



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

March 19, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I hope you'll join us after church this Sunday for a brief demonstration of Irish dancing, as people begin to gather for the 49th annual Greenwich St. Patrick's Day Parade.

While most of my own experience with it begins and ends with watching "Riverdance" on tv with my mother-in-law, I remember learning somewhere along the way that, for all the intricacy of its steps and rhythms, the beauty of its costumes, and the crazy up-dos for the ladies, Irish dance only I hope has two cardinal rules: **keep moving and keep smiling**.

Someone more knowledgeable can tell me if that's actually true, but I hope it is.

I hope it's true because, if so, we aren't really talking about the rules of dancing, but about the rules of living living.

There's wisdom in it, not because we're supposed to be happy all the time (as if we could be), but because maybe steps and missteps along the way are less important than finding joy. Maybe the idea (to borrow an idea from W.B. Yeats, an Irish poet) is to give ourselves over and **become the dance**.

We tend to resist that. We live in an age of careful planning, looking before leaping, getting ducks in rows, not counting chickens, and all that. (Why are these phrases all about poultry?)

Anyway, when it comes to control, we are pretty good.

But in deciding to live that way, maybe we sacrifice more than we may realize. Maybe if we told ourselves to keep moving and keep smiling, to let our feet fall where they may and just enjoy being in the dance, we would find something that over-choreographing our lives places out of reach.

Maybe it gives the Spirit room to breathe, and the Holy room to work.

Wouldn't that be something?

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.

In Memoriam

Longtime member Sheri Chin, wife of Gordon Ng and mother of Alexandra and Marcus, died with her family at her side on Tuesday, March 11.



Sheri was a remarkable source of positivity and energy, successful professionally, engaged in many community and world-changing organizations, and an enthusiastic champion of anything her family was up to. Sheri's memorial service is Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Second Congregational Church.

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 to 5th grade 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. For more information, please contact Jenny@2cc.org. Registration not required but helpful for us to best know and love your child.

[Register for Children's Chapel](#)

Mark your calendars...

Erin go bragh

Sunday, March 23

11:45 a.m.



Join us for a St. Patrick's Day Parade kick-off
in the Chapel with Dancers from
Lynne Academy.

Town of Greenwich St. Patrick's Day parade to
follow for any families who would like to
walk over together.

Winter-Spring Yoga

Friday mornings until April 18

Cost is \$20/week (drop-ins welcome).

Nursery care & scholarships available upon request.

Caring & certified instructors each week can modify for
beginner to advanced.

**Email Jenny for more information about Yoga
classes**

2CC Ladies Invite you for

Coffee & Conversation

“How Smart Women Care for It All”

with Kathryn Sollmann, Author of the "The 4 Jobs Club"

Saturday, April 5

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

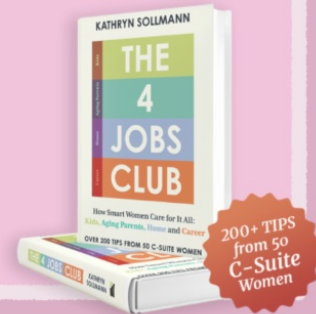
Discussion moderated by Jennifer Roth
in the Chapel followed by Q&A

\$35 per person, includes copy of the book

Visit 2CC.org for payment

Scholarships and childcare available
by contacting Jenny@2cc.org

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Reserve your spot for Coffee & Conversation in
April

Women's Fellowship invites you to tour the

THE
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Wednesday, April 9
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

(We will carpool from the church)



We will have lunch at the Ristorante Caterina de'Medici.

There will be time to visit the gift shop before our tour at 2:30.

Cost: \$30 Prix Fixe lunch (plus beverage, tax and service charge) and \$15 tour.

Sign up with Pam in the church office - space is limited.

Easter is coming...

Holy Week 2025



Palm Sunday
April 13
10:30 a.m.



Maundy Thursday
April 17
7:00 p.m.



Good Friday
April 18
7:30 p.m.
First Congregational
Church in Old Greenwich



Easter Sunday
April 20
6:07 a.m.
Sunrise Service
10:30 a.m.
Festival Service

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich: 2CC.org

GOOD FRIDAY VBS



GOD'S LOVE IS EVERYWHERE!

**Friday, April 18
9:00 a.m. - 11:30**

A special Good Friday
Vacation Bible School
including feet washing,
a swim at the YMCA
pool & a pancake
lunch!

K-Grade 5: \$25
Children under 5:
must be accompanied
by a guardian
Grades 6-12:
welcome to attend as
CITs and for High
School
service hours
**Scholarships
Available**

**Drop off and pick up
at the
Greenwich YMCA
(50 East Putnam Ave)**

Our Minister of Care
and Connection,
Jenny Byxbee,
looks forward to
seeing you there!

RSVP no later than April 15
Email: Jenny@2cc.org

[VBS Payment](#)

[Register for VBS](#)

Last week at 2CC...

We received more great photos from the Women's Fellowship Lecture last week & The Sentinel had a wonderful article about it too!

[Click here to read the article in The Sentinel \(page 5\)](#)







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