



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

February 12, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

The morning after the Super Bowl, several news outlets ran stories mentioning a particular nugget of wisdom from the Eagles' Head Coach, Nick Sirianni, that seemed to speak to the moment: "You can't be great without the greatness of others."

In the obvious context of their big victory, it reflects the power of a whole team (and to what happens over a season), as opposed to the talent of a few superstars, however impressive that talent may be (especially in any one game).

It also reminds us that a lot of our talk about greatness (or excellence) is fundamentally ill-conceived.

With the example of the Eagles as compelling, living proof, Sirianni reminds us that greatness, correctly understood, shows us just how much we depend on one another, and that even in the moments when we most seem to shine and our personal contribution truly stands out, we should see very clearly that we also remain completely in debt.

In light of all that it's taken to get to that point, we look around and must surely notice that we are not standing alone at the top, but joining a circle.

Greatness, it turns out, only makes sense when it is understood as something that happens between us.

How that works remains somewhat mysterious, of course, and maybe it's no accident that the early church came to imagine the mystery of God's identity in a similarly circular image, as divine **perichoresis**, literally, an endless, joyful dance between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each distinct from one another, and yet somehow also one in the dancing.

Maybe that is why so many of our deepest experiences of transcendence are found as expressions of communion, and happen in community, when who we are takes shape in a holy dance with others (whose selves mysteriously bring out our own self, even as who we are calls forth those selves).

Those who find it lonely at the top have either misread the map or scaled the

wrong mountain.

Strangely enough, one of the most memorable counter examples to Coach Sirianni I can think of was the head coach of the Eagles when I lived in Philly, Ray Rhodes.

He was a talented coach, but his intensity glowered far more than it radiated. It was said that he did not even enjoy winning, because for him even victory felt more akin to avoiding failure rather than achieving success.

With that in mind, it's hard to imagine how he would have described greatness, though it's also really sad to say so.

It seems like a curse to chase so hard after something without ever knowing what it was, or how close it might well have been all along.

This is exactly what God wants to deliver us from, and we know that deliverance, in some way, whenever and wherever a truly nurturing love patiently heals us.

Or as Coach Sirianni might remind us, whenever we look around at one another and say, simultaneously, "I couldn't have done it without you," and the dance continues.

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.

## Children's Chapel at 2CC

*It might be cold outside, but it is fun inside Children's Chapel!  
On Sunday, February 16 we have a special valentine craft and lesson.  
Looking ahead, we will have guest guitarist from the preschool, Ray Bryant, in  
Children's Chapel Sunday, February 23 for some music ministry.*

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

## Mark your calendars...

**2CC Women's Fellowship  
invites you for...**

**Chili & Chat  
Tuesday, February 18  
12:00 p.m.  
Fletcher Hall**

**Enjoy a delicious bowl of chili and a  
baked potato while we share our  
favorite indoor entertainment for the  
snowy, sedentary weeks ahead.**

**In a twist to our usual "Taste and Tell"  
program, please think about a book, movie  
or series you might recommend that you  
think others will love as much as you did!**

**Cost: \$10**

**RSVP: [pam@2cc.org](mailto:pam@2cc.org)**



**Email Pam to RSVP for Chili & Chat**

*Join us on Friday, February 14 for our last session of Winter Yoga...  
and then again next week when our Winter-Spring Yoga sessions start!*



# Winter-Spring Yoga

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February 21 - April 18  
Friday Mornings  
9:00-10:00 a.m.

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\$20 per week  
(drop ins welcome)  
Nursery care and scholarships  
available upon request

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Caring and certified instructors each week  
can modify for beginner to advanced

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

Second Congregational Church  
139 E. Putnam Avenue - Greenwich

# Moms' Group Coffee

Saturday, February 22

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Come join us in the Chapel for  
some coffee, connection,  
and a little "Healing Touch"

Healing Touch is a biofield therapy that  
uses gentle touch to balance your physical,  
emotional, and mental well-being.

Childcare available with advance RSVP.  
Event is Free but donations greatly appreciated.



Please rsvp to [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) by Friday, February 21

[Click here to learn more about Healing Touch](#)



**2CC Out to Lunch Bunch**  
**Tuesday, February 25**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Villa Italia Restaurant & Bar**  
26 Mill River Street in Stamford  
(Next to the Hampton Inn)

There will be separate checks. Free parking in the lot as you pull into the circle or across the street on Mill River.

Please RSVP to Leah Marmon by February 21:

Lmarmon4@aol.com or (203) 622-6913

**RSVP to Leah for lunch at Vita Italia**

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**Looking ahead to March...**

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**Shrove Sunday**  
**March 2**  
**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Join us in Fletcher Hall after worship  
for flapjacks in the spirit of preparing for  
the Lenten weeks ahead.

Hosted by our Community Life Committee.

Potluck signup below...



**Signup to bring something to Shrove Sunday!**

**Around Town...**



## Blood Drive

**Friday, February 14, 2025**

**11:30 am – 4:15 pm**

First Presbyterian Church  
1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT

This winter, we're asking donors to create a flurry of hope for patients in need by coming to give blood

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) Use Code FPCG

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)



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