



## Worship with us on Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

January 7, 2026

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Every year after the Christmas decorations come down in our Sanctuary, I find myself thinking of the conceptual artist, Christo.

You remember him: he's the creator behind "The Gates" project in Central Park...the "wrapped Reichstag" building in Berlin...the floating islands in Italy.

His particular thing was to take notable landscapes or structures and temporarily surround them with fabric that caught the motion of the wind or waves, or the changing light of the sun—and get us to see and interact with those spaces in new ways.

Each project was an immense undertaking — thousands of feet of fabric, careful engineering to keep it anchored, an army of volunteers to get everything set in place, and another (smaller) army of logistics people to get the necessary permits and coordinate with the various state and local agencies who would need to be involved.

I guess that level of coordination makes decorating or un-decorating our Sanctuary at Christmas seem pretty easy, by comparison.

But with the decorations now down again for the next 47 weeks, I realize in their absence that, like someone remembering a Christo installation, I am still seeing and interacting with our Sanctuary in new ways.

They've trained me to see what is there *differently*. What was "everyday" suddenly now seems expressive, and maybe even profound.

It reminds me that as the world moves on from Christmas, takes down the decorations, and gets back to normal, God's presence usually isn't dazzling or obvious, either. It's a deeper, sustaining force that dwells below the surface of our lives.

Yet it hopes that we have been changed by Christmas and that we do see things as they are — either for the first time or with renewed clarity.

It hopes that we have a new awareness of the beauty and significance of the world around us, the familiar and the strange, the intimate and the other.

As a new year and a new season begin, we remember that beneath the noise and hustle, God continues to claim us. The invitation of Christmas never goes away.

We can't look at the sky and not remember the star. But this teaches us not just to pine for what is no longer there, but to notice and love what is.

May we all learn to live in gratitude and hope, attentively and quietly in our everyday lives, remembering that in all circumstances, we are held by God.

Happy New Year.

See you in church,

*Max*

Sermons are always  
available online:  
[2CCSermons](#)

If you can't make it in person, join us via  
[Livestream for our 10:30 a.m.](#) Sunday  
service.

## Mark your calendars...

**Women's Fellowship invites you for**

**B I N G O**

**& Brunch**

**Tuesday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m.**



Fletcher Hall  
Brunch: Quiche, salad and dessert  
Bingo with prizes  
Max will serve as our Bingo caller  
\$20

RSVP to Pam in Church Office

RSVP for Bingo & Brunch



# Experiments in Faith

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00-11:30 A.M.

SCHOOL IS OUT MLK DAY...

BUT VBS IS ON!

Join us for a very special Vacation Bible School with special guests:  
Mad Science!

\$25 per child Scholarships  
available  
Kindergarten to 5th grade

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# 2CC Moms' Prayer Group

## Thursday, January 29

### 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM



In January we welcome back Kate Noonan, who will gently lead us through time-honored spiritual techniques. Kate will share best practices to anchor your heart and mind, finding the stillness required to face 2026 with peace and purpose. Lite bites and beverages provided.

**Please RSVP to [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) for location**

Mark your calendars for upcoming Prayer Group dates:  
February 26, March 26, and April 30



## Teddy Bear Story Time

**ROLL OUT OF BED AND JOIN US IN YOUR PJ'S**

**Saturday, January 31, February 28,  
March 28 & April 25  
at 8:00 a.m.**



**Coffee for Good**  
**48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT**

# Highlights from Christmas Eve...







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