



Worship with us on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

July 17, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I've spent a lot of this week with my chauffeur's hat on, conveying one daughter to one camp in this direction and the other to a different camp in another direction...and then doing the pickups. After which, dinner.

It takes me back to the summer when I got my driver's license, which I did later than a lot of my friends (when your friends have licenses and access to a car, do you even need a license? I wasn't sure you did).

I was really delighted, of course — so much so that I don't remember my parents or my grandmother saying much of anything beyond, “Hey, congratulations. That picture makes you look like you just got out of the slammer.”

But now I realize how DELIGHTED they must have been. Whatever freedom I was suddenly poised to enjoy must have paled in comparison to *theirs*—no more “hey, can you drive me” just as they were sitting down to watch the news. No more “hey, can you pick me up?” just as they were getting ready for bed.

It is a credit to them that they never let on what a pain in the neck this could be, although in retrospect, I do remember their keen interest in which of my friends had licenses and — this is telling — how they were far more generous than I was about whom they thought would be a safe driver: anything to get that list of alternative chauffeurs a little longer.

Of course, I also know that they took a keen interest in the development of my self-reliance for much nobler reasons. They genuinely felt that the world needed people like me and (many of, though not all of) my friends, and they were eager for us to get out there, even if, for starters, it was just one evening trip at a time to the highway McDonalds. They knew, correctly, that the journeys would get far longer very soon after that.

We often talk about love as a kind of dependency—“an endless aching need” as one song puts it.

Yet at its deepest, it is a prompt to independence. It liberates.

Parental love is like that, in no small part because, first and foremost, that's how God's love is. It rejoices in the moments when we find our way out into the world, knowing how much we're needed and eager to see whatever plow we decide to put our hands to.

The moments when we take our place in the whole big thing are ones that bless and liberate us all.

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 9:30 a.m.](#)
Sunday service.

Children's Chapel Update...

This summer through Labor Day weekend, all children are encouraged to meet in the nursery from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for a very special summer worship experience for infants to school age children entering grade 5.

This is in alignment with our Summer worship schedule.

Children's Chapel this summer will include worshiping outside, special guests, crafts, games, scripture lessons, prayer, and worship services designed with young hearts and boundless energy in mind.

For more information please feel free to contact me anytime at Jenny@2cc.org

New Prayer Pals Have Arrived!

New Prayer Pals have just arrived to Children's Chapel, just in time for summer adventures! Thanks to the incredible generosity of an anonymous donor, each child now has the opportunity to take a special companion with them on their summer travels.

We encourage children to think of these Prayer Pals as companions, much like the disciples were to Jesus. Children are encouraged to pray with their Prayer Pal, care for them, and share their summer experiences with them. These pals are wonderful reminders that are never alone on their faith journey.

When your child is ready, they can return their Prayer Pal to the Chapel for another friend to enjoy, or choose a new Prayer Pal. We invite all children to stop by on Sunday, July 20 to choose their new companion!



Mark your calendars...



2CC children will be invited up on stage to help play back up on the tambourines!

2CC Night Out!
Wednesday, August 13
7:00 p.m.
Roger Sherman Baldwin Park

We encourage you to bring your lawn chairs and join us for this free concert. Chasing Romeo is a local Pop/Rock Band that is playing at Roger Serman Baldwin Park on

Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. As a special treat, 2CC children will be invited up on stage to help play back up on the tambourines!

RSVPs not needed, but always helpful so we can be on the lookout for you.

Email Jenny about Chasing Romeo
Event

Book Swap was a great success!





Around Town...

Summer Concerts

Roger Sherman Baldwin Park @ 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

Weather cancellation info: 203-861-6100 after 4 p.m.

The rain date for all Weds. night concerts is the following Thurs.

25 JUNE BOB BUTTON BIG BAND
Show/Dance Tunes
Binney Park

09 JULY PBY TRIO
Classic Rock & More

13 JULY DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND
Jazz on the Sound*
Rain Date: July 20

16 JULY SUN KINGS
Beatles Tribute

23 JULY SOUNDS OF SINATRA
MUSIC
Frank Sinatra Tribute

27 JULY SOUND BEACH
COMMUNITY BAND
Muppets: Music of Jim
Henson
Binney Park



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*BAND PLAYS ON THE ISLAND
BEACH FERRY AND ISLAND BEACH.
DEPARTS DOCK AT 4 P.M. AND
RETURNS TO DOCK AT 6 P.M.
PARK PASS AND FERRY FEES APPLY

30 JULY GUNSMOKE
Country

03 AUG DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND
Jazz on the Sound *
Rain date: Aug. 10

06 AUG PIANO MAN MEETS
ROCKET MAN
Billy Joel and Elton John
Tribute

13 AUG CHASING ROMEO
Pop/Rock

20 AUG BILLY & THE SHOWMEN
R&B

24 AUG SOUND BEACH
COMMUNITY BAND
Stephen Schwartz: Wicked!
Binney Park

The Town complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination, equal opportunity, affirmative actions, and providing reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities. If you require an accommodation to participate, please contact the Commissioner of Human Services at 203-622-3800 or demetria.nelson@greenwichct.gov as soon as possible in advance of the event.

Neighbor to Neighbor is launching a clothing pilot in an effort to introduce gently used seasonal children's clothing back in our Essentials program! We are starting to accept donations on the following days: Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. We encourage donors in our community to donate on these designated days!

Empowering Parents - Lecture From Greenwich Psychology Group

**Thursday, July 24, 2025
10:45 a.m.**

YMCA of Greenwich, 1st Floor Member Lounge

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Join Dr. Judith Zackson and Daniel DiTieri, LMFT, for an insightful talk on navigating the challenges of parenting from early childhood through young adulthood. This session offers practical, evidence-based strategies for setting healthy boundaries, staying connected while building resilience and independence, in children and teens.

Discover the power of small, intentional moments to create lasting trust, and learn how to balance discipline with compassion to strengthen connection, resilience, and academic success at every stage of development.

[Click here to learn more about Empowering Parents Event](#)

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