



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

November 20 , 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

A pastor friend of mine is doubling down on love this Thanksgiving and is inviting his congregation to ponder this, among many other questions about their own loves: what is something you love that others would find most **surprising**?

To be honest, I'm not sure how I'd answer that question.

Who and what I love aren't very secret — anyone who read through my old sermons could probably pull together a solid list pretty quickly.

But as I think about it, it seems true that being “surprising” is more about someone else's perceptions than it is about our particular loves.

Those might be anything or anyone, at least in principle.

When you think about it, there isn't much that is inherently unlovable. The head-scratcher is that **we**, of all people, would be among those enamored of... whatever it is....

For example, with all the coverage last week of boxer Mike Tyson's return to the ring after twenty years, I remembered reading at some point that one of his particular joys is, actually, gently caring for pigeons in a rooftop pigeon loft in Brooklyn.

At the time I first read it, this seemed hard to square with my image of Iron Mike, the pitiless brawler. Now I realize that my surprise says more about my image of the man than it does about the man, himself.

The fact is, when it comes to our sense of one another, we can be awfully quick to simplify.

This is why I think my friend is correct to ask his question, especially at Thanksgiving.

Even if we know one another well, there is still so much about one another that remains mysterious.

Given the strange, complex creatures that we are, there is almost always

something going on within us, somewhere.

Yet as we gather for Thanksgiving, we look around the table and seek easy confirmation for our ready-made labels, and all too willingly forego the challenge of really getting to know one another again.

Until the surprise, the detail that reminds us that our lives are never as neat as our labels—the pull of our loves makes life far too interesting for that.

And that is something to be truly thankful for.

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.



Last evening, Max shared the sad news that Gerry Mayfield had died yesterday afternoon at Greenwich Hospital.

Beloved members of 2CC since 1989, Gerry and Dorothy have been actively involved in the church. For Gerry, this was especially true of the music program and in the tricky but vital work of personnel.

When Max spoke with Rev. Chris Tate last night, Chris' response to the news was "Oh what a shame....Gerry was *my guy*."

That sums up how so many folks in our community felt about him. He was our guy.

Plans for a service at 2CC are pending, and we will be sure to let you know.

Please keep Dorothy and sons Mike and Les in your prayers.

## 2025 Stewardship Campaign Update...

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

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign has now begun, and we have already received ten (10) pledges as of November 15 totaling \$79,750.00. This is a great start for the campaign. Now is a good time to review the mailing you have received and to prayerfully make your commitment for your pledge.

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](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)

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

[Register for Children's Chapel](#)

*Inspirica picked up our donations on Monday and are so grateful. Thank you for all that donated so that those in need are able to have a Thanksgiving Meal.*



## 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.

Email Brigid for more information about our Choir Programs

## 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

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](mailto:BZapp@optonline.net)

Mark your calendars...

# 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](http://SplurgeGifts.com)

RSVP'S helpful: [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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  
(limited spaces available)

RSVP:Pam@2cc.org

**RSVP to Pam for Tour & Tea 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](mailto:JENNY@2CC.ORG)**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**2CC.ORG**



**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](mailto:JENNY@2CC.ORG) FOR  
MORE INFORMATION



## CHRISTMAS AT 2CC!

Christmas Eve Worship

3:30 Family Service

6:30 Festival Service

11:00 Candlelight Service

## 2CC Friendsgiving...

*Thank you to all the hands big and small that made Friendsgiving possible.  
Hearts and bellies were full!*



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](http://www.greenwichalliance.org/turkey-trot-2024)

Race direction by Greenwich Road Runners



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