

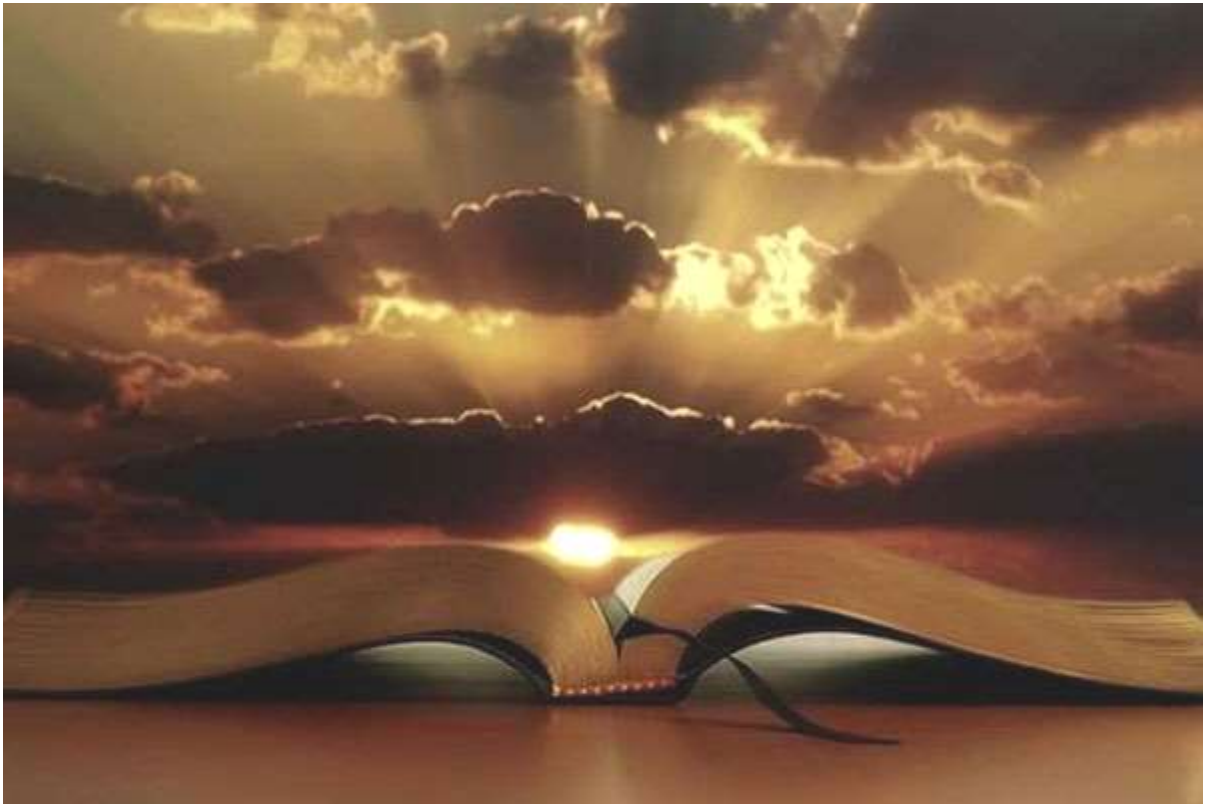


**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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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 #352**

“LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

Great are the works of God, well-worth our praise.  
The righteousness of God's creation abides always.

**Today we gather as a congregation of believers,  
to give whole-hearted thanks for God's mercies.**

God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy,  
and he never forgets all of his promises to us.

**The works of God's hands are visible before us.  
We can count on God's constancy, not our own.**

**All: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.  
Fear—in the shape of our reverence—is right.**

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

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

DEUTERONOMY 18.15-20

Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30)  
Gary Holmes, Deacon (10:00)

**\*HYMN**

“BREAD OF THE WORLD, IN MERCY BROKEN”

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**GOSPEL LESSON**

MARK 1.21-28

Rev. Rosenberger

**SERMON**

“AS ONE WITH AUTHORITY”

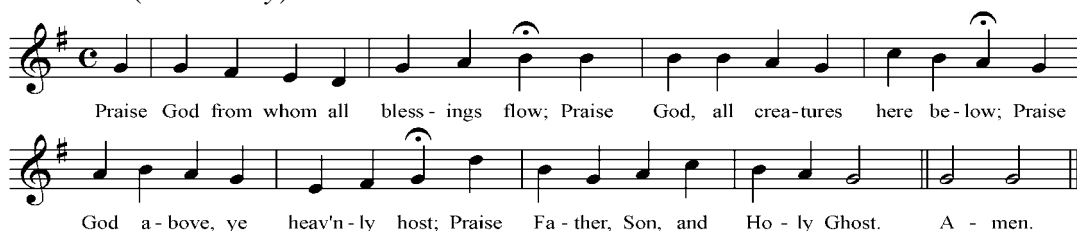
Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERTORY**

“GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD”  
Senior Choir

John Stainer

**\*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)*

**By sharing the wealth that we cherish so much, O God, we keep ourselves focused on who you are and on what you expect of us. As the body of Christ, may we be a healing force in the world, ministers of reconciliation, ambassadors for rabbi and healer, Jesus. May these offerings encourage redemptive love as far as our influence can reach. Amen.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION**

**CALL TO PRAYER**

(Leader)

The Lord be with you.

(Congregation)

**And also with you.**

(Leader)

Lift up your hearts.

(Congregation)

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

(Leader)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Congregation)

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**\*SANCTUS**

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!*

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*(unison)*

**Heavenly Father, we praise and extol you, for you have again amply blessed us at the table of Jesus. You have satisfied us with the food and drink of eternal life, and you have assigned us the signs and seals of your mercy. Having been fulfilled before your altar, we now offer ourselves, our bodies and souls, as a holy offering, that all of us who have united with Jesus Christ may grow daily in faith, rejoice in hope, and enrich one another in community. May your holy name bring praise, glory, honor and blessing, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“SILENCE, FRENZIED, UNCLEAN SPIRIT!”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

**POSTLUDE**

Mr. Pakhomov

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**TODAY'S USHERS** are Kristin Desautelle, Gary Holmes, Bill Lattimer (8:30) and Mike Mullin.



**COFFEE HOUR**

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

“BREAD OF THE WORLD, IN MERCY BROKEN”

1. Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, wine of the  
2. Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 3/4 time and the key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef.

soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were  
tears by sin - ners shed, and be thy feast to us the

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It maintains the same 3/4 time signature and key signature.

spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:  
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

The third system of music concludes the piece. It features a final cadence in the bass clef staff, marked with a double bar line and repeat dots.

“SILENCE, FRENZIED, UNCLEAN SPIRIT!”

1. “Si - lence, fren - zied, un - clean spir - it!” cried God’s heal - ing  
2. Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the gray cells  
3. Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it in our mind and

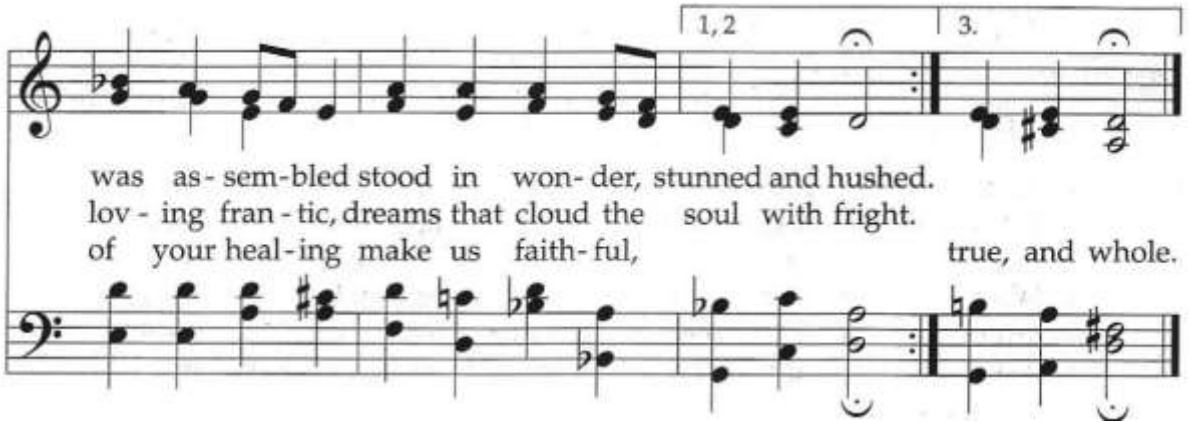
Ho - ly One. “Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can’t bear it;  
of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and driv - ing,  
in our heart; speak your word that when we hear it,

flee as night be - fore the sun.” At Christ’s words the de - mon  
twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind, doubts that stir the heart to  
all our de - mons shall de - part. Clear our thought and calm our

trem - bled, from its vic - tim mad - ly rushed, while the crowd that  
pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing rea - son’s sight, guilt that makes our  
feel - ing; still the frac - tured, war - ring soul. By the pow - er

(continued)

“SILENCE, FRENZIED, UNCLEAN SPIRIT!” (*continued*)



was as-sembled stood in won-der, stunned and hushed.  
lov-ing fran-tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.  
of your heal-ing make us faith-ful, true, and whole.

***OUR CONGREGATION’S MISSION STATEMENT***

*We are a congregation that sees the image of God in one another and follows the teachings of Jesus.*

*We are a congregation of progressive and open faith that seeks not to convince, but to listen and discern truth through discussion, education and prayer.*

*We are a congregation of justice that sees and responds to the needs of others and is willing to stand against the winds of popular opinion.*

*We are a congregation of people who respect and care for one another and enthusiastically participate in the life, legacy and work of our historic church.*

*All are welcome to share in our work of the present, and our hope for the future.*





## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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, February 7 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).

### **COMMUNITY YOGA SESSION**

Wendy Mulligan will teach an additional "For Donation" Yoga/Meditation classe, on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. 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 to [wwmulligan@gmail.com](mailto:wwmulligan@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **LOOKING FOR A TEEN TO HIRE?**

At long last, we have a Teens for Hire list available for all members looking for a babysitter, a pet sitter, or some yard or tech help. We'll be updating the list as additional teens come forward, but for now, if you are in need of help, please contact Karen Brennan at [KBrennan1567@gmail.com](mailto:KBrennan1567@gmail.com). Karen can supply you with cell phone information, e-mails, and addresses, including elementary school districts so that you can plan your pick-ups and drop-offs accordingly.

### **NITE OWLS**

Nite Owls will meet again on Wednesday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.



Please join the  
First Congregational Church of Darien for its:

**Jazz “Fat Sunday” Service**  
**Sunday, February 8, 10:00 a.m.**

**&**

**Mardi Gras “Supper”**  
**11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Come for the great jazz music at 10:00 a.m. and stay for our Mardi Gras celebration. All are welcome for this family-friendly event!

Menu Compliments of Deacons & Women’s Association

Jambalaya, Étouffée, Chili and Soup

Mini-Sandwiches

Hotdogs and Chips

King Cake

All those attending are asked to bring a small side and/or contribute to the donation basket to offset event costs:  
Cheese & Crackers, Veggies & Humus, Salad, Cornbread, Cookies,  
or anything you want to share!

RSVP via <http://tinyurl.com/fccmardigrassupper2015>

The Youth Group will be entertaining our youngest members with arts and crafts and carnival type games.



## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **TODAY**

“Come As You Are Service” at 4:30 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

Board of Christian Outreach, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room  
Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

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

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – FAT SUNDAY/JAZZ WORSHIP**

Worship Services 10:00 a.m.  
Mardi Gras “Supper,” 11:00 a.m. in Parish Hall

## **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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