



Join us for Worship Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

August 21, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

A friend of mine went to a college where, school tradition held, each student was supposed to go to the roof of the library when they decided their major—and then literally shout the news from the rooftop to the sky above and the quad below.

It was a ritual of claiming and being claimed, mostly to commit oneself, since there was never much of an audience, if any. There might be a person or two with the same major who happened to be passing through the quad just then, and who might raise their fist in solidarity, or clap, or whoop, or something. Other than that, it was between you and the Universe.

We have formal ways of joining (or leaving) for some things—the description of the “joining of hands” in “holy matrimony” is one example of that formality. (No wonder we used to describe the ceremony as the “solemnization of a marriage”...you were very clear that this was a big deal.)

Other joinings and leavings go scarcely noticed and are left essentially unformalized, maybe because they’re just about something we (happen to be) do(ing), rather than an occasion to name who we are in a more profound way.

Along those lines, officially joining a church can feel *pro forma* for some people and profound to others. “Sure, you can go ahead and put my name in the directory” is one thing; “my spiritual pilgrimage has brought me here” is quite another.

One of the best parts of being a pastor is teaching Confirmation, when we invite young people who have been attending with their families for years, often without much thinking about it, to reconsider church for themselves and try imagining life as a pilgrimage.

What is it to claim and be claimed by the Gospel? What is it to make a commitment for themselves?

To walk with them as they do it is inspiring, to say the least, even if they end up deciding that they don’t feel called to make it, as sometimes happens.

I believe the integrity of that decision is a grace that will carry them far and remain with them through all kinds of decisions. One day, it may even lead them back to church as people eager to participate fully and with joy.

That said, I think all of us can benefit from reflection on what are those things we (just happen to be) do(ing), and when we have occasion to name the commitments that truly define us—the ones that show us who we are.

As the fall beckons, and we take up life at its busiest once again, I pray that we are refreshed and ready, and that with new energy for our commitments, we are eager to participate fully in all life has in store.

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 this summer...

Now through August 25, 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 worshipping outside, special guests, crafts, games, scripture lessons, prayer, and worship services designed with young hearts and wiggly bodies in mind.

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](#)



During the summer, Neighbor to Neighbor provides weekly additional food supplies to families with school-aged children who would otherwise rely on the free and reduced lunch program at school.

Please consider donating to their Summer Supplement food drive. Every donation directly supports families in need.



This Sunday is the last chance to bring donations for N2N. A collection bin is placed outside the 2CC nursery room door. Most needed items include canned meat, cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and shelf-stable milk.

Your donations this summer have made a big difference, thank you!

Kathy Micati is looking for a walking partner for a few weeks after Labor Day as she works on improving her mobility and enjoying a little time outside. The distance would not be substantial but the company would be welcome. Reach out to her or to Max for details.

Homecoming Weekend is coming...

KICKOFF HOMECOMING WEEKEND AT 2CC

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.**

Pizza Truck

Pizza truck, bounce house, beer, wine & desserts



Critter Caravan
Travel Animal Show
coming from
6:00-7:00 p.m.





6th-12th Grade CARNIVAL

FOOD

& GAMES

FREE!

**BOTTLE TOSS - BOUNCE HOUSE
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STRIKE OUT - BASKET TOSS
WIN PRIZES & MORE!**

Address: 139 E. Putnam Ave Greenwich, CT



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Homecoming Sunday

September 8 at 10:30 a.m.



We're
saving
you a
seat!

Worship will feature a Bluegrass band that will continue during the all-church picnic immediately following the service. All are welcome & bring a friend!

Mark your calendars...

Music Together

FALL MUSIC TOGETHER CLASS at 2CC

Starting Sunday Sept. 15 for 12 weeks
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Come sing, dance and play in a family style class for
babies and toddlers

Registration required

Learn more: CTMusicTogether.com

**Email for more
information**

**Click here to register for Music
Together**

Fun things to share...

Thank you to Brenda Felletter for opening her home to us and all the 2CC ladies who shared books, treats, time and love at our last 2cc ladies night Summer Soiree!



**Congratulations to
Wellington Kennedy on
earning his Eagle Scout
Accreditation!**



Around Town...

Running Start Program at the YMCA

Helping Local Children Start The School Year With Confidence

Running Start is a program aimed at providing local school children with the opportunity to go **back-to-school clothes shopping**, empowering them to the start the new school year with confidence. This program is directly aligned with our commitment to nurture the potential of every child and teen.

As a volunteer, you will serve as “personal shopping assistants” for the program participants. It would be great to have members of the our local non-profits and community agencies participate; It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with families in a fun way to build and deepen connections.

Volunteering to help bring a local child back to school shopping is one of the best ways you can support our Running Start program. By volunteering your time, you can be an essential part of this transformative experience and create memories that will last a lifetime.

[Click here to learn more or volunteer for Running Start 2024](#)



River House Presents

Wonka

Free Entry



DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
THE MOVIE STARTS AT 7 PM

AUGUST 30TH 2024

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