mementos to take with them.

The ideas are already cooking, but we need your thoughts and input to make this as memorable as possible. All are invited to participate and plan. As of now, the roles and tasks include: 1) serving as greeters on the day of the service; 2) planning the decorating of the sanctuary; and 3) planning and preparing the go-bags.

If you are interested in helping plan or learning more, please feel free to come to a meeting next Sunday, Sept. 25, after worship, in the Carnegie Library. If you have questions, please contact Elaine Song at esongny@mac.com.

Worship Volunteers

Thank you to our September worship volunteers! And October is just around the corner with World Communion Sunday and many opportunities to serve! We appreciate all those who are able to volunteer to serve as a greeter or liturgist for our worship services.

In Our Prayers

Maxine and her family

Virginia and her sisters, June and Joanne

Prayer group gathers online the last Wednesday of each month at noon. Send your prayer requests and feel free to join as you're able.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer ...and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. —Ephesians 6:18

