

Scripture Lesson John 12:20-26

Sermon Rev. Maxwell Grant

Offertory Solo Caprice Number 15 Nicolo Paganini

*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 525 *Here I Am, Lord*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude “Allegro” from Concerto in A Minor Antonio Vivaldi
 (*) Please stand

Deacon In Charge: Jackie Oleson

Birth Announcement

Emma Joanne Singleton Cundiff
 6 lbs. 12 oz.
 Born on March 10, 2018
 Congratulations to parents, Kate Singleton and Cameron Cundiff
 and to grandparents, Matt and Kathy Singleton

Church member, Eva Marie Palevich died on Saturday, March 3, 2018. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. here at Second Church.

Thank you to Liz Perry for hosting coffee hour this morning.

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.



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
Sunday, March 18	4:00 p.m.	St. Patrick’s Dinner	Fletcher Hall
Monday, March 19	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Court of Honor	Cottage Chapel
Wednesday, March 21	1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Calendar Meeting Cherubs & Novices Middlers High School “Our Time” Evening of Music Bible Study	Fletcher Hall Brush Hall Brush Hall Brush Hall Chapel Parlor
Thursday, March 22	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting Choir Rehearsal	Parlor Brush Hall
Friday, March 23	3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Pacific House Prep Youth Group (MS)	Kitchen
Saturday, March 24	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Picassos Memorial Service Evensong	Room 14 Sanctuary Chapel

Sunday Worship Music Schedule
 March 25 – Youth and Chancel Choirs



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Prelude Lament Paul Barker

Welcome

*Call To Worship (Psalm 119:9-16)

Leader: How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

People: *With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.*

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

People: *With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.*

Leader: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

People: *I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.*

Leader: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
Come! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 316 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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

Prayer of Confession

O God, Eternal One, who divides the day from the night, and turns the shadow of death into the morning, drive far from us all wrong desires; incline our hearts to keep your law; and guide our feet unto the way of peace. Then having done your will with cheerfulness in the day, may we rejoice to give you thanks when the night comes. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer)

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 579)

Solo "Adagio" from Sonata in C Major J.S. Bach

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



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.

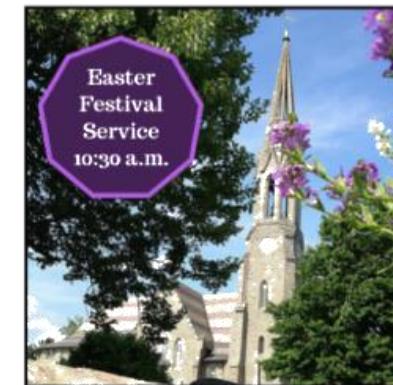
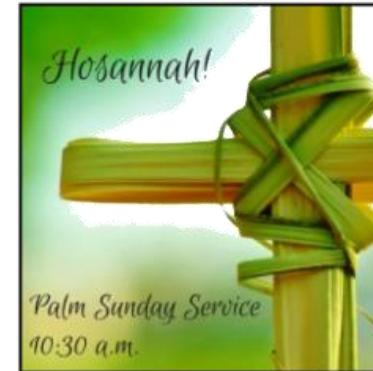
If the Soweto group is any indication, this could be a phenomenal experience in ministry...

- **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, 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.**