



Dear Friends of Second Church,

November 30, 2022

If you are free in the late afternoon this coming Sunday, I hope you'll come to Alexander's annual Piano Serenade in the Sanctuary — a long-standing 2CC tradition and a wonderful way to enter a little more quietly into the spirit of the Christmas season.

It's also available both live and later on via the church's YouTube channel, 2cc Greenwich, but I strongly recommend coming in person if you can.

I've always found something especially mysterious and wonderful about the Sanctuary at night.

In the daytime, the only time I seem to notice the candles is when someone forgets to light them. They are pretty much for show.

Not so at night.

And in a season that is so deeply grounded in a story of light and darkness, it makes sense to be mindful of how the light orients and re-oriens us.

That is the work of the whole season, with its powerful impetus toward reconciliation and peace, joy and new life. These are all expressions of what it looks like to be re-oriented toward God.

The lights of the season remind us of the divine light that shone at Christmas, and which invites us even now to live as redeemed people—grateful, joyful, and free.

See you in church,

Join us this  
season...



Service Times:  
Sunday at  
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
2CC.org

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

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

## 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 Down, O Love Divine

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



## COFFEE HOUR

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](mailto:pam@2cc.org)

We look forward to seeing you!

**Email Pam to help out!**



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

### Sunday was Busy!

Lighting Candles in the Sanctuary in honor of loved ones & lots of cooks in the kitchen serving up a tasty meal for Pacific House!





Dorothy Mayfield submitted this photo of our beautiful Sanctuary.  
Thank you Dorothy!

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# **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: 4, 11 & 18**

**Sing at the 10:30 service on December 11 and at  
the 6:30 Christmas Eve Service**

**Come and join us!**

**Email Alexander with questions**

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★ SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# YOUTH CHOIR AT 2CC!

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

Youth Choir  
Grade 5 & Up  
6:00-6:45 p.m.

Join us in Brush Hall  
Questions? Email: [Heidi@2cc.org](mailto:Heidi@2cc.org)

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](#)





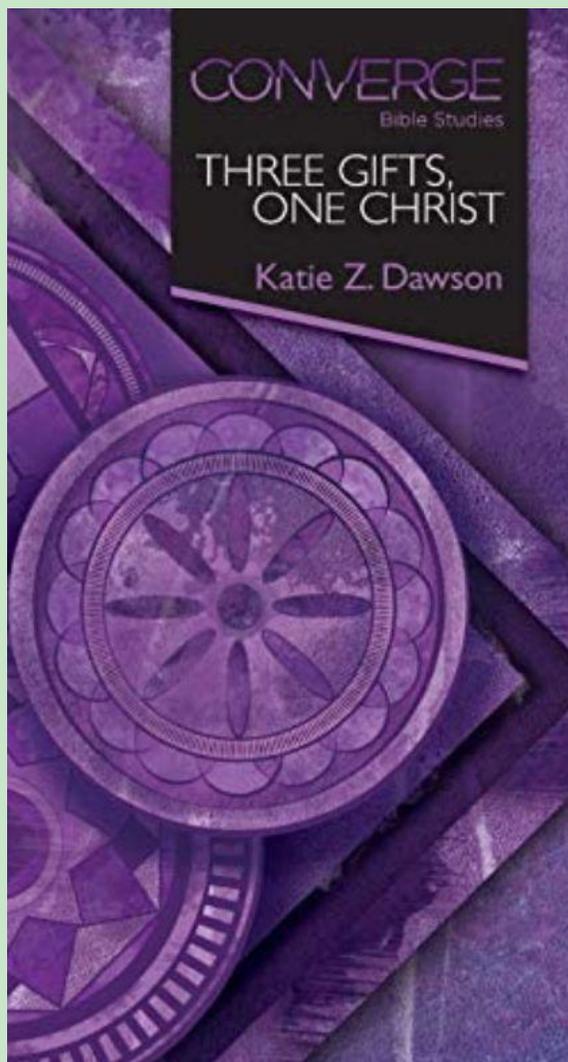
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## Attention parents of rising 8th to 12th graders...

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](#)

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

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

Sunday, December 4  
from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*(later time because of Reindeer Workshop)*

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](mailto: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](mailto: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**



Thank you to everyone that helped support our Thanksgiving Food Drive.  
Your donations really made a difference!



Members of our Women's Fellowship visited the Greenwich Historical Society earlier this month. While on their outing they were shown old pictures of 2CC that are in their files followed by a tour of the Twachtman paintings exhibit.

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

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

Please make your reservation soon.  
Space is limited.

Sign up with Pam — [Pam@2cc.org](mailto:Pam@2cc.org)



Email Pam to RSVP for the Luncheon

*Mark your calendars...*

YOGA CLASS with Helena Svedin

December 2  
at 10:00 a.m.

*As we gather together, we will create a meaningful time for mindfulness with slow, flow, yoga, with Helena Svedin, certified positive psychology coach and yoga teacher.*

**Suggested donation  
\$20 per class**

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Greenwich**



**Email Jenny for more  
information**

**Be sure to mark down these important dates for Advent!**

Christmas is  
Coming...



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...**

# **BUILD-A-REINDEER WORKSHOP AT 2CC!**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**12:00 - 2:00 P.M.**

**Reservations Required  
\$35/each**



**Email [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) for more information**

**Click here to Reserve your  
Reindeer**

Christmas Piano  
Serenade  
*featuring Alexander Constantine*  
*with Jeff Pearson, violin & Nicco Mazziotto, cello*  
Sunday, December 4  
at 5:00 p.m.



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Livestream  
available:  
2CC.org

[Click here to watch the Piano Serenade on our YouTube Channel](#)

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# Decorate a Gingerbread House at 2CC!

**Saturday,  
December 17**

**10:00-12:00**

Limited spaces available

*Registration required  
\$40 per house*

**2CC.org**

Email [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) for  
more information

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



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

## 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.**

# Nativity Pageant 2022

## Christmas Eve, 3:30 p.m. on the Mead Lawn

Our Christmas Eve Carol Service & Pageant  
Children to assume character roles  
Open to all ages



There are no rehearsals for  
this year's pageant.  
Sign-ups are easy!  
Please contact  
[jenny@2cc.org](mailto:jenny@2cc.org) for  
more details

Email Jenny for the Pageant

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**It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...**

*Thank you to those that stayed after worship on Sunday  
to help deck the halls!*



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