



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

November 19, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

First of all, thanks to everyone who organized, prepared, contributed, served, greeted, and helped clean up the Community Life Committee's Friendsgiving Celebration.

Especially, thank you to our Community Life Chair Alli Hawes for throwing such a wonderful party!

Once again, it was such a joy to see folks from so many different corners of our church community getting to know each other, and in particular, the intergenerational mixing.

As someone from the "children should be seen and not heard" generation of church—and especially for church functions, it does my spirit such good to see that.

Second, thank you to all those who have sent in their pledge for this year's Annual Stewardship campaign. After a strong beginning, we have had a quiet week or so in the office, and our pledges to date are just a bit north of halfway to our final goal. Please consider making your pledge today!

If early travel or cleaning your house and setting the table for 75 guests mean we'll miss you this Sunday, Happy Thanksgiving!

When you come back, you'll see that the church has already turned toward one of its most cherished seasons.

That said, I hope everyone finds something and someone to be thankful for this week, and that the gratitude lingers well into December.

In a world that all too often shows itself to be gratitudinally challenged (no, that isn't really a word, but it should be), nothing represents our commitment to living a very different kind of life quite like recognizing and celebrating God's many gifts.

If we let it be, Thanksgiving isn't a holiday—it's a whole philosophy. And Christmas is the perfect sequel.

Many blessings, and of course, traveling mercies for all those out and about.

Please note: next week, the Steeple E-News will take a break so I can rake leaves in my mother's backyard. If you need information about any of our upcoming programs, check the website.

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...

2CC will be partnering with Greenwich Human Services to make, package and deliver meals to 50 homebound Greenwich residents.

You can volunteer in the following ways:

- Donate an apple pie by Wednesday, November 26.
- Prepare meals on November 26, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or November 27, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Package meals on Thursday, November 27, starting at 9:30 a.m.
- Deliver a few meals on Thanksgiving morning. Meals will be ready at 11:00 a.m. and delivery takes between 30 and 45 minutes.

Please contact Pam (Pam@2CC.org) by Friday, November 21, if you are available for any of the above.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Benefitting the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County

November 9-23

Collection bins will be outside the 2CC childcare room

Please bring in the following items:

- Breakfast Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Dried Beans
- Rice
- Canned Protein
- Laundry and dish detergent
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste
- Personal Hygiene items
- Gift cards to local grocery stores for produce and perishable items

For more information on how you can help, contact Jenny@2cc.org

Children's Chapel is collecting non-perishable food for local families this Thanksgiving. Your donation, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact. I encourage you to involve your children directly in the act of giving.

- **Empower Their Giving:** Instead of just purchasing an item for them, see if they'd like to use their own tooth fairy money or earn money through a chore to buy a canned good.
- **Pray and Reflect:** Use this as a time to talk about gratitude and our call to love and serve our neighbors.
- **Connect to Faith:** Share the story of how Jesus fed the 5,000, and discuss how our small offerings can be part of a miracle for someone else.

Hands big and small can make a big difference!



Teddy Bear Story Hour

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

& DECEMBER 20

AT 8:00 A.M.



Coffee for Good

48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT

Christmas is coming...



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 23 after the
10:30 a.m. service

Come help us decorate our Church
for the Christmas season!



Our annual Angel Tree will be up in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 30, 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. 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 if you have any questions.

[Click here to donate to the Angel Tree](#)

GINGERBREAD

Workshop

**DECEMBER 7
12:00 P.M.**

With Special Guest: Mrs. Claus!

\$25/House with prepayment & \$30 at the door

Reservations Required – Limited houses available

**Children under age 12 need to be
accompanied by an adult.**



Details at 2CC.org

**Click here to Reserve your Gingerbread
House**



Christmas Piano Serenade

Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m.

**Alexander Constantine with
Jeff Pearson & Nicco Mazziotto**

**Second Congregational Church of Greenwich
139 E. Putnam Avenue**

2CC.org



Women's Fellowship will host a reception following the Christmas Piano Serenade in Fletcher Hall. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join in spreading Christmas Cheer!

2CC Moms' Group invites you for a

Holiday Sip & Social!

**Saturday, December 20
at Coffee for Good
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

*Take a break for a cookie, a warm cup
of coffee, and friendly faces.
Comfy clothes encouraged!*

Bring a cookie to trade, or just your best
smile, We're carving out time for busy moms
just to connect for a little while!

Questions? Email: Jenny@2CC.org



Christmas Eve at Second Congregational Church

Family Service at 3:30 p.m.
Nativity Pageant open to all!

Festival Service at 6:30 p.m.

Candelight Worship at 11:00 p.m.

Happy Friendsgiving...



Around Town...



Creating Space for Calm

**Thursday, December 4, 2025
4PM to 5PM
The Nathaniel Witherell
70 Parsonage Road, Greenwich, CT**

Session Topics:

- 🌿 Meditation & Mindfulness Strategies
- 🌿 Identifying Everyday Stressors
- 🌿 Guided Imagery Practices
- 🌿 Healthy Coping Strategies

Registration Required
Scan the QR code, call (203) 618-4227, or visit
<https://bit.ly/healingtouch2025>

This free session welcomes all community members to explore mindfulness practices led by Toyoko Yasui, Coordinator, Holistic Nursing, and Laura Himmelstein, Coordinator, Caregiver Support and Healing Touch programs.

Presented By



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