

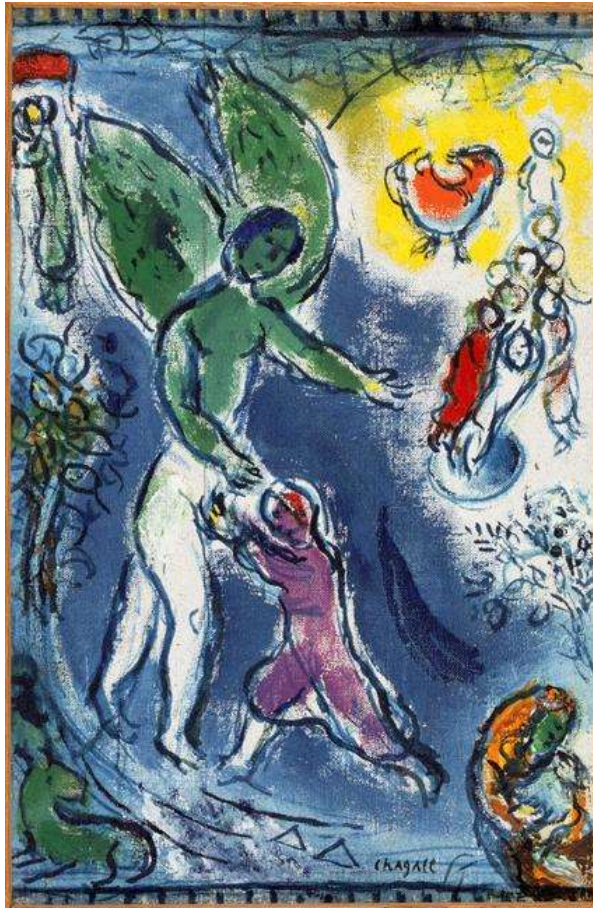


**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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***FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT***  
***February 22, 2015***  
***8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.***



**LENTEN SERMON SERIES:**  
***“GREAT TEXTS, CORE TRUTHS”***  
***PART ONE- “VISION”***

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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 #357**

“STRONG SON OF GOD, IMMORTAL LOVE” (*omit vs. 6*)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

God has searched us and knows us.

God knows us as we sit and as we rise.

**God searches out our path and our rest.**

**The Lord is familiar with all of our ways.**

Before a word is upon our tongue, God knows it.

God's hand is ever present, to show us the way.

**Such lofty knowledge is wonderment to us.**

**And it is far beyond anything we can attain.**

**All: We cannot escape God's Spirit or flee his presence.**

**Darkness is as light for God, who illumines our way.**

**\*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 a.m. only)**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      GENESIS 28:10-19                      Steve Weeden, Deacon (8:30)  
Lou Converse, Deacon (10:00)

**\*HYMN**                      "SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD" (*sing twice*)                      (*page 5*)

**GOSPEL LESSON**                      I JOHN 3:1-3, 18-24                      Rev. Rosenberger

**SERMON**                      LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "GREAT TEXTS, CORE TRUTHS"  
PART ONE - "DREAMS ARE THE STUFF WE ARE MADE OF"                      Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERTORY**                      BROTHER JAMES' AIR (Psalm 23)                      arr. Gordon Jacob  
(10:00 a.m. only)                      Senior Choir

**\*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)

**For how you wondrously preserve and deliver us from our troubles, O God, we give you our thanks. Bless these tokens of gratitude as we grow in appreciation of your gifts and in response to your love. May all touched by our offerings be led to know the blessing of community and commitment we share in our home church. In Christ, we offer our best. Amen.**

\***HYMN #391**

“BE THOU MY VISION”

\***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

**POSTLUDE**

Mr. Pakhomov

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**TODAY’S USHERS**

April Barker, Lou Converse, Mary Ann Freeman and Steven Weeden (8:30 a.m.).

**TODAY’S BULLETIN COVER**

Jacob Wrestling with the Angel - Marc Chagall

**MUSIC NOTES:** During Lent the Choir will be presenting Psalm 23 Theme and Variations-Settings of the 23rd Psalm by various composers.

**A CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

You are hereby called to the First Congregational Church of Darien, United Church of Christ, 14 Brookside Road, for the first portion of the Annual Meeting of the church scheduled for Sunday, March 1, 2015 immediately following our 10 o’clock service of worship.

The purpose of this meeting of the congregation is to:

- \* receive the 2014 financial reports.
- \* receive the recommendations of Church Council for the 2015 budget.
- \* address any other business or concern relating to the life of our congregation, that may properly be brought before the assembled congregation.

Attest: Conni Moore, Clerk

“SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD” (*sing twice*)

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place;

The first system of the hymn consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace.

A7 D G/D

The second system of the hymn consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves. Chord symbols A7, D, and G/D are placed above the treble staff.

I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings,

A7 D F#m

The third system of the hymn consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves. Chord symbols A7, D, and F#m are placed above the treble staff.

I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the

Gmaj9 Em

The fourth system of the hymn consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves. Chord symbols Gmaj9 and Em are placed above the treble staff.

pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

A7 Em7 A7 D

The fifth system of the hymn consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves. Chord symbols A7, Em7, A7, and D are placed above the treble staff.



## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **KNITTING MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

The Knitting Ministry meetings will continue at 7:30 P.M. on February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3, March 24 and March 31.

If there are questions, call Marnie Hodil at (203) 655-0888 or e-mail at [grhodil@optonline.net](mailto:grhodil@optonline.net).

### **11 BROOKSIDE UPDATE**

This period was always expected to be a “quiet period” as our architects (Neil Hauck Architects) created the detailed construction drawings needed to turn our conceptual repurposing/renovation into the details needed to solicit bids from contractors. Thanks to input from the Congregation, we have forwarded the names of five construction firms to Neil who also has some potential contractors to include.

We expect the Request for Proposal to go to contractors by the end of February, with detailed bids expected by end-March. At that time the 11 Brookside Committee will undertake a detailed review of submitted proposals and make a recommendation to Stewards and Council. The *plan* is to engage a contractor by the end of April with construction to begin shortly thereafter.

If all goes well, we should return from summer vacations to a renovated facility with a dedicated center to start a “new year” for our Youth Programs!

### **COME AS YOU ARE SERVICE: SAVE THE DATES**

The response to the Come As You Are services was overwhelmingly positive -- with attendance strong on all four Sundays. We've taken great care to ask for feedback and will be experimenting with new ideas as we move forward, including alternatives to music and location. With Justin leaving us this spring to return closer to his home town and as we embark on a search for a full time Associate Minister/Youth Pastor, we are aiming to have one Come As You Are service in March, April, and May. Our hope is to do more this fall. **For now, please mark your calendars for the following Sundays: March 22, April 19, and May 17.** We recognize the April Sunday is the second of the spring break, but with Easter and Confirmation Sunday, our choices were limited. We hope you'll join us!

### **JUNIOR CHOIR**

Junior Choir will be meeting to rehearse on Sunday, March 8 during the 8:30 service. Any 2nd-6th grader is welcome. We will have Donuts! Join us.



## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Shawl Knitting Ministry, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Church Council Meeting, 8:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting (Part I- Finance), following the 10 a.m. service

## **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 28 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 Rev. Rosenberger at [drosenberger@uccdarien.org](mailto:drosenberger@uccdarien.org).*



***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*

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

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