



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

September 4, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

One of the peculiarities of having two outdoor tent services in our calendar is that, in June, we are always hoping for a nice, warm night, while in September, we are always hoping for a nice, cool one.

I've never thought about it before, but it occurs to me that, atmospherically, we're probably hoping for the same set of conditions for both events—"light jacket weather" with low humidity, no bugs, temps in the mid-to-low 70's, a light breeze, and nice-to-have-but-not-required: a decent sunset.

In June, that feels like Tahiti; in September, it feels like Greenland. (Either way, it feels long overdue.)

But it also serves as a gentle reminder.

When we encounter those moments when it feels as if something our world has changed, it's important to ask if it's not "the world" that's somehow different, but actually something in us.

So often, we experience ourselves, day in, day out, as mostly the same. We're strangely unaware of how our perspectives grow, or shift, unless there is the clear dividing point of a big disruption to mark the border between then and now.

Yet so many of the great transitions in our lives don't come with fanfare or a sharp before and after.

The Book of Acts describes the conversion of Paul on the Damascus Road as a blaze of light and a voice from God, but most of our conversions (or if you prefer, our changes of heart and mind) don't happen like that.

By the time they do, the surprise we may be feeling means mostly, and most basically, that we haven't been paying attention. Not even to ourselves — or at least, to our truest selves.

Our faith invites us to know ourselves most deeply and most clearly by recognizing what connects us—to understand the parts of ourselves that are shared and dependent, as well as those that are unique—and to find the sacred in and through those connections.

Our lives lead us constantly back to God, or might, provided we are willing to listen and look for God through the distractions, and willing to walk a path that leads through our neighbors, the better to learn where the divisions between self and others truly stand.

It is a slow process of discovery, although often a beautiful one.

But it is typical of God's kind of humor that only in finding the world do we manage to find ourselves.

It's only then that we begin to read the current conditions with any accuracy and live into God's glory.

So...hope to see you this weekend for Homecoming: Friday evening or Sunday morning (and Saturday evening for pre-teens and teens). In the mystery of God's unchanging love, it will feel like just what you've been waiting for.

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

Starting Sunday, September 8, Children's Chapel resumes at our 10:30 a.m. time.

All children encouraged if they would like to start worship experience as family. After opening prayers, children will have the opportunity to be dismissed with our Minister of Care and Connection for their very own faith formation experience. Children will be re-united with their families before the end of worship for closing prayer.

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.

For more information please contact Jenny@2cc.org

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

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 here!



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.

The poster features a green grass background with a red and white checkered border on the left. It includes several inset photos: a group of people at a table, a man with a basket, two boys sitting on the grass, a woman holding a baby, three women sitting together, a group of people around a table, and a group of people standing together. A yellow starburst shape contains text about the Critter Caravan Travel Animal show.



Regional Youth Ministry

FOOD

& GAMES

FREE!

6th-12th Grade CARNIVAL

BOTTLE TOSS - BOUNCE HOUSE
CUP STACKING - BOWLING
STRIKE OUT - BASKET TOSS
WIN PRIZES & MORE!



Saturday, September 7
5:00 p.m.

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!

We will have an ice cream truck at the Homecoming Sunday BBQ too!

Looking ahead to September...

Join us for Chancel Choir this Fall

September

15 Choir Rehearsal
22 Choir Rehearsal
29 10:00 Choir Rehearsal,
10:30 Service

October

13 Choir Rehearsal
20 Choir Rehearsal
27 10:00 Rehearsal,
10:30 Service

Our chancel choir will be gearing up soon for another season of singing during our 10:30 services. If you are considering joining us this year, please consider the following:

- You are not required to sing each month.
- We rehearse after the 10:30 service for 45 minutes.
- You don't have to sing like Pavarotti, just a desire to sing!
- Singing with the choir is a fun, social experience.
- You can try us out before you commit!
- No auditions, just show up and we'll sign you up!

November

10 Choir Rehearsal
17 Choir Rehearsal
24 10:00 Rehearsal,
10:30 Thanksgiving Service

December

8 Choir Rehearsal
15 Choir Rehearsal
22 Choir Rehearsal
24 5:30 Rehearsal, 6:30
Christmas Eve Service

Email: Alexander@2cc.org for more information



Women's Fellowship

September Program & Annual Tea

Tuesday, September 10

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Speaker: Diane from Diane's Books

Fletcher Hall

RSVP: Pam@2cc.org

RSVP to Pam for the Annual Tea

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](#)



Teddy Bear Story Hour

ROLL OUT OF BED AND JOIN US IN YOUR PJ'S

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, OCTOBER 26,
NOVEMBER 23 & DECEMBER 21
AT 8:00 A.M.**

**Coffee for Good
48 Maple Avenue,
Greenwich, CT**



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