



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

May 9, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

A very happy Mother's Day to all who celebrate!

The holiday has its roots in the work of Anna Jarvis, who initiated the first Mother's Day with a church service in 1908 and through a letter writing campaign and other publicity, saw it made an official holiday by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914.

Unfortunately, Jarvis quickly grew concerned with what she saw as the commercialization of the holiday. At one point, she appealed to the conscience, noting, "A printed card means nothing except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who's done more for you than anyone in the world."

But her alarm would only grow. In a later press release, she asked "WHAT WILL YOU DO to rout charlatans, bandits, pirates, racketeers, kidnappers and other termites that would undermine with their greed one of the finest, noblest, and truest movements and celebrations?"

Near the end of her life, she was preparing a petition to end Mother's Day altogether.

This may be one of those questions around which good people can cheerfully disagree — or maybe commercialization has become so commonplace that, by comparison, even a somewhat store-enhanced Mother's Day may seem delightfully quirky and low-tech.

For a lot of moms I know, it would already be a pretty decent Mother's Day if they received a box of store-bought candy and a solemn pledge by the children to stay off their cell phones/laptops/tv for the day.

Or think of the gift of a day without bickering or the rolling-of-eyes?

Instead of lavish gift-giving, what if we attempted some tentative family peace-making or activity-sharing?

My apologies to the moms who are holding out for major bling — maybe diamonds are also a **mom's** best friend — but nobody's ever told me that.

The joy of a really, really good day, though? Or even part of one? That would be a gift, indeed.

A wonderful mom is a blessing.

So is finding a way to say so.

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

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...

PLEASE JOIN US!
Shop Veronica Beard
to
Benefit Coffee for Good

Friday, May 9
12:00-2:00 p.m.

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Veronica Beard
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proceeds to Coffee for Good*

If possible, please RSVP to
GreenwichRSVP@veronicabeard.com
(or just stop by to show your support)



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**



Get ready to refresh your wardrobe at our Sip & Swap on May 16!

Bring your gently used clothing, from infant sizes all the way up to adult wear, and discover some new-to-you treasures. It's a fantastic way to declutter and find some stylish additions without spending a dime! We do ask that the clothes be in good condition, give as you would want to receive.

What doesn't find a new home during the swap will be thoughtfully donated to the Sharing Shelf in Port Chester, ensuring your contributions continue to do good in our community.

All are welcome to join in the fun! Lite bites and bubbly will be provided. To get the location, RSVP to Jenny@2cc.org and for her to get a head count for sipping...

We can't wait to see you there!

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

Save the dates...

Tent Weekend 2025

June 6 - June 8



Another great Teddy Bear Story Hour...



If you missed seeing police bear at Teddy Bear story time, he will be at the Greenwich Police Department for Police Day!

Saturday, May 10, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
GPD Headquarters
11 Bruce Place.

In addition to Police Bear, other activities include:

- Bouncy Castle
- Drone Demonstration
- K-9 Demo



IN HONOR OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK,
we invite you to JOIN US for



POLICE DAY



- *Bouncy Castle
- *Drone Demonstration
- *Car Seat Installation
- *Guided Tours Every Half Hour
- *K-9 Demo
- *Food



May 10th, 2025
10:00AM to 2:00PM
POLICE ALLEY
11 Bruce Place



- Guided Tours of the Building
 - Free Food
- Car Seat Installations
- ...and more!

Around Town...

MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDARS!

Saturday, May 10, 2025

#StampOutHunger



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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