



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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9:00 a.m.



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

PRELUDE

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary M. Morello, Associate Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #232**

“SEND DOWN YOUR TRUTH, O GOD”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us.
Do not fear to meet Christ here.

**We have heard the invitation.
Our hopes have brought us together.**

The storms of life do not have the last word.
Our faith keeps us from sinking.

**Our doubts lead to greater faith.
Forgiveness opens us to greater possibilities.**

Let us call on God's name and give thanks.
Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

**We will sing of God's wonderful works.
We will share with others God's marvelous deeds.**

***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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 133

Phil Meyer, Deacon

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.

*HYMN #500

“O FOR A WORLD”

EPISTLE LESSON

EPHESIANS 4:29-5:2

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.’

SERMON

“FORGIVENESS, THE KEY TO THE SHACKLES”

Mickey S. Morello

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise God all creatures here below:
Praise god above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

God, we cannot deceive you with the appearance of generosity. You know how we manage the wealth entrusted to our care. Help us to know the joy of sharing from the abundance you provide. Help us to trust when we feel we do not have enough. We give thanks that you enable us to be givers, not just receivers. May what we offer here provide a helpful ministry to many. May what we offer to our families, friends, and co-laborers tomorrow also be blessed as ministry. Amen.

*HYMN #381

“IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”

*BENEDICTION

Gary Morello

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S USHERS are Phil Meyer and Dave Sealy.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

The Classics Book Group is reading Trollope's, Barchester Towers and is meeting on Wednesday, September 20 in the library, at 3:30 p.m. Come check us out. Call Sally Bassler or just come, (203) 655-9658; sbassler13@gmail.com.) even if you haven't read/finished the book. This is a long one - hence for summer reading!



SAVE THE DATE

Feed My Starving Children

Annual Event is Around the Corner
September 30th - October 1st, 2017

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Participation VERY rewarding

Any questions, please feel free to contact Tracey Berry
(tcbcb@optonline.net)

Summer Worship!

Sunday, June 25 - September 3

**One service, each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
followed by lemonade on the lawn!**



OUR CHURCH EXPENSES DO NOT TAKE A SUMMER VACATION
Please keep your pledge current!

Welcome Back to Church

PICNIC

A row of black silhouettes depicting various picnic activities: a person holding a drink, a person sitting on a bench, a person at a table with a picnic basket, a person with a stroller, a person playing a guitar, a person with a kite, and a person with a child.

Sunday, September 10, 2017
Right after our 10 a.m. "Jazz Worship" service

FOOD
ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS



JOIN US!
BRING A FRIEND!!



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WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

*“Where God’s extravagantly welcoming love brings us all in,
and Christ’s transforming truth sends us all back out again.”*

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.



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

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*

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

Christine Geeding, *Director of Christian Education* 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*