



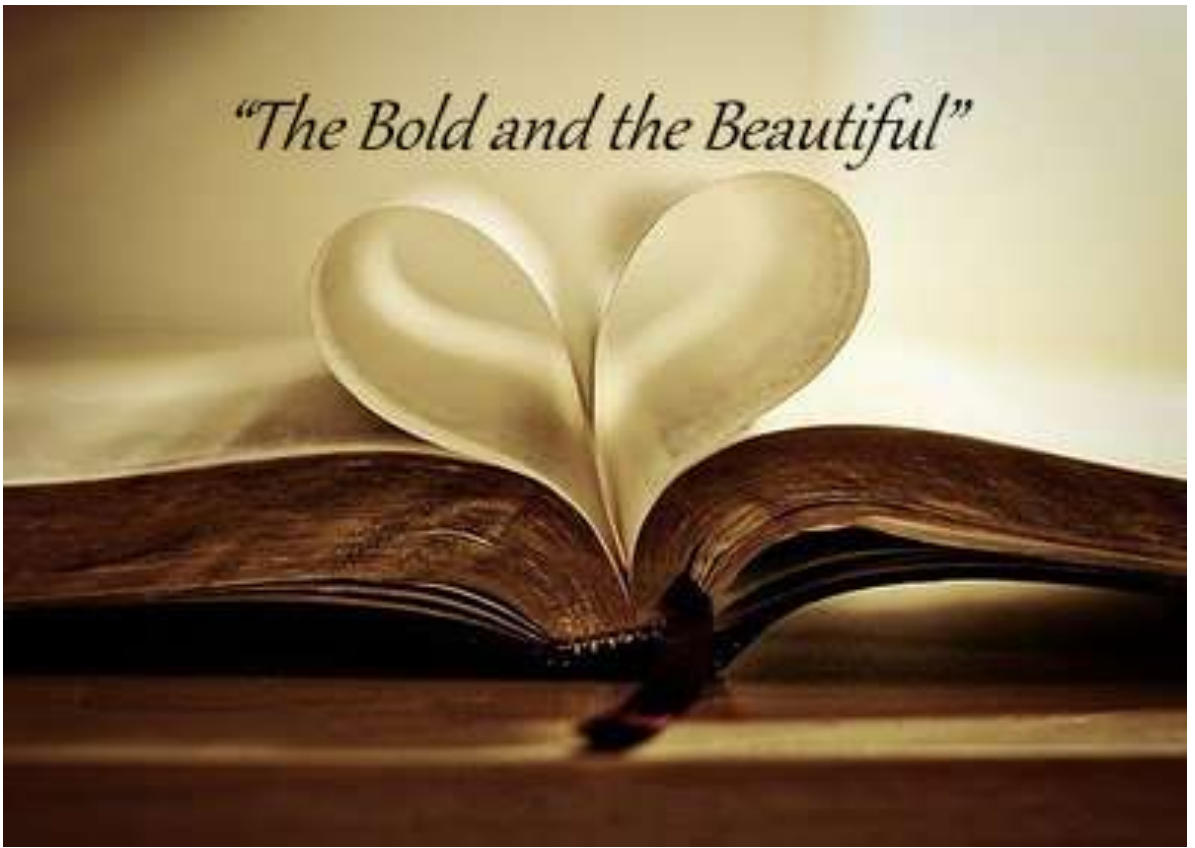
**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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***SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***  
***May 29, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.***

*“The Bold and the Beautiful”*



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Children are always welcome at our worship services.

A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger,  
in the Nursery School wing starting at 9:45 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Morello, Associate Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN

“GOD IS LOVE”

1. God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2. God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in  
3. God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

The first system of the hymn is written in 3/4 time. It features a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

earth re - jice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace; with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing kind - ness

The second system of the hymn continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It features a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

“GOD IS LOVE” (continued)

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove, God who breathes thro'  
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
Love for - ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Pastor

Sing a new song to God, all the earth.

Our world changes every day yet God's message remains constant.

**God is doing marvelous works among us.**

**Let all nations declare the glory of God.**

Our God is to be praised as Creator of all things  
Let us turn away from our idols to worship God.

**Honor, majesty, beauty, and strength belong to God.  
Let us worship together in God's sanctuary.**

Tremble before God, all people and nations.  
God will judge us all with grace and truth.

**God of grace and truth, ever present with us,  
How reassuring is the love with which you surround 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

**BAPTISM OF CHARLES ROBERT WEEDEN**  
(10:00 only)

Rev. Dale Rosenberger

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

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Assoc. Min. Gary Morello

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples.  
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.  
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.  
Honor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.  
Worship the Lord in holy splendor;  
tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!  
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.  
He will judge the peoples with equity.'  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it.  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the Lord; for he is coming,  
for he is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth.

*Unison* Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

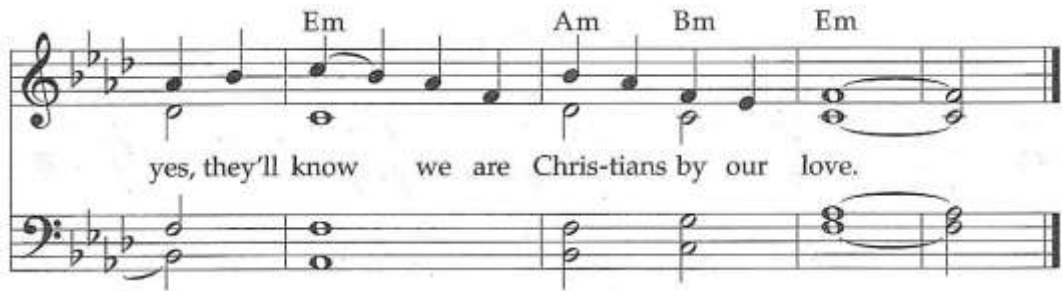
Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain* C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

*continued*



**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

JOHN 1:6-18

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**SERMON**

"THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL"

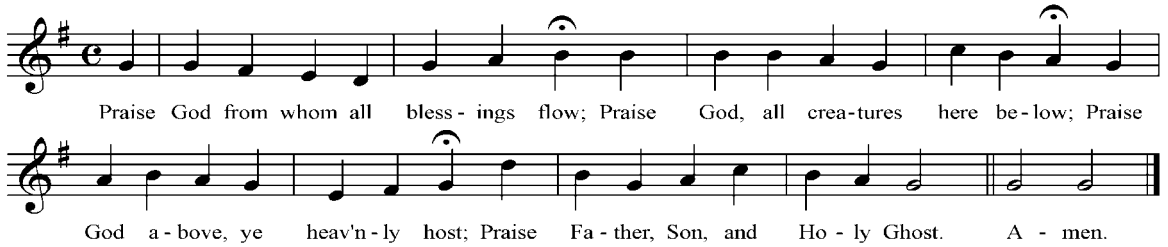
Assoc. Min. Gary Morello

**OFFERTORY**  
(10:00 only)

"WE REMEMBER THEM"  
Senior Choir

Donald McCullough

**\*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)

**Thank you, God, for welcoming us into this space where the Holy Spirit is most certainly present. We are reminded this day that it is not the building which makes a church but the people. You have given us all the good things we enjoy, and we are grateful. You have sent Jesus to demonstrate your healing love for all people, and we want to respond as disciples. May we be as generous in furthering the ministry of your church as you have been with us. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #8**

“JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Assoc. Min. Gary Morello

**POSTLUDE**

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**TODAY’S GREETERS** are John and Sally Bassler.

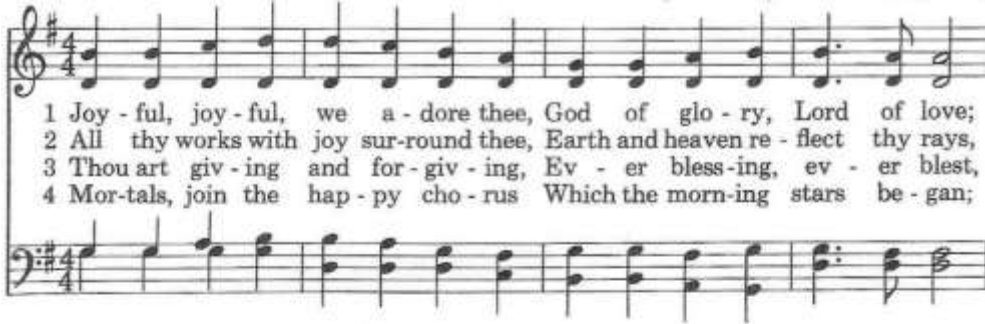
**TODAY’S USHERS** are Lou Converse (8:30), Lauren Ryder and Mandy Teare.

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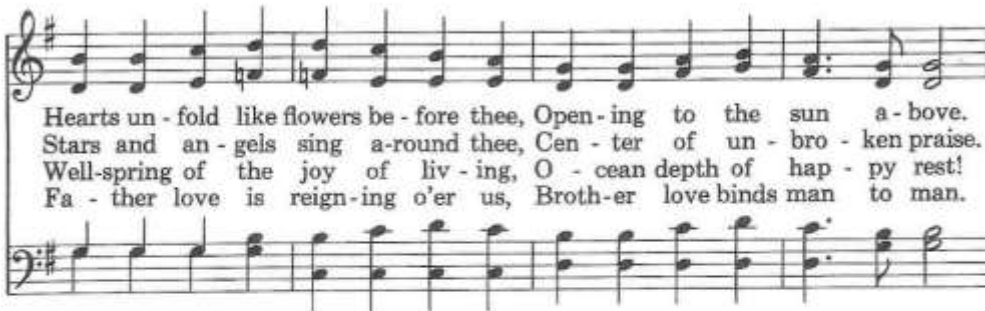
**TODAY’S FLOWERS** are in remembrance of Robert E. Fatherley, Sr. and family.



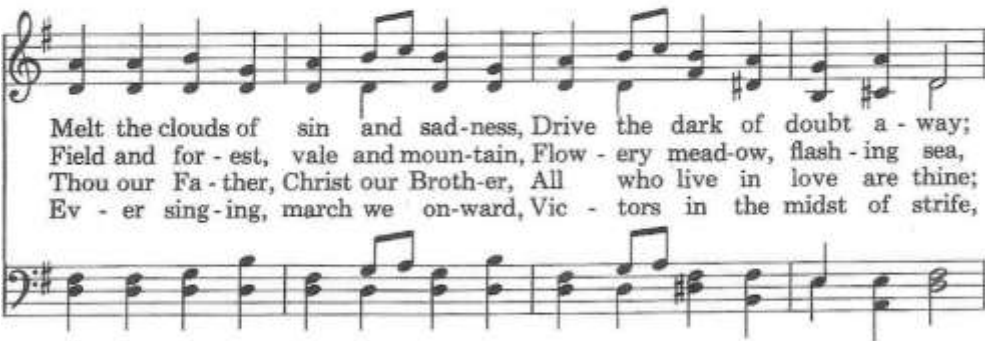
## JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COME HELP THE BOARD OF OUTREACH WITH OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

The June 2<sup>nd</sup> Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart requires over 100 volunteers on the day of the event to staff a shift at our featured homes. Volunteers can attend the tour during non-shift hours for \$30 - less than half price! And those who help during the party may attend the party for a discounted price of \$50. We truly need your help to make this event a success so that we can raise over \$60,000 for our beneficiaries. Please sign up at [darienhousetour.com](http://darienhousetour.com) – click on the volunteer link. Did we mention how much fun you'll have?

Oh and speaking of fun, the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebratory Party with a Purpose will be great fun!! Buy your tickets now and encourage your friends to come. We are looking for a great church member turnout! Tickets are \$75. Financial assistance happily provided upon request - confidentially mail [darienhousetour@gmail.com](mailto:darienhousetour@gmail.com).

One last thing ... looking for a little artwork to spice up your home? The house tour will feature artists through "Art with Heart". Artwork will be on display at one of our tour homes and at the Wee Burn Country Club on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. THEN, we will have a reception at the church on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm! A portion of the proceeds goes to the tour!



## SAVE THE DATE: CELEBRATION SUNDAY -- JUNE 12 AT 10:00 A.M.

You are invited to a special Sunday service to celebrate a wonderful year for all our young people and our church community. A traditional service with fun and flare is being planned by the Board of Christian Education to celebrate our children ages newborn through college. Gary Morello will deliver the sermon and we'll honor our Church School teachers, and recognize our graduating high school and college graduates. An ice cream social for all will follow the service on the church lawn. The Youth Group will welcome back graduates at 12:00 p.m. with a BBQ outside the new Youth Room. We have much to give thanks for and celebrate -- we hope you'll join us!

### **COMPANION HYMNALS - DON'T MISS OUT!!!**

Over the summer, the new blue companion hymnals will be arriving!! For \$25 each, why not have one or two in your favorite pew with your name or a loves ones name personalized inside?? These new hymnals will complement the Pilgrim Hymnals. Only a limited number are being ordered, so don't delay! Order forms are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Questions, please contact [kristindesautelle@gmail.com](mailto:kristindesautelle@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **TEACHER RECRUITMENT FOR CHURCH SCHOOL 2016-17 IS NOW OPEN**

It's that time of year when, as we close the chapter on Church School, we begin to look ahead to the next program year. We invite all members of the FCC family to be part of our Church School teaching team in 2016-17. In order to staff our classrooms and stay aligned with Safe Church practices, we need SIX teachers for each team: Preschool; Kindergarten/1st Grades; 2nd/3rd Grades, 4th-7th Grades. You will always teach in a team of two, approximately one Sunday per month. Guided lessons and materials are prepared for you, and two teacher meetings (Fall & Winter) will get you ready to teach. It's important that all parents take a turn teaching over the years. The Board of Christian Education recommends that every parent teach two years for each child they have in the program. Moms and dads are welcome! Seasoned parishioners who no longer have children in the program, but who wish to give back, are encouraged as well. Please consider volunteering some of your time next year in joining our Church School team! You can sign up by clicking on the link offered here: (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4FAFA62EA02-church1>).

If you have questions, please contact MJ Colman at [mjcolman@gmail.com](mailto:mjcolman@gmail.com).



*FCCD Vacation Bible School*

*June 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*1:00 pm to 3:30 pm*

*\$45 per child, per day*

A spiritual adventure filled with music, movement and biblical reenactments for preschoolers! VBS will be facilitated by Mary Jo Colman, FCCD's Church School Director, a teen assistant and alternating parent volunteers.

Sign up for 1, 2, or 3 days!

*All parents are required to help for one hour.*

Fun filled activities will be held in Parish Hall and the garden.

A light snack will be provided each day.

Registration for members begins April 26<sup>th</sup> and runs until May 10<sup>th</sup> then we will open it to Nursery School parents.

Please register here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4fafa62ea02-vacation>

Payment will be collected on May 26th



## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**MONDAY, MAY 30 – MEMORIAL DAY**

Church Offices Closed

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2**

Darien House Tour!

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**

Darien House Tour “After Party”

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

“Art With Heart.” 4:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

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

**SAVE THE DATES!**

***Thursday, June 4 – Darien House Tour  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.***

***Friday, June 3 – Darien House Tour “After Party”  
7:00 p.m. on the Church lawn***

***Saturday, June 4 – Art With Heart  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall***

***Sunday, June 5 - Blessing of the Rolling Fleet  
following the 10:00 a.m. worship service***

***Sunday, June 12 - Celebration Sunday  
at the 10:00 a.m. worship service***

***Sunday, June 26 – Start of Summer Worship Schedule  
Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.***

An American flag is draped over a dark wooden surface. The stars and stripes of the flag are visible, with the stars on the left and the stripes on the right. The text is centered on the wooden background.

REMEMBER  
THOSE WHO HAVE  
SACRIFICED THIS

# *Memorial Day*

GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS,  
THAN TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

JOHN 15:13 NKJV

**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

Gary Morello, *Associate Minister*

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

Mary Jo Colman, *Church School Director*

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

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

Pamela Toason, *Church Administrator (M, T)* Dennis Hanlon, *Church Administrator (W, Th, Fri)*

Carlos Maya, *Weekday Sexton* Ruth Salazar, *Sunday Sexton*

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