



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

April 30, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

The country singer Reba McEntire once said, “Easter is very important to me. It’s a second chance.”

And there’s something to that.

It may be the shortest Easter sermon of modern times (Mary Magdalene still holds the all time record, I think, for returning from the empty tomb and telling the apostles simply, “We have seen the Lord.”).

Reba’s sermon is also one of the most effective.

Here’s why:

On Easter, we draw on a whole series of familiar phrases like “new life,” or “eternal life” or “life abundant”...and it’s important that we do: those are words that the church holds closely.

But what does any of that mean?

In so many ways, Easter is a second chance. To stay loftily theological for a moment, it’s an “undoing of sin’s power”, and the overthrow of “death’s dominion” (as an old hymn put it).

At the same time, a second chance is, in its own way, a little Easter: a moment when we can breathe again, when a door unlocks and (re)opens, or when dawn breaks after a long and scary night.

We experience such moments many times in our lives, as both givers and receivers.

Whenever we do, and whatever side of the equation we’re on, each occasion has the power to teach us something and offers a path to living differently—with more humility, gratitude, and commitment.

We start to live in ways that look a little more like God’s own life, and which make God’s Kingdom a little more real for everyone.

A little more Easter.

I hope you receive whatever second chance you are most hoping for.

And I hope that Easter inspires you to offer one to whomever needs it most.

See you in church,

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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

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](mailto: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...





# Teddy Bear Story Hour

ROLL OUT OF BED AND JOIN US IN YOUR PJ'S

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**  
**8:00 - 9:00 A.M.**



Coffee for Good - 48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT

Police Bear will be our special guest at Story Hour this Saturday!

**2CC Moms' Group  
Sip and Swap  
Friday, May 16 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**



**Time for some spring cleaning!**

Have your kiddos out grown their clothes? Looking for some new-to-you hand me downs? Come join us for a night of sipping and swapping! Bring any items in good condition to swap for new ones. Lite bites and bubbly will be provided.

RSVP: [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) for address.

**Email Jenny to RSVP**

**[Click here to signup to bring something for Sip & Swap](#)**



# *Women's Fellowship Luncheon*

**Tuesday, May 13  
11:30 A.M.**

**Greenwich Country Club**

*All members are welcome!*

**Reservations will only be accepted when accompanied  
by a check in the amount of \$40.00 per person no later  
than Friday, May 9**

**Please make checks payable to Women's Fellowship  
and drop off or mail to the church office**



## **Around Town...**

Thank you to all of our  
2CC family that attended  
and supported the YWCA  
Greenwich's annual Stand  
Against Racism event this  
past Friday, April 25 at  
12:00 PM at Greenwich



Town Hall. This significant event, in partnership with the Town of Greenwich and over 100 community partners, including 2CC, highlighted our collective commitment to confronting all forms of racism. Stand Against Racism is a key initiative of YWCA Greenwich, designed to raise awareness about the

detrimental impact of institutional and structural racism within our communities. This event, of which 2CC is a proud partner, is integral to the broader national YWCA strategy aimed at fulfilling our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.



To donate, just place a box or can of non-perishable food next to your mailbox before your letter carrier delivers mail on Saturday, May 10. The carrier will do the rest. The food is sorted, and delivered to an area food bank or pantry, where it is available for needy families.

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