



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

December 17, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

With a little over a week until Christmas, let me wish you a Merry Christmas on behalf of the church staff, your Church Council, and the Board of Deacons.

Traveling mercies for all those planning to be elsewhere. (And if you don't have plans to attend a worship service wherever you'll be, please consider watching our Festival Lessons and Carols service at 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve via [YouTube](#).)

For those staying in Greenwich, our Family Service with the no-rehearsal Christmas pageant will be at 3:30, and our meditative Candlelight Service at 11 p.m.

As a veteran of these services, I love each one for its particular way into the many moods of Christmas.

If you think about it, Christmas is like one of those expansive Renaissance paintings, with the main action front and center expressing a central emotion — say, the triumph and celebration of a formal church procession at Christmas — while on the edges, there are windows into very different lives, and very different feelings. Those are Christmas, too.

Maybe there is a sick person watching from a distance, a young couple so focused on each other that they're entirely oblivious to the procession, someone shivering in the cold and the child who has noticed him.

Christmas is much greater and more varied than any church could hope to capture. Christmas, almost by definition, can't be captured, because God's love cannot be captured. It is always running beyond our expectations and over our horizons.

But it's important to capture some of it, and our church does.

That said, however you feel led to celebrate it this year, and wherever that may be, all prayers and good wishes to you and those you love.

God loves us so much that He sent His son, vulnerable and needy, hoping our hearts would swell and prompt us to respond.

Christmas reminds us how we might do just that.

Merry Christmas and see you in church,

Max



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.

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](#)

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.

**Christmas is here!**



# TEDDY BEAR STORY TIME

WITH JENNY AT COFFEE FOR GOOD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20  
AT 8:00 A.M.

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

SPECIAL GUEST ON  
DECEMBER 20: MRS. CLAUS

48 Maple Ave, Greenwich, CT



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

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](mailto: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.**

**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 Sunday, December 21, 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 21 during coffee hour.


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**Around Town...**

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Round Hill Community Church, located at 395 Round Hill Road, will be hosting a Longest Night Service on Saturday, December 20, at 3:30pm.



This is a reflective service that is taking place the day before the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. It is designed to help us slow down and hold space for a variety of feelings during the Christmas season including grief, uncertainty, worry, and loss in all forms.

This service will include moments of silence, music, readings, and candle-lighting. If you are a person who struggles with being merry during the holiday season, or if you would appreciate some space for quiet contemplation, we would be honored to welcome you.

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## Looking ahead to January...

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# Experiments in Faith

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00-11:30 A.M.

SCHOOL IS OUT MLK DAY...

BUT VBS IS ON!

Join us for a very special Vacation Bible School with special guests:  
Mad Science!

\$25 per child Scholarships available  
Kindergarten to 5th grade

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