



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,
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

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #80**

“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”

(omit vv. 5 & 6)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

We gather as God’s people, entering his presence for worship.
We assemble for praise, prayer, and communion with the Lord.

**We proclaim the goodness of this God whom we worship.
God is our Counselor and Comforter, Redeemer and Friend.**

The Lord is Sovereign, the Prince of Peace, the Bread of Life.
God is full of majesty; he deserves all honor; he rules over all.

**God is Creator and Sustainer, ever-present and all-powerful.
God is our hope, our Giver of Life, our Judge and Advocate.**

(All uniting)

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
Let us worship and serve the Lord our God!**


***OPENING PRAYER**

Gary Morello, Interim Youth Minister

***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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JOB 38:1-7, 34-38

Dave Miller, Deacon

***HYMN**

"IN MEMORY OF THE SAVIOR'S LOVE"

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IN MEMORY OF THE SAVIOR'S LOVE



1. In mem-ory of the Sav-ior's love, we keep the sa - cred feast,
2. By faith we take the bread of life by which our souls are fed,
3. In faith and mem-ory here we sing the won - ders of his love,



where ev - ery hum - ble, con - trite heart is made a wel - come guest.
the cup in to - ken of his blood that was for sin - ners shed.
and thus an - tic - i - pate by faith the heav - en - ly feast a - bove.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

MARK 10:35-45

Gary Morello

SERMON

“WHEN DREAMS COLLIDE”

Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERTORY

“LET THE CHILDREN COME UNTO ME”

J.M Martin

(Mark 10:13-16)

Senior Choir

*DOXOLOGY



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**

(unison)

We give with joy, loving God, fully appreciating all that you let us experience. By your love, we have survived, learned and grown into fuller human stature. We dedicate these gifts that more would see in Jesus Christ the people they want to become. Equip us as an inviting, caring community, where all can find welcome and reason to rejoice. 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)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. We thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live in faith. Help us to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen

***HYMN #263**

“CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Maxim Pakhomov

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TODAY’S GREETERS are Steve, Nancy and William (Confirmand) Hamson.

TODAY’S USHERS are Mary Ann Freeman, Karalesa DiFabio, Gary Holmes, Bill Lattimer (8:30) , Dave Miller and Brad Westbrook.

MUSIC NOTES: “IN MEMORY OF THE SAVIOR’S LOVE,” Words: Thomas Cotterhill, 1805, Music: Johann Michael Haydn. Public Domain.

TODAY’S BULLETIN COVER: “The Last Supper” - Artist J.P. Wilson. Oil on canvas.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today We Receive the Neighbors in Need Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

2016 Darien House Tour

The 2015 Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart was a huge success, raising over \$60,000 for our beneficiaries! Time to start thinking about *The Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart II* to take place on June 2, 2016! Please come to our first meeting, during which we will discuss a lot of important issues for 2016, on Wednesday October 14th at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

We'll have jobs large and small — hope to see you all there!

The Classics Book Group

will be reading Howard's End, by E. M. Forster for our meeting on Wednesday, October 28th., at 3:00 in the library. All, who are interested, are invited to come to talk about this one book or ongoing. We enjoy, learn from and appreciate this opportunity for fellowship. Call Sally Bassler (203-655-9658) or just arrive.

The Bell Choir is Seeking New Members.

Rehearsals will begin on Monday, Oct. 5th, at 4:30 pm in the Morehouse Room.

Please come and give this a try! Contact Theo Osgood at tosgood123@optimum.net or 203-655-2538.

Adult Bible Study

Join us for our weekly Bible Study, based on the upcoming Sunday's scriptural text, upon which Dale will preach. It will be a seminar style Bible Study, with all invited to contribute and participate. It is held each Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., in the Morehouse Room. Everyone is welcome! No prerequisites required!

FCCD Helps* ...

FCCD Helps In September!

- Food First***
- Habitat for Humanity Build Day 9/12/15
- Open Door Shelter (formerly the Norwalk Emergency Shelter)** Cook/Serve 9/10-11
- Red Cross Blood Drive 9/30/15

FCCD Helps In October!

- Food First
- Breakfast for Feed My Starving Children 10/4/15
- Habitat for Humanity Build Day 10/17/15
- Open Door Shelter** Cook/Serve
- Domestic Violence "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" 10/3/15
- Feed My Starving Children Packing Event 10/17-18
- Neighbors Link 10/23/15

FCCD Helps In November!

- Food First
- Habitat for Humanity Build Day 11/14/15
- Turkey distribution at the Open Door Shelter
- Open Door Shelter** Cook/Serve

FCCD Helps In December!

- Food First
- Dove Boxes
- Open Door Shelter** Cook/Serve
- The Outreach Committee allocates funds to over 20 local non-profit agencies!

FCCD Helps In January!

- Food First
- Open Door Shelter** Cook/Serve
- 1,000 pound winter food challenge!
- Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip to Costa Rica January 9th to 17th

FCCD Helps In February!

- Food First
- Open Door Shelter** Cook/Serve
- 1,000 pound winter food challenge!
- Collect donations for Midnight Run

FCCD Helps In March!

- Food First
- Open Door Shelter** Cook/Serve
- Easter ham distribution at Open Door Shelter
- Midnight Run 3/25
- Habitat for Humanity Build Day

FCCD Helps In April!

- Food First
- Open Door Shelter** Cook/Serve
- Habitat for Humanity Build Day

FCCD Helps In May!

- Food First
- P2P Postal Drive
- Habitat for Humanity Build Day
- Open Door Shelter** Cook/Serve

FCCD Helps In June!

- Food First
- The Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart fundraiser 6/2/16
- Open Door Shelter** Cook/Serve

* For more information or to help, please contact Heather Raker at hraker@me.com.

** The Open Door Shelter was formerly known as The Norwalk Emergency Shelter. Same place, new name!

*** Bring non-perishable food items to church on the first Sunday of each month.

Please Help!

The Outreach committee encourages church members 16 and older to get involved in our hands on projects! We will be cooking and serving for the Open Door Shelter (formerly Norwalk Emergency Shelter) on October 8th (cook 8:00 am at FCCD) and 9th (serve 11:45 am at the shelter).

We will be building for Habitat for Humanity in Bridgeport on Saturday, November 14th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Please lend a hand!

Contact Heather Raker at hraker@me.com to help!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
6TH ANNUAL TOWN WIDE EVENT IS AROUND THE CORNER
OCTOBER 17TH – 18TH, 2015
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

October 17th – 18th: 6th Annual FMSC Packing event at Middlesex Middle School. Sign up will open soon. We will keep you posted. Come help the Board of Outreach and the Churches of Darien pack 200,000 meals for hungry children around the world.

Any questions, please see Nina Miller (pokebox@aol.com) or Tracey Berry (tbcb@optonline.net)

“Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor.” --Proverbs 22:9

New(ish) Members Cocktail Party

Have You Joined Our Church in the Last Four Years?

If so, please join us for an inaugural New(ish) Members Cocktail Party!

Date: Saturday, Nov. 7th

Place: 18 Highland Ave., Darien (Ben and Karalesa DiFabio’s House)

Time: 7:00 pm

Please call Karalesa DiFabio with any questions! 203-202-9670



You're invited to join FCC church friends
for fun & fellowship at a

Fall Cocktail Party

Saturday, October 17
6:30 - 9:30 pm

Diane & Leo Schlinkert's home
3 North Rd (on Butler's Island) in Darien
(203) 655-3030 / dianeschlinkert@optonline.net

Bring a friend. Bring some food.
Or just come and enjoy the evening!

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Come As You Are

First Congregational Church of Darien

NEXT SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18.

5:00 P.M.

PARISH HALL FCCD



DEAR FAMILY & FRIENDS,

The First Congregational Church of Darien invites you to a series of Sunday afternoon Worship Services October 18, November 15, and December 20 -- 5:00 p.m. in the Circle Room of Parish Hall at FCCD.

We know that traditional Sunday morning worship doesn't work for everyone so we will be offering a Come As You Are worship service!



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 Gary M. Morello, with a short message and a combination of contemporary music, familiar hymns, upbeat choruses and prayerful songs. The First Congregational Church of Darien: 14 Brookside Road, Darien, CT 06820 (203) 655-0491 www.uccdarien.org



CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Confirmation Class, 11:15 in the Youth Room
Confirmand/Parent Dinner, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jim & Nancy Sheed

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Cooking for the Norwalk Emergency Shelter, 8:00 a.m. in the church kitchen
Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room
Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Serving at the Norwalk Emergency Shelter, 11:45 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

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

Gary Morello, *Interim Youth Minister* Mary Jo Colman, *Church School Director*

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

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

Dennis Hanlon, *Church Administrator*

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

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