



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

September 10, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Bringing your children to church is a heroic act, and we see it at 2CC. It is the daily miracle of getting little ones up and dressed, negotiating who wears what, and strapping everyone into car seats. It is a dance of in-and-out of the car, of navigating sidewalks while keeping everyone safe, and managing the endless negotiations about what can and cannot be eaten at coffee hour. To our hero parents out there, we welcome you and your children just as they are, pajamas, joyful noises, wiggles, and all. At Second Congregational Church, we love the sound of children and believe their presence is a gift.

When Jesus was on Earth, his disciples tried to keep children away from him, thinking they were a distraction. But Jesus said, "*Let the little children come to me; do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God.*" He did not see them as interruptions, but as a vital part of God's family. He knew that children have a special kind of faith, trust, and wonder that we adults often need to be reminded of.

The Bible tells us that the church is like a body with many distinct parts. Just as a body needs a hand, a foot, and a heart, the church needs every single person to be whole, and that includes our youngest members. I believe it was no mistake that Jesus was sent to us in this world as a child.

As a parent, I have watched my own children grow up in church, becoming a way of life for them. I've seen them go from fumbling with hymnals to helping with food drives and baking for coffee hour, while sneaking more than their fair share of treats... I've seen them light candles during Advent, with a gulp of hesitation of them holding a flame and perform even as teenagers every part in Christmas pageants, from being sheep to a wise woman. More than anything they have learned, and what I hoped for most, was that they would have felt something. That they would feel a part of something bigger than themselves, a place where they could experience God's love and be in relationship with others and with God.

What I have come to learn as my children got older, is that it truly didn't matter how perfectly they behaved. What mattered most, was that they were simply there. By sitting in the pews, even when they were a little squirmy, and seeing their parents and the whole community worshipping together, they absorbed a sense of belonging. That feeling of knowing that God was with us

didn't just happen on Sundays; it was a reminder that we were never alone, no matter what.

Children don't just receive from the church; they give to the church. They teach us to see God in new ways. Their spontaneous giggles can be a form of praise, and their questions can help us think more deeply about our faith. They remind us that worship can be joyful and a bit noisy. Often when my own children were little, they didn't always realize how loud their voices were.... In my parenting mind, I was devastated every time they made a noise that I felt was a distraction for others. But I had this itch, this ache, to bring them to church. But I was at a loss as to how to keep my hard of hearing children quiet. Moreover, at that time as a parent, I was often outnumbered since their dad worked the night shift, and we were on our own during the day. It was just about the time my daughters were 3 and 5 that I was about to take a hiatus from trying to bring my girls to worship. It was then that a Pastor friend reminded me when he saw me wrangling them during communion, that their noise "isn't a sign that we've failed to be quiet enough for God. Instead, it is a sign that they are open and alive to God's presence." This is just what I needed to hear to keep coming to worship and my children to this day will say they are so happy that we did.

As school bells ring this fall, let us also listen for our church bells. We are here for you and your family, and we believe we are better together.

With love,

Jenny

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.

**Click here for September 11 remembrances in the Town of
Greenwich**

Children's Chapel Updates

Meet our caregivers for 2025-2026 Children's Chapel...

Children's Chapel God Squad 2025-2026



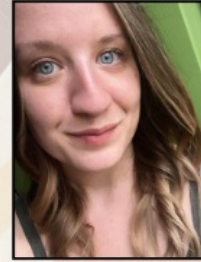
Bianca plays varsity hockey and loves to ski, hike and read. She is a junior at Greenwich Academy. Member of 2CC, active volunteer at Pacific House Men's Shelter & volunteer at Stamford Hospital in Summer 2025. Fluent in Spanish



Mattea loves art & field hockey and was a camp counselor at GCDS during Summer 2025. She is a junior at Greenwich Country Day School. CPR & First Aid Certified



Mikayla is a level 10 Gymnast and hopes to play D1 in college. She is a Senior at Greenwich High School. Started as a volunteer in 2CC Children's Chapel and now is an official caregiver. CPR & First Aid Certified



Nicole is an artist, digital content creator and animal caregiver. She is a graduate of Greenwich High School & studied at UCONN. CPR & First Aid Certified

Please visit [2CC.org](https://2cc.org) or email Jenny@2CC.org for more information

Infant and toddler nursery care is available from 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m., and little ones are welcome to stay with their parents during Worship. 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. Those who wish, may depart for Children's Chapel with Jenny at about 10:45 a.m.

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

For more information please feel free to email Jenny@2cc.org

Register for Children's Chapel

Come meet our new prayer bear, Teddy, at a special Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 14!



We have some incredibly special news to share! Our church family is growing by one, and we couldn't be more excited to introduce our new Prayer Bear, Teddy.

Teddy comes to us all the way from the beautiful state of Vermont, where he spent his days surrounded by maple trees and the sweet scent of fresh syrup. It is no surprise that he absolutely loves anything and everything with maple syrup on it (especially maple doughnuts)!

What makes Teddy so perfect for his new role is his incredible ability to listen. He is always ready to lend an ear, whether you want

to share a joy, a worry, or a prayer. He also loves reading; you can often find him with his nose in a good book. His favorites, of course, include the Bible, the tales of the Berenstain Bears, the adventures of Paddington, and the whimsical stories of Winnie the Pooh.

Teddy is also a huge fan of music of all kinds and believes a good song can lift anyone's spirit, and hopeful the children will be signing him many songs in the year ahead. And if you are ever in need of some extra comfort, he is always ready to share one of his famous, heartfelt bear hugs.

We are so happy to welcome Teddy to our church and can't wait for him to be a part of our community. Please be sure to give him a warm welcome and, if you have a prayer to share, you know just who to talk to!

Teddy will be also making the rounds at Teddy Bear Story Time and Fair on Saturday, September 27 at Coffee for Good.

Mark your calendars...

Please note the amended date for the Women's Fellowship Tea

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Women's Fellowship September Tea

Tuesday, September 16

11:00 a.m.

Fletcher Hall



Our speaker will be Mike Harney from Harney & Sons Tea based in Soho and Millerton, N.Y. He will speak about his company and all things tea.

Cost is \$20 and RSVP to Pam in the church office.



RSVP for Women's Fellowship Tea

Our mom's Prayer Group and Bible Study will pause in honor of September 11. We understand that families may want to be home with their loved ones on this day. However, if you feel you would like pastoral care, have prayer requests, or would just like to connect that day, please contact our Minister of Care & Connection at Jenny@2cc.org.

We'll reconvene for Thursday, September 18 & Thursday September 25.

Moms' Prayer Group & Bible Study

Thursday Evenings
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for Moms' Evening Prayer Group – a welcoming space for mothers to connect, share, and lift each other up in faith. We understand the joys, the challenges, and the constant juggling act.

Come as you are, at the end of your day, to find:

Community, encouragement, spiritual refreshment & support.

Whether you're a new mom, navigating the school years, raising teens, or an empty nester there's a place for you. Let's grow in faith and fellowship together!



Ready to find your tribe?

For location please RSVP to: Jenny@2cc.org

Sweet treats, and beverages provided.

At Moms' Prayer Group we are hoping to:

- Connect with other moms who "get it."
- Encouragement: Share your heart, your praises, and your struggles in a safe, confidential environment.
- Spiritual Refreshment: Spend time in prayer, drawing strength and wisdom from God's Word.
- Support: Pray for your children, your family, and yourself, knowing you're not alone

Each week, we are hosted at a different home. If you'd like to join us (and we hope you do), please **RSVP** so we can send you the address.

**Email: Jenny@2cc.org for more information or to
RSVP**

Teddy Bear Story Time is Back!

Teddy Bear Story Time & Fair!

Saturday, September 27

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Coffee For Good
48 Maple Avenue in Greenwich

Following Story Time, we will have our very first "Bear Fair" outside on the Mead Lawn.

This special event will allow for the opportunity to engage with members of our wonderful neighborhood and community helpers.



Roll out of bed,
grab your bear
and hope to see
you there!



YaleNewHavenHealth
Greenwich Hospital



School is OUT but VBS is ON!

Harvesting Seeds of Faith...

Fall Fun VBS

Thursday, October 2 &
Tuesday, November 4
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

K-5th Grade
Pre-K welcome with an adult
\$25 per child, \$40 for both sessions.
Scholarships available.
Games, Art, Music, Legos,
and so much more!



Details at 2CC.org

Register for VBS

VBS Payment

Questions? Email
Jenny

Around Town...



Red Cross Babysitter's Training & Certification

Earn Red Cross Babysitter Certification during this day-long program led by a Red Cross instructor. There will be a break for lunch, please bring a sack lunch or a snack.

Registered. For tweens and teens ages 11 to 15. Registration will open Monday, September 15, 2025 at 9am.

The Red Cross requires a parent or guardian to remain on-site for the duration of the program

**Learn more about Babysitting
Certification**

Homecoming Weekend was a huge success!

Thank you to everyone that made Homecoming Weekend so special...







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