



October Newsletter

13th Pastor's Installation October 16 at 4 pm A Milestone for Second Presbyterian Church

This Installation Service is a testament to the faithfulness and resilience of this congregation—an opportunity to thank God for 266 years of continuous ministry, and to step forward together into the next chapter of our life together in God's service.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to make this milestone in our church's journey a special one. There are many ways to participate:

Come and worship!—Your presence at worship is a ministry and a gift.

Welcome our guests—Greet members of the presbytery, neighbors, visitors, and special guests.

Beautify our space—Join us to decorate and create an atmosphere of joyful hospitality.

Prepare "go bags" to share—Help assemble items for attendees to take with them after the service.

Serve communion

Contact Elaine Song, esongny@mac.com, with your thoughts, questions, and to sign up. Or use the **sign-up sheet** at worship to choose your role!

Indigenous Peoples' Day

On October 10, we set aside a day to honor the Indigenous Peoples who inhabited and cared for the lands that now comprise the United States. On the Indigenous Peoples' Day, you may wish to spend time considering the wisdom of First Nations People with regard to caring for and honoring the Earth, seeking peace, and claiming resiliency in the face of near extermination. We have much to learn and much to thank our predecessors in this land that we call home.

On October 7, Pastor Thia led an assembly at the Alexander Robertson School for Indigenous Peoples' Day. We spoke about the Anishinabe (Algonquin) traditions of fire keeping and water keeping. I offer this video as a connection to our shared past and to the vital importance of protecting the sacred water sources of our planet for future generations.

Choir: Wednesdays at 7 pm

Choir rehearsals take place on Wednesdays at 7 pm and Sundays 9:30 am. Come lift your voice to God with the choir—all are welcome and you can schedule each week which rehearsal you'd like to attend.

Worship Volunteers

Please contact Patti Van Dyke if you're available to volunteer as a liturgist or greeter in October. We appreciate all those who are able to volunteer 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

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

#Every1KnowsSome1

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Each year, some 10 million people experience intimate partner violence in the U.S. Statistics show that you are likely to encounter someone in nearly every group setting who has experienced a form of domestic violence.

Church is no exception. In fact, churches have been complicit and have even used scripture in ways that perpetuate dangerous and unhealthy relationships. To learn more about DV and IPV, visit [NYS CADV](http://www.nyscadv.org) for information and support.