



Join us for Worship Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

May 15, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

This coming Sunday is Pentecost, traditionally understood as “the birthday of the Church” and one of its great historic celebrations, third only to Easter and Christmas, respectively.

It will also be the occasion of our first Confirmation service since before the pandemic, and our largest class since 2016.

My hope is that the service itself will give you a sense of what our confirmands have been up to.

However, I’ll tell you this: it is a far cry from the quick and *pro forma* exposure to the faith that I remember from the winter of 1982, when I did Confirmation.

Looking back at it now, I see that my pastor was immensely patient about my questions, even if the answers he provided didn’t seem all that powerful to me at the time. I’m grateful for that.

I was also fortunate to have a lot of people in my life, especially teachers at school, who were able to hang in there with me through those questions and through all the ones that followed.

At that time, I hadn’t lived long enough to see my faith *change*—if I thought of it at all, it seemed more or less like an on/off switch.

Frankly, I hadn’t lived long enough to see my *human* relationships much change, which soon becomes a fact of (adult) life and which offers, by extension, an important clue about the nature of our relationship to God.

Given time and circumstance, we see new sides to questions we had considered answered, and to relationships we thought we knew.

And it is ok to wonder, even to be adrift — new understandings come and we are made fast to the shoreline by new, strong lines we hadn’t known were ready to be thrown.

This is why Confirmation is such a joy.

We get to welcome our young people into the work of actual living as we know it, to find our own questions in theirs, and hope for ourselves in the answers they discover.

From now on, when we are the ones who find ourselves drifting, we can hope that they stand on the shore of a new, fuller vision, ready to cast us a line.

Please do come to celebrate them this Sunday.

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.



This Sunday we welcome Guest Organist, Christopher Creagan. Christopher has long been active in the New York City region as a recitalist, accompanist, and church musician. For twelve years he was organist for The Riverside Church where he weekly played on one of the largest and most renowned organs in America in a service webcast live each Sunday, concluding his tenure there as Director of Music overseeing the administration of an extensive multi-choir music program and concert series. He is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music

where he studied with McNeil Robinson, and is a past Dean of the New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

A Note from the Church Office...



On Tent Sunday, we will recognize graduates from all high schools, colleges and universities, as well as professional schools, diplomas, bachelors, masters, doctorates and certificates of course completion. We want to recognize and thank God for those who have put the effort into their education. Please email Pam@2cc.org with the name of the graduate and with the information concerning any future educational or professional plans that graduate might have, no later than Wednesday, June 5.

Children's Chapel

Nursery care for infants to age 4 starts at 10:15 a.m. 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.

Registration not required but helpful for us to best know and love your child.

[Click here to Register for Children's Chapel](#)

Mark your calendars...

Spring Yoga with Jill Ernst

Second Congregational Church

Friday mornings: April 26-May 17

9:15-10:00 a.m.

All ages & stages are welcome!

6 weeks for \$60 or drop in fee of \$20 per class

Scholarships available and childcare upon request

Email Jenny@2cc.org for more information



[Email Jenny for more information about Yoga](#)

2CC Ladies Night...

Wine, Spirits & Cheese

Join us for some wine, spirits, cheese, and a chance to spend time together!

Thursday May 23

6:30-8:00 p.m.

A beverage or appetizer to share is welcomed!

Hosted by Karen Wieman and Lisa Wilson

Please RSVP to Jenny@2CC.org
by May 21 for location of event

Email Jenny to RSVP for Ladies Night

Looking Ahead to June...

Join us for Tent Weekend: June 7-9
Details forthcoming...



Save the date...

Tent Weekend!

Friday, June 7: Food & Fellowship
 Sunday, June 9: Worship & BBQ
 Details forthcoming...
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Teddy Bear Story Hour

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

AT 8:00 A.M.



Coffee for Good

48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT

Second Congregational Church and GEMS
 (Greenwich Emergency Medical Service) is hosting



a 1-day babysitting CPR certification class just in
time for summer!

Saturday, June 1

Open to Middle & High School age students.

**Register for Babysitting
Class**

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