



December 8, 2022

Dear Friends of Second Church,

We are at the stage of pre-Christmas when the boxes arrive, and it's not clear if they're Christmas presents or another regular shipment of coffee pods or what have you, that's supposed to be opened promptly.

There's the danger that you'll open something and some little set of prying eyes will swoop into the kitchen, declare themselves delighted, and run off with it to their room.

(I'm speaking hypothetically, of course.)

On the other hand, if we don't have access to our coffee pods, will we even make it to Christmas? Will we even care?

Somewhere, there's a metaphor in all of this.

Maybe it's a reminder that Christmas approaches in so many ways that are indistinguishable from all the other things that arrive every day.

Maybe it's a reminder that almost everything is a gift if you look at it in the right way.

Maybe it's something else, altogether.

In any case, as we continue on toward Christmas, may your days be merry and bright, and a reminder of the love that holds us all.

See you in church,

Max

Join us this season...

Service Times:
Sunday at
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



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Hymns for this Sunday...

Join us in the singing of our hymns this Sunday which can be found by [clicking here](#).

Hymns for this Sunday

Come, Thou Almighty King

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!



We need someone to bring in baked goods (we recommend that you bring approximately four dozen bite-size items).

The church will supply the coffee.

You can sign-up via email: pam@2cc.org

We look forward to seeing you!



Our annual Angel Tree is up in the Sanctuary and the Congregation is asked to help give families in need in our community a special holiday. Please stop by after the service and consider being a 2CC Angel. Monetary donations will be used to purchase Gift Cards for food and children's presents. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. If you prefer to donate online, Click the link below for our Virtual Angel Tree. Contact Georgia Harding 203-940-1010 or Dorothy Mayfield at 203-629-9424 if you have any questions.

Virtual Angel Tree Donations

Join our Chancel Choir for the Holidays!

11:45-12:30 in Brush Hall
Here is our schedule through the
end of the year...

December: 11 & 18
Sing at the 10:30 service on
December 11 and at

Elementary & Youth Choir each Wednesday

Elementary Choir
(Ages K-4)
4:15-5:00 p.m.

Youth Choir
(Grade 5 & Up)

the 6:30 Christmas Eve Service

Come and join us!

**Email Alexander with
questions**

6:00-6:45 p.m.

Brush Hall

**Email Heidi for more
information**

Children's Chapel at 2CC!

Nursery care for infants to age 4 starts at 10:15 a.m.
Deacons can help direct you to our nursery room.

Children ages kindergarten and up are encouraged to start worship with their parents at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Those who wish may depart for Children's Chapel with Jenny at about 10:45 a.m.

Registration not required but helpful for us to best know and love your child.

[Click here to register for Children's Chapel this Sunday](#)



This Sunday, December 11, during Children's Chapel and Youth Group, we will have a special morning of singing and caroling with Ms. Haskins, our Youth Choir Director and music teacher at Greenwich Academy.

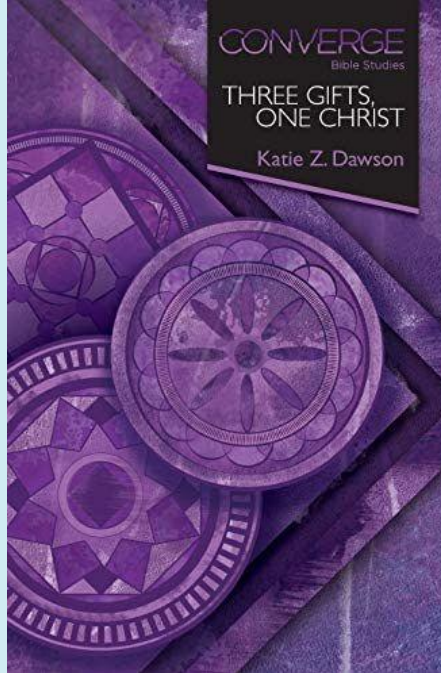
All children encouraged to participate as we practice and get ready for our Christmas Pageant December 24, 3:30pm.

Hope your little angels can join us!

Attention parents of rising 8th to 12th graders...

We are in the process of assessing the interest in hosting a 2023 confirmation class. In order to make an informed and loving decision in the best way that would work in hearts, homes, and at 2CC, we ask if your child would be interested to please click the button below and fill out the form by December 31.

Confirmation 2023



Advent Book Group with Jenny Byxbee,
Minister of Care and Connection

"Three Gifts, One Christ"
by Katie Z. Dawson

Sunday, December 18

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Cookie swap on December 18

The group will not meet on December 11

Email: Jenny@2cc.org for more information

Come to one or all, all ages and stages welcome for Christmas contemplation, connection, and cookie swap at our last session.

Childcare can be available upon request.

Please email Jenny@2cc.org to receive a copy of the book.

If you are unable to attend but would like a copy of the book or to meet with Jenny one on one, please let her know.

**Email Jenny for more
information**

The Women's Fellowship
Luncheon
Wednesday, December 14
11:30 a.m.

The luncheon will be held at
Lisa Hellman's home.

Waiting List Only

Sign up with Pam — Pam@2cc.org



Email Pam to RSVP for the Luncheon

Join us this Season...

Sunday:
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve:
3:30, 6:30 & 11:15 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m.

Decorate a Gingerbread House at 2CC!

**Saturday,
December 17**

10:00-12:00

Limited spaces available

*Registration required
\$40 per house*

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Email Jenny@2cc.org for
more information

Children under age 12 need to be accompanied by an adult



Please reserve your Gingerbread House by December 15 - Limited Availability!

Click here to reserve your Gingerbread House

Christmas Pageant Q & A!

Q. Who is the pageant open to?

A. All children between the ages of 5-14

Q. Can I be a narrator instead of playing a role in the pageant?

A. Yes! Adults, young adults & families are all welcome to participate as narrators.

Q. Are there going to be rehearsals for the pageant?

A. No formal rehearsals, but we will be offering a check-in time for costume choices during these days:

Wednesday, December 7th between 4:00-7:00 (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 14th between 4:00-7:00 (Chapel)

Sunday, December 18th during Children's Chapel

Q. My child would really like to participate, but those dates don't work out for us.

A. No Problem! We will have costumes starting at 3:00 p.m. on December 24 on the Mead Lawn with hot chocolate. Any families that want to join the Pageant as Angels, Shepherds, or Sheep. Please dress accordingly (costumes will be going over coats).

Also...

We will be outside for the Christmas Eve Pageant & will have special animal guests joining us!

All are welcome as narrators, please reach out to Alexander@2cc.org if you are interested, the more the merrier!

We had a big day on Sunday...

Build-A-Reindeer Workshop was a hit!

Photos courtesy of Bob Capazzo







**A Big Thank you to Alexander,
Jeff & Nicco for sharing your
talents with us at the
Christmas Piano Serenade!**

In case you missed it, you can watch the
archived concert by clicking the button below...

[2022 Christmas Piano Serenade](#)

Congratulations to Coffee for Good!

On Monday night Coffee for Good was awarded the Community Impact Leader Award at the Inaugural CT Restaurant Association Awards. The 2022 Awards ceremony was sponsored by The Hartford and recognizes businesses that are making a difference in people's lives.



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