



December 11, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Doesn't it seem as if everything is heightened at Christmas?

Homes and neighborhoods become their own festivals of light, merry-making in one form or another fills up the calendar, and even a quick car ride can turn into a festival of carols.

It's wonderful, and so is the vague permission to try to rope other people into it: kids and friends (who are rightly wary of being embarrassed by us), parents ("this year we don't want to exchange gifts at all, and don't expect anything resembling a tree to be here, but...you could come by if you want to"), co-workers ("remember the year my Secret Santa gave me a stapler? Bah Humbug.")

Of course, some of the blue notes can be heightened, too, and for some, any gestures we might make to cajole them out of their own feelings are like stepping off a curb into a cold puddle.

This year, many of my colleagues are reporting an overall climate with tempers somewhat shorter and nerves somewhat more frayed than usual. (Is that what you're finding?)

So if we're used to trying to rope others and getting away with it out of sheer elvish enthusiasm...maybe not?

Maybe the lesson for this Christmas is for us to dip our toes into the warm water a tad more gingerly this time through.

I don't question for a moment that it still holds the power to ease what aches and leave us renewed and energized for the year to come.

However we get there is far less important than figuring out how we do.

In the meantime....

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.

## 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 Stewardship campaign has now received thirty-five (35) pledges totaling \$211,387.00. This total is now 53% of our goal of \$376,646.00. We have received 39% of our pledge goal at this time. Please let the church office know if you need another pledge card. Your completed pledge for 2025 will help us achieve our goal so we can implement our mission in 2025.

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. 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](#)

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## Join our Chancel Choir for Christmas!

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!

### December

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

**Email Alexander for more information about Chancel Choir**

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## 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 Youth Choirs**

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## Christmas is coming...



Our annual Angel Tree is up in the Sanctuary and the Congregation is asked to help families in need in our community. 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.

**Donate to Angel Tree**

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# 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)

# 2CC Ladies Cookie Swap

Friday, December 20

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Please bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies and the recipe to share.

No time to bake? No worries, come and join us for some coffee,  
cookies and cheer!

RSVPs helpful: [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)



RSVP to Jenny for Cookie Swap

# 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

### Christmas Eve Pageant Q & A

Q. Who is the pageant open to?

A. All children and parents, family and friends visiting are welcome too!

Q. Are there going to be rehearsals for the pageant?

A. No formal rehearsals. One walk through with the narrators on December 22, 11:45 a.m. after worship.

Q. My child would really like to participate, what do we do?

A. Always helpful to let [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) know, especially if your child has a special pageant wish. We will have costumes starting at 2:45 p.m. in the chapel December 24, hot cocoa bar will be open. We will then proceed to the Sanctuary for 3:30 p.m. pageant and worship. Any families who know for sure they want to be in the Pageant, costumes will also be available for pick up on Sunday December 22 during coffee hour.



**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

**In case you missed it,  
click here to watch the  
Piano Serenade from last  
Sunday**

**Looking ahead to January...**



God's Love is...

Out of this World!

Join us for a Vacation Bible School &  
learn all about God's love.  
We will have a slime lab too!

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

**9:00-11:30 A.M.**

**SCHOOL IS OUT BUT VBS IS ON!**

**AGES 4-12 \$25 PER CHILD**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Breakfast buddies and lunch bunch available

**DETAILS AT: 2CC.ORG**

[Click here to Register for VBS on January  
20](#)

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