



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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*Children are always welcome at our worship services.*

*A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger,  
at the new Two's classroom starting at 9:45 a.m.*

***\*Those who are able are invited to stand.***

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #147**

“ALL PRAISE TO THEE, FOR THOU, O KING DIVINE”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

As we gather from the scattered places of life,  
hearing God's voice from above, he *names* us.

**We all yearn to be known for who we truly are;  
not what others tell us we are supposed to be.**

God uniquely makes each of us, individually;  
but no one of us is greater than the community.

**Once we are affirmed as belonging to God,  
the Spirit can inspire and empower all of us.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-  
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL (10:00 only)**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**ACTS 19:1-7**

**Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30)**

**Jay Robbins, Deacon (10:00)**

**\*HYMN**

**"WADE IN THE WATER"**

*(pages 6/7)*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**MARK 1:4-11**

**Rev. Rosenberger**

**SERMON**

**"WHO DECIDES WHO WE REALLY ARE?"**

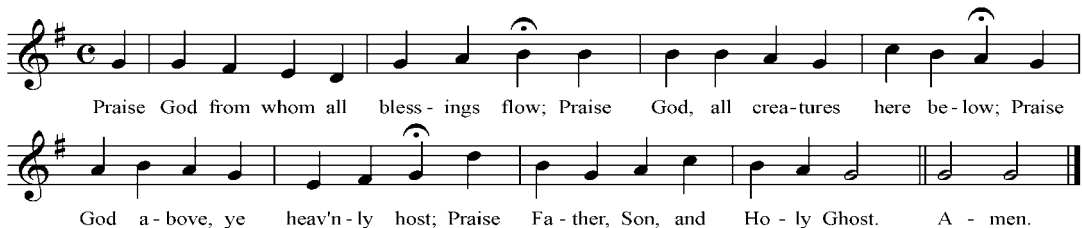
**Rev. Rosenberger**

**OFFERTORY**

**"SPRINGS OF WATER, BLESS THE LORD!"  
Senior Choir**

**Marty Haugen**

**\*DOXOLOGY (10:00 only)**



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise  
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*10:00 only*) (*unison*)

**Lord Jesus, you came to us, empowered by the Holy Spirit. You did not stay at a distance, but took our cause upon yourself, blessing us with your presence. We pray that the gifts we give in your name would work similarly, drawing close to both our human need and our divine empowerment, serving and praising you. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** “WE, YOUR PEOPLE, GOD, CONFESSING” (*page 8*)

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Rosenberger

**POSTLUDE** Mr. Pakhomov

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**TODAY’S USHERS** are Lou Converse, Bill Lattimer (8:30 a.m.), Theo Osgood and Jay Robbins.

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**COFFEE HOUR**

EACH SUNDAY,  
WE GATHER AFTER CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP IN OUR PARISH HALL.  
*PLEASE JOIN US!*



**LOOKING FOR A NEW CHURCH? ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

*Want to learn more about becoming a member of First Congregational Church? Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

*Join us at noon on Saturday, January 24 for a conversation on what membership means at FCC. This informational gathering is open to anyone who would like to understand how the church can play a more meaningful role in their lives.*

*Lunch and child care available.*

*If you'd like to learn more about this gathering, please contact Pastor Rosenberger at [drosenberger@uccdarien.org](mailto:drosenberger@uccdarien.org).*

# WADE IN THE WATER

Wade in the wa - ter, (chil-dren,) wade in the

The first system of the musical score for 'Wade in the Water'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a melody line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Wade in the wa - ter, (chil-dren,) wade in the'.

wa - ter, chil - dren, wade in the wa - ter,

The second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: 'wa - ter, chil - dren, wade in the wa - ter,'.

God's a-going to trou-ble the wa - ter. O wa - ter.

The third system of the musical score, featuring a first and second ending. The lyrics are: 'God's a-going to trou-ble the wa - ter. O wa - ter.' The first ending leads to a repeat sign, and the second ending concludes the phrase.

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WADE IN THE WATER (continued)

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
 2. See that band all dressed in red,  
 3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
 4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

(Hum)

God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; the lead - er looks like the  
 God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; looks like the band that  
 God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; the Ho - ly Ghost a -  
 God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; just fol - low me down to

(Hum)

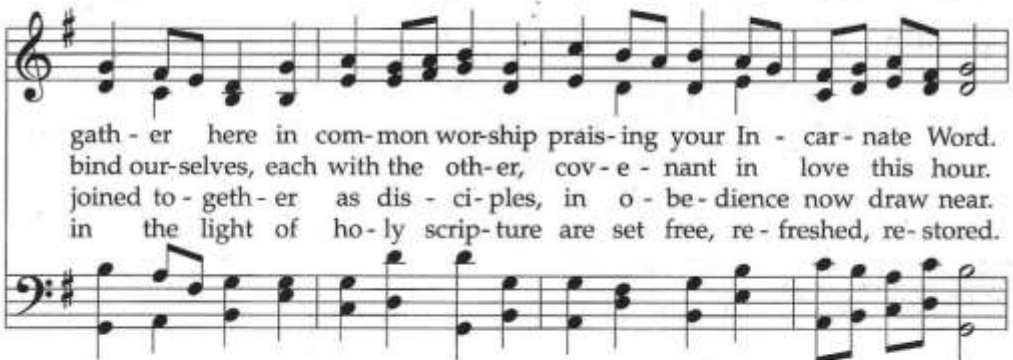
Is - ra - el - ite, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.  
 Mo - ses led, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.  
 com - ing on me, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.  
 Jor - dan's stream, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.

D.C.

# WE, YOUR PEOPLE, GOD, CONFESSING



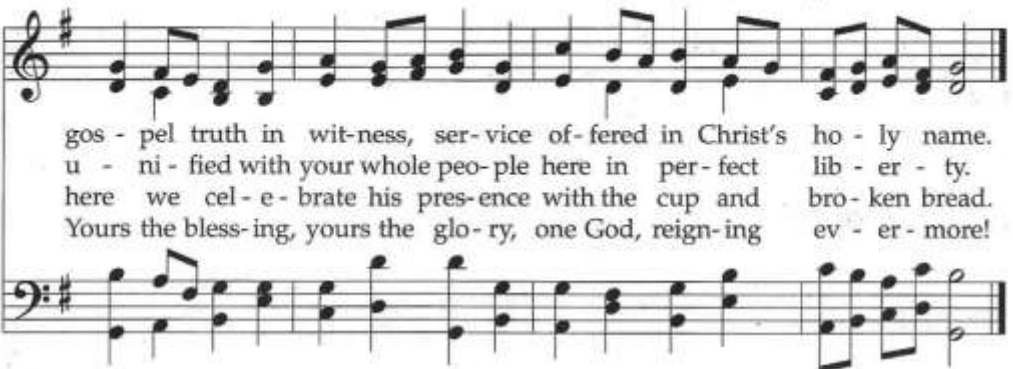
1. We, your peo-ple, God, con-fess-ing Je-sus Christ your Son as Lord,  
2. We, your peo-ple, God, re-joic-ing in your vast cre-a-tive power,  
3. We, your peo-ple, God, com-mun-ing through the Ho-ly Spir-it, here,  
4. We, your peo-ple, God, re-ceive-ing gifts of min-is-try out-poured



gath-er here in com-mon wor-ship prais-ing your In-car-nate Word.  
bind our-selves, each with the oth-er, cov-e-nant in love this hour.  
joined to-gether as dis-ci-ples, in o-be-dience now draw near.  
in the light of ho-ly scrip-ture are set free, re-freshed, re-stored.



Through the power of Christ with-in us we are strength-ened to pro-claim  
Through bap-tis-mal rite we en-ter, ris-ing, new-ly born to be  
At the ta-ble where the em-blems of Christ's sac-ri-fice are spread,  
In the bonds of faith we serve you, God of all, whom we a-dore.



gos-pel truth in wit-ness, ser-vice of-fered in Christ's ho-ly name.  
u-ni-fied with your whole peo-ple here in per-fect lib-er-ty.  
here we cel-e-brate his pres-ence with the cup and bro-ken bread.  
Yours the bless-ing, yours the glo-ry, one God, reign-ing ev-er-more!





## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **COMMUNITY YOGA SESSION**

Wendy Mulligan will teach a "For Donation" Yoga/Meditation class, on Thursday January 15th from 9:45 -10:45 in the Circle Room. Donations of any amount are welcome.

Funds will be given to Person-to-Person's Fuel Bank to keep people warm this winter.

Please bring your own mats. RSVP [wmmulligan@gmail.com](mailto:wmmulligan@gmail.com)

### **NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Teri Manning will be giving tours of the First Congregational Church Nursery School weekdays at **10:00 am from 12/1 - 1/12**. If you are interested, or if you know someone who is interested, in applying for the school year 2015-2016, please call the school (203) 655-3150 to schedule a tour. Church members receive priority placement!

### **2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you made a pledge for 2015, your Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up and can be found on the stage, in the Parish Hall.

### **CLASSICS BOOK GROUP**

The Classics Book Group will have their next meeting on **January 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Morehouse Room. Voltaire's Candide is the book for discussion.

### **NITE OWLS JANUARY DINNER**

Join Nite Owls on **Wednesday, January 14** at 6:30 for fellowship and "make your own pizza" in the kitchen. If you'd like to attend, please let me know **by Sunday night, January 11**.

Debbie Nelson ([dnelson@optonline.net](mailto:dnelson@optonline.net))

Nite Owls is a group of church women who meet monthly for dinner, usually at the Church but sometimes at someone's home or at a restaurant. We are a casual group and our get-together's provide a nice chance to catch up with each other.

The First Congregational Church of Darien  
invites you to a series of Sunday afternoon

## **Come As You Are Services**

January 11, January 18, January 25, and February 1  
4:30 p.m. in the Circle Room of Parish Hall

We know that traditional Sunday morning worship doesn't work for everyone so we will be offering a *Come As You Are* worship service this winter on Sundays 4:30 p.m. We'll begin this four-week experiment on January 11 and see where we go from there. Key elements of the service include:

- A casual and more contemporary worship service, lasting about 45 minutes.
- Designed for people of all ages, from teens and young adults, to families with young children and empty-nesters.
- Led by our Youth Minister Justin Inners, with a short message and a combination of contemporary music, familiar hymns, upbeat choruses and prayerful songs.

Join us wearing jeans and sneakers, t-shirts and winter boots, or whatever else you have on; whether you're coming from the slopes, the city, a game or just hanging out at home, come just as you are to this welcoming and friendly worship service.

Our last trial Sunday will conclude with a potluck dinner. We may watch the Super Bowl together if we can figure out the TV, or at the very least we'll get you home for in time for kickoff.



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## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **TODAY**

Confirmation Class, 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Room  
“Come As You Are” worship service, 4:30 p.m. in the Circle Room

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 12**

Board of Deacons, 7:45 p.m. in the Circle Room  
Board of Stewards, 8:00 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**

Classics Book Group, 3:00 p.m. in the Morehouse Room  
Nite Owls, 6:30 p.m. in the Circle Room

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room  
Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
“Come As You Are” worship service, 4:30 p.m. in the Circle Room

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

We are an accepting community where faith in Christ makes a difference. We welcome you to worship with us wherever you are on your journey. As a spiritual home, our hallmarks are education, fellowship and pastoral care. Children have a special place in our church family, and are embraced with love, guidance and opportunities for spiritual growth. We are a church of conscience, unafraid of the issues of today and serving as a reconciling force among different faiths.



**Ministers:** Every member of the congregation.

**Clergy and Staff:**

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, *Pastor (emergency pager)* 1- (203) 368-7789

The Rev. Ronald T. Evans, *Pastor Emeritus*

Sally Bassler, *Lay Minister for Pastoral Care* (cell) (203) 554-1724

Daniel Hague, *Music Director* Maxim Pakhomov, *Organist*

Kate Nelson, *Church School Director* Justin Inners, *Youth Minister*

Teri Manning, *Nursery School Director* Karen Hansen, *Treasurer*

Dennis Hanlon, *Church Administrator*

Tim Wilson, *Sexton*

Carlos Maya, *Saturday Sexton* Ulises Mendez, *Sunday Sexton*

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