



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

September 17, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Is it good or bad that we need a new Prayer Bear for church because the kids **wore out** the last one?

To me, it's good.

Like the lady I knew years ago whose Bible was barely held together by duct tape, the kids should be celebrated for their devotion, not monitored for possible signs of spiritual crisis.

Whatever connects us to the God who listens and teaches us to find comfort there is doing a good thing.

I admit, that may be a little edgy for some of us dyed-in-the-wool Congregationalists, who tend to steer clear of relics, talismans, or other spiritual tools. Until I began my chaplain training, the only rosaries I'd ever seen were on t.v. The notion that someone in the hospital might specifically **request** one had never occurred to me. But so it was.

The comfort they found in a strange, unnerving situation was obvious.

Similarly, years ago, I had a friend who was inspired (and assisted greatly) by doing energy work, and specifically in his case, by channeling his energy through a large crystal that he kept at home.

This was all fine until the day that he was sitting in his living room, actively channeling, and the crystal suddenly **broke**.

We did not really know what to make of that, although it seemed like A Bad Thing.

But my friend quickly came to understand it as proof that his energy practice was working — and clearly, helping him release a lot of destructive stuff within. He was grateful and saw it as encouragement.

This has taught me to extend some grace of my own toward such ways of connecting, be they ever so different than mine.

The proof that they're working to do that — connect us — is already powerful, whether it's a broken crystal, a tape-bound Bible, or a lumpy, unstuffed, nearly life-sized bear.

To know that God not only hears us, but in fact, ***eagerly listens*** to what we have to say is a genuine difference between the God we find in Scripture and other ways of imagining an Almighty.

And to know it in a way that we truly feel, rather than simply believe in principle (or not), is at the heart of almost every spiritual quest.

So welcome to our new Prayer Bear! And may we all find our way to the God who lifts our burdens and offers new life.

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 Updates

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](#)

Mark your calendars...

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!



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 2CC...

We had a great Coffee Hour on Sunday & welcomed our new Prayer Bear, Teddy!





*It was a lovely Tea yesterday at the Women's Fellowship
September Event...*



Around Town...

Healing Touch Team at The Bruce Museum

Saturday, September 20, 2025
Sessions offered from 10:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Healing Touch consists of a team of compassionate and professional Board-Certified Healing Touch Practitioners who met while providing biofield therapy at Greenwich Hospital. Their combined ability and training include nursing, psychology, education, sound healing, life coaching, mindfulness, and other holistic healing modalities.

Health and Wellness Programs for Corporations, Nonprofits, Community Groups, and Schools serving Fairfield and Westchester Counties.

Contact: 203 856-7076
info@healingtouchteam.com

[Click here to learn more about the Healing Touch Team Event](#)



Red Cross Babysitter's Training & Certification

Saturday, October 11, 2025
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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](#)

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