

Scripture Lesson John 3:14-17
 Sermon The Best Neighbor Rev. Kelly Hough Rogers
 Offertory Anthem Not Ashamed Dan Forrest

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord, we give You thanks for the countless ways You sustain us. Receive now some of what You have given, so that others might receive. Bless them in body, mind and spirit, and bless us in becoming a people that gives. Amen.

Joys & Concerns/Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

(A time for silent personal reflection.)

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer ("debts")

*Passing The Peace

*Hymn 555

Now Thank We All Our God

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

William P. Rowan

() Please stand*

Deacon In Charge: Nick Barile

This morning's **Chancel Flowers** are given with love from Ilda and Chuck Lee in honor of, and to celebrate, the birthdays of their daughter, Debra Fichtner (March 14); and grandsons, Ian (March 12) & Griffin Lee (March 24).

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**Lyra Helen Singleton**

7 lbs. 4 oz.

Born on February 23, 2018

Congratulations to parents, John Singleton and Sadie Dietrich and to grandparents, Matt and Kathy Singleton.

### In Memorium

Church member, Eva Marie Palevich passed away on Saturday, March 3, 2018. We extend our condolences to Eva-Maria's husband Edward, daughter Allegra and son Christian. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. here at Second Church.

### Sunday Morning Assistance

There is a sign-up sheet in Fletcher Hall for those who would like to bring baked goods for "Sunday Morning Coffee Hour." All you need to bring is 75-100 bite-size items, the church will continue to supply fruit and beverage. You can also sign-up on our website at 2cc.org.

Beginning this year, Neighbor to Neighbor has started a theme whereby they are requesting donations of **only one designated food** item per month. Please check our bulletin for information regarding the monthly item, and please accept our thank you for your donation.

This month's (March) item is **BEANS (dried or canned) ONLY!**



### Upcoming Events

| Date                       | Time       | Event             | Location             |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sunday, March 11</b>    | 3:00 p.m.  | Hilltop Concert   |                      |
| <b>Monday, March 12</b>    | 5:30 p.m.  | FFW               | Room 15              |
|                            | 7:00 p.m.  | Boy Scouts        | Cottage              |
| <b>Tuesday, March 13</b>   | 9:50 a.m.  | WF Trip           |                      |
| <b>Wednesday, March 14</b> | 2:30 p.m.  | Pen Women         | Parlor               |
|                            | 4:00 p.m.  | Cherubs & Novices | Brush Hall           |
|                            | 5:00 p.m.  | Middlers          | Brush Hall           |
|                            | 6:00 p.m.  | High School       | Brush Hall           |
|                            | 7:30 p.m.  | Bible Study       | Parlor               |
| <b>Thursday, March 15</b>  | 11:00 a.m. | Prayer Meeting    | Parlor               |
| <b>Friday, March 16</b>    | 5:00 p.m.  | Youth Group (MS)  |                      |
|                            | 6:30 p.m.  | Cub Scouts        | FH/Cottage/Rm. 15/14 |
| <b>Saturday, March 17</b>  | 10:00 a.m. | Picassos          | Room 14              |
|                            | 5:00 p.m.  | Evensong          | Chapel               |

### Sunday Worship Music Schedule

March 18 - Guest Violinist, Jeff Pearson

March 25 - Youth and Chancel Choirs

### Hilltop Music Collective Presents: A Student Showcase

March 11 - 3:00 p.m. at 2CC

**Featuring:** Eve Weiss, guitar, players from the Greenwich Suzuki Academy and Standard Youth Symphony, and the music of Beethoven and CPE Bach.

*This concert will be dedicated to the memory of the victims of the recent mass shooting at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School.*

Join us on the "Cos Cob Crawl" to visit local specialty shops followed by lunch  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 starting at 10:00 a.m.

*During this outing we will visit each of the shops displayed here together as a group and "crawl" from one to the other through the morning.*

Lorca coffee bar

Fairfield Greenwich Cheese COMPANY

THE DRAWING ROOM

FLEISHERS CRAFT BUTCHERY

FJORD FISH MARKET

The shops are looking forward to having us and they are excited to share their wealth of knowledge! We will have time to browse and each shop is willing to hold our purchases for later pick up.

COAST GLOBAL SEAFOOD

*We will have lunch at Coast Global Seafood which offers a 3 course prix fixe lunch for \$25*

Please meet at 9:50 a.m. in the parking lot behind the shops or in case of rain, we can meet in the atrium by CVS.

Please contact: Leah Marmon for reservations: [lmarmont4@aol.com](mailto:lmarmont4@aol.com)

**Have you been curious about the quaint shops along the strip in Cos Cob?  
Now's your chance to see what they're all about!**

We will "crawl" our way into the butchery, a fish market and a cheese shop - each specializing in what they offer. They will share their wealth of knowledge with us! Need a caffeine fix?

Lorca Coffee Bar has a fine selection of coffees and baked goods as well!  
For art and craft lovers, the Drawing Room is nearby!

We will enjoy lunch at Coast Seafood Restaurant & Bar, just across the street in the Mill Pond Shopping Center, for a delicious 3-course prix fixe lunch for \$25  
We are limited to 20 spaces so be sure to RSVP soon!

*Please note change of date...*

**Men's Fellowship Dinner**

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

**6:30 p.m.**

*More details & sign-up information to follow*



## SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

Gathered in 1705

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March 11, 2018

Prelude Pastorale Raymond H. Hann

Welcome

Introit In Christ There Is No East or West St. Peter

\*Call To Worship (Psalm 107: 1-3, 19-22)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People:** *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

Leader: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

**People:** *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.*

Leader: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.  
Come! Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 417 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

*(Children should leave for the church school program after the 2nd verse of the hymn)*

Prayer of Confession

*Holy One, you see us just as we are, yet you love us so deeply. We would change so much about ourselves if we could, often because we love the wrong things, or fail to love them in the right way. Forgive us. Open our eyes. Teach us to see ourselves and our neighbors as you see us. Help us to see others as imperfect but loveable. May learning to love them lead us to the perfect love we find in you. Amen*

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn 579)

Anthem O Praise the Gracious Power Lloyd Larsen



## Ugandan Singers coming to Second Church in April!



We have been offered an amazing opportunity by the same group that brought the Soweto Melodic Voices to church two years ago.

A group from Uganda will be coming to Second Church & performing on April 22 at our 10:30 a.m. service. In our conversations with Creative Connections they have asked if we might be interested in acting as host families for these young performers while they are here on their tour.

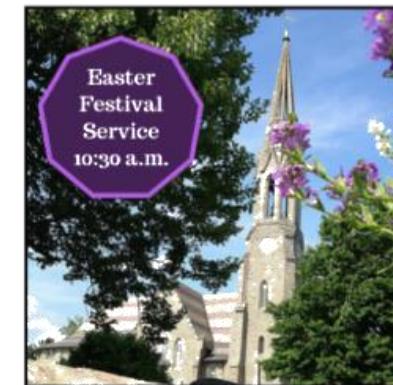
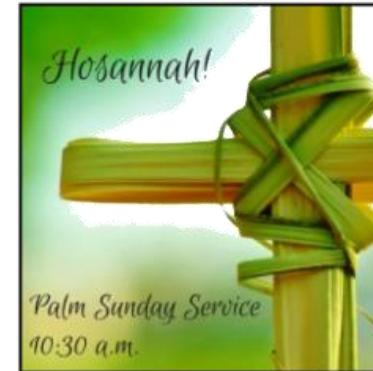
*If the Soweto group is any indication, this could be a phenomenal experience in ministry...*

- **Tour dates:** Wed, April 18 – Saturday May 5, 2018 (we are opting to take one week or the other, not both)
- **Group Total:** 11 students: 5 girls (13-15 years old) 6 boys (14-18 years old) & 2 adult leaders (Frank and Brenda Katoola). The Ugandan guests can be placed in singles, doubles (preferred), triples or quads. Host families with children? Yes if possible. But empty nesters can work as well.
- **Language:** Fluent in English
- **Transportation:** Drop off Ugandans central pickup location at 8am & pick-up at same location between 3:30 and 4:30 M-F\*  
\*We can arrange alternative transportation for days that are necessary
- **Food:** Host families provide breakfast and dinner each day (hopefully sharing with host family)
- **Family time:** Hanging out each evening with family and independently. TV and Internet access most welcome!

Please contact Max ASAP with any questions or to offer your home as a host.



## Easter at Second Church



## Women's Fellowship Scholarship Program for Graduating High School Seniors

The Women's Fellowship of Second Church has established a Scholarship Program to honor and acknowledge the young people who have been involved in the life of the church.

High school graduating seniors who will be attending college in the fall of 2018 are encouraged to apply. Contact Gloria in the church office at 203.869.9311 or email [womensfellowship@2cc.org](mailto:womensfellowship@2cc.org), and we will email you an application



All applications due by March 30, 2018



## Prayer Vigil

Following the Maundy Thursday evening service, our overnight prayer vigil will begin, and will continue until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30. A feature of Holy Week at 2CC for the last 16 years, the vigil offers a powerful experience for private prayer in the Sanctuary, which is illuminated by a single light, focused from the base of the cross.

Some come with a plan for their prayers, some read Scripture or find other devotional reading and go where it takes them, and some simply sit and "listen for God" in the silence. Most find that the hour passes quickly, and that Easter is more powerful as a result. Join us! **A sign-up sheet is available in Fletcher Hall.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
TRADITIONAL IRISH DINNER  
& DANCE PERFORMANCES BY  
LYNN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

# St. Patrick's @ 2CC

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH AT 4:00

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!  
RSVP TO [GLORIA@2CC.ORG](mailto:GLORIA@2CC.ORG)  
(\$5.00 SUGGESTED DONATION)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
AT SECOND CHURCH  
JUNE 25-29, 2018

AGES 4-5TH GRADE  
9:00 A.M. TO  
NOON DAILY



**MORE INFORMATION & SIGNUP AT [2CC.ORG](http://2CC.ORG)**

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# OUR TIME

An Evening of Really Good Music



YASMEEN AUDI



ALLEN LOUIS



KC MORSE

with Music Direction by Alexander Constantine

**Wednesday March 21 @ 7pm**

2CC Chapel