



Join us for Worship Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

November 14 , 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

It was a true pleasure, as always, to attend the Town of Greenwich's Veterans Day observance on Greenwich Avenue.

I hope all our vets from 2CC, wherever they were marking the day, were able to receive the kind of warm welcome I saw at the formal ceremony.

It seems likely that some of the deepest moments of remembrance were private ones, whether in front of some formal marker with names carved in stone, or simply in the memory of someone who served.

The day must hold many memories, perhaps some of them hard to bear, and possibly even harder to put into words.

Veterans Day, like Memorial Day, says as much in its silences as it does in its words — even when the words are well-chosen and offered with respect.

As we all know, the official celebration of Thanksgiving won't be for a couple of weeks yet, but even so, Election Day and Veterans Day (cheek by jowl with each other) seem part of the same season.

There's wisdom in a civic calendar that begins with the present, reminds us of the challenge and sacrifice of the past, and then concludes with a time to reflect on the origins of our modern world—and this, by long custom, in the presence of those particularly dear to us.

We live in a noisy and distracted age, as we all know.

Maybe, then, the powerful silences of Veterans Day should remind us of the importance of listening for and attending to how much remains unspoken, and how much remains unfinished even so many years along from where it all began.

These days, our common hopes and all too painful differences can prove hard to put into words — or at least, into words we're willing to share.

Paul's Letter to the Romans speaks of how, sometimes, when the words of a prayer just won't seem to come to us, the Spirit intercedes on our behalf "with sighs too deep for words."

May our deepest silences be received as a request for that kind of intercession.

And may the world we build together be mindful and respectful of the sacrifices that have gotten us this far.

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.

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign Has Arrived

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign Pastoral letter, the brochure and the pledge card has now been mailed out to our church families and friends.

Please look at the areas of our service and mission planned for 2025. Then prayerfully make your decision to support the Stewardship Campaign with your pledge mailed back to the church office this month.

Steeple News will update you with the campaign progress during the next several weeks.

Bob Willett, Chair

[Click here for more information about
Stewardship](#)

Children's Chapel at 2CC

Infant and toddler nursery care is open 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m., and little ones are also welcome with their parents in the sanctuary. Families are encouraged to join in the worship experience as makes sense for each individual child.

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 and Choir with Jenny at about 10:45 a.m.

For more information please contact Jenny@2cc.org

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

Register for Children's Chapel

Treats for the Troops

Too much Candy? During the month of November, Children's Chapel will accept donations of candy for the troops and Our friends at the VA center in West Haven. Donation bin located outside of nursery.



Inspirica
From Homeless to Home

HARVEST for HOPE

Last Thanksgiving, we helped feed over
1,400 families in the Stamford area.

This year, help us feed 2,000 families.

How you can help:
Donate non-perishable/canned
food items

- Instant mashed potatoes
- Stuffing mix
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned yams
- String beans/peas
- Corn
- Mixed Vegetables
- Apple sauce
- Coffee & tea
- Disposable aluminum roaster pan

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FOOD DONATIONS ACCEPTED
THROUGH NOVEMBER 18TH

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Help us provide Thanksgiving bags for Inspirica!

Now until November 20, please help us provide Thanksgiving meals for Inspirica. We will be collecting, canned vegetables, canned cranberries, stuffing, and food gift cards (Acme, Shop Rite, Stop and Shop, Whole Foods) to help Inspirica make Thanksgiving bags for families. A collection bin will be left in the foyer, and gift cards can be dropped off in the nursery room Fridays or Sundays or in the church office Monday-Thursday.

Homemade cards and placemats to be made by Children's Chapel.
A little love and turkey goes a long way.

Join our Elementary & Youth Choirs!

Rehearsals are each Wednesday

Elementary Choir (Grade K-4)
4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Youth Choir (Grade 5 & Older)
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join our Chancel Choir!

Our Chancel Choir is back for another season of singing during our 10:30 services. If you are interested in joining us this year, please consider the following:

You are not required to sing each month. We rehearse after the 10:30 service for 45 minutes. You don't have to sing like Pavarotti, just a desire to sing! Singing with the choir is a fun, social experience. You can try us out before you commit! No auditions, just show up and we'll sign you up!

November

17 Choir Rehearsal
24 10:00 Rehearsal, 10:30
Thanksgiving Service

December

8 Choir Rehearsal
15 Choir Rehearsal
22 Choir Rehearsal
24 5:30 Rehearsal,
6:30 Christmas Eve Service

Email Alexander for more information

Regional Youth Ministry...



Click here to learn more about Regional Youth Ministry

Lend a hand for Thanksgiving...



We will be working with many non-profits in town this Thanksgiving to cook and deliver home-cooked dinners on Thanksgiving Day. If you have time to cook or can help with deliveries, please contact Barbara Zappavigna at BZapp@optonline.net

A big thank you friends and families of 2CC decorating 100 placemats for Thanksgiving meals this year for Pacific House and the Department of Human Services!



Mark your calendars...

Friendsgiving is this Sunday!



*Join us in Fletcher Hall during coffee hour
Signup below & bring a dish to share*

Sign up to bring food for the Potluck

Friendsgiving is Back! Cook, Eat, join us for some fun at 2cc!
Can't cook? We would love any helping hands for set up and clean up.
For more information contact Community Life Chair, Alli Hawes, allihawes1@gmail.com

2CC Ladies Night!

Sip and Shop at Splurge!

Thursday, November 21

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us for a night of wine, cheese, and a sneak peek of holiday must haves. No purchase necessary. 10% of all purchases will be donated back to 2cc.

Splurge is located at 39 Lewis Street
Greenwich, CT 06830

SplurgeGifts.com

RSVP'S helpful: Jenny@2cc.org

Splurge is graciously donating 10% of the proceeds from our event on November 21 to help benefit programs at 2CC.

Need someone to shop for? Consider picking out a toy or game for children ages 10-14 to donate to Operation Christmas Child. The 2CC Mom's Group will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child during the Month of November. For more info on sip and shop or to help with Operation Christmas Child contact Jenny@2cc.org

RSVP to Jenny for event at Splurge

*Only two more weeks of fall yoga!
Last class of fall session is Friday, November 22.
\$20/per class, walk ins Welcome, scholarships available.*

**Email Jenny for more information about
Yoga**



Teddy Bear Story Hour

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 & DECEMBER 21
AT 8:00 A.M.**

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



Save the date!

Join this inclusive social event at Coffee for Good...

The Coffee for Good Teen Board is hosting:

Sunday, November 24 - Karaoke

***Karaoke will be held from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at Coffee For Good
Come one, Come all!***

Christmas is coming...

Christmas Piano Serenade

*featuring Alexander Constantine
with Jeff Pearson
& Nicco Mazziotto*



Sunday, December 1
at 5:30 p.m.

Second Congregational Church
139 E. Putnam Avenue in Greenwich

2CC.org





2CC Women's Fellowship invites you to
Christmas in Cos Cob, Holiday Tea and Tour

Bush-Holley House

Tuesday, December 10
3:00-5:00 p.m.



\$20 person
(limit 15)

RSVP:Pam@2cc.org

RSVP to Pam for Tour & Lunch on December 10

GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP

WITH SPECIAL GUEST: MRS. CLAUS!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

\$35 PER HOUSE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12
NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

EMAIL JENNY@2CC.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE

[Click here to reserve your Gingerbread House](#)

[Email Jenny for more information](mailto:JENNY@2CC.ORG)

TEDDY BEAR STORY HOUR

WITH JENNY AT COFFEE FOR GOOD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

AT 8:00 A.M.

ROLL OUT OF BED & JOIN US IN YOUR PJ'S...



**SPECIAL GUEST ON
DECEMBER 21: MRS. CLAUS
EMAIL: JENNY@2CC.ORG FOR
MORE INFORMATION**



CHRISTMAS AT 2CC!

Christmas Eve Worship
3:30 Family Service
6:30 Festival Service
11:00 Candlelight Service



Around Town...

Let's Make a Run For It!

Greenwich Alliance for Education



TURKEY TROT

5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, November 30th



Register Today!

Can't make it to the race?
No worries!
You can still donate

Race details - www.greenwichalliance.org/turkey-trot-2024

Race direction by Greenwich Road Runners



Our very own Jenny Byxbee was highlighted in the YMCA Member Highlight!

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