



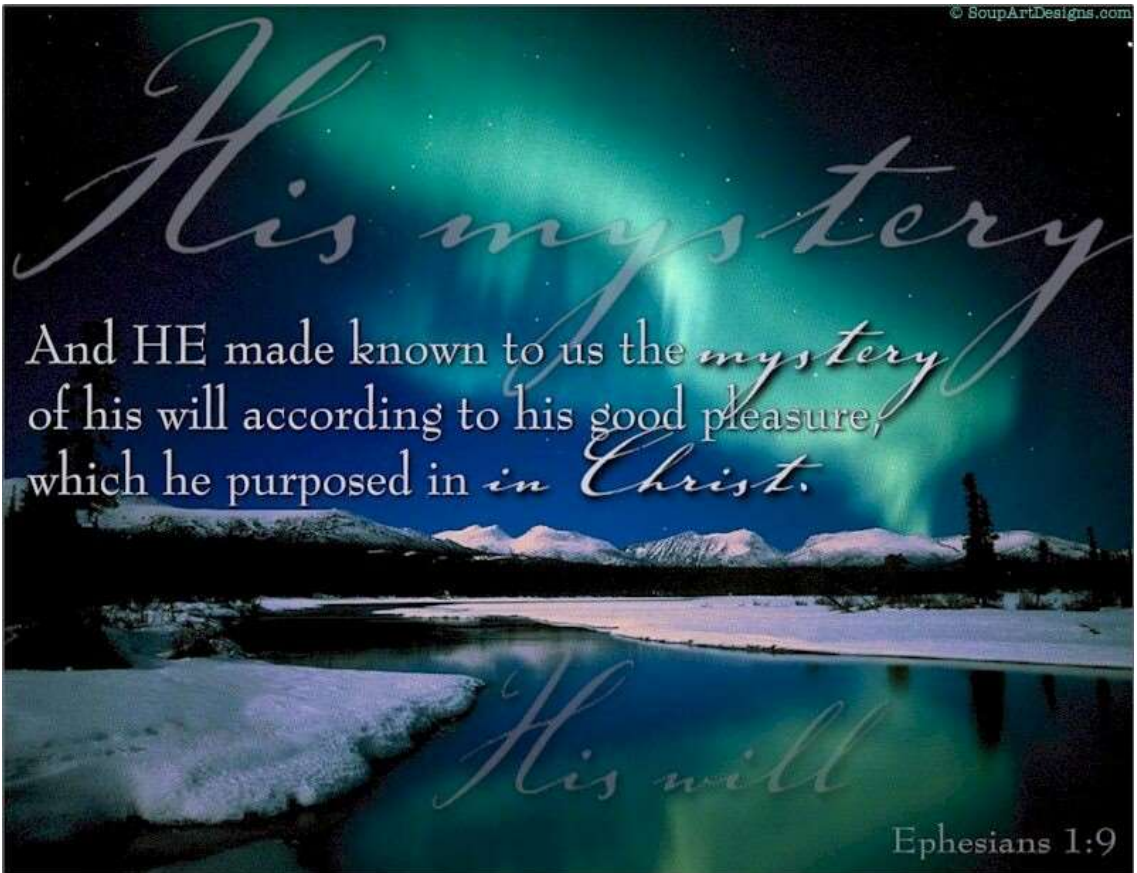
THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 11, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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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

Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Alan Mathis, CEO of Liberation Programs

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #7**

“IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

Let your minds ponder the manifold works of God.
Let your spirits soar amid the wonders of creation.

**Life pulsates in its fullness, all around us.
The earth teems with the creatures of God.**

Sun and rain proclaim God’s infinite imagination.
Moon and stars sing the glory of the Eternal One.

**All wisdom and insight come from God.
We depend upon God for the gift of life.**

We gather to worship and praise the God of all peoples.
We come to experience the God we only dimly perceive.

**We reach out for answers; we get better questions.
We yearn to find meaning and purpose for our days.**

***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 (10:00 only)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

EPISTLE LESSON

EPHESIANS 1.3-10

Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30 a.m.)
Stephen Weeden, Deacon (10:00 a.m.)

***HYMN #87**

“GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY”

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 10.17-31

Gary Morello

SERMON

“WRESTLING WITH THE WILL OF GOD”

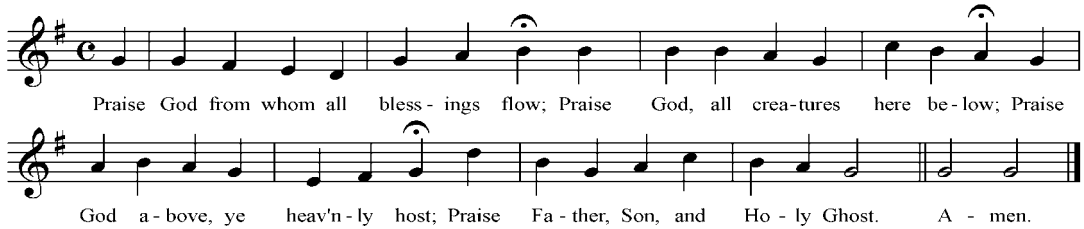
Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERTORY
(10:00 only)

“SEEK YE THE LORD”
Beth Grace and Senior Choir

J.V. Roberts

***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 entrusting us with prosperity. As we share a portion of it, we pray that our wealth not become too much the object of our affection. Focus us on people and relationships and what lasts eternally. We dedicate our time, funds and ourselves to your reign on earth, praying mercy for those our gifts touch. Amen.

***HYMN**

“HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”

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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Maxim Pakhomov

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TODAY'S FLOWERS

Today's flowers are dedicated to the Emiline Fatherley family.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Heather, Morgan & Sam (Confirmand) Lindell.

TODAY'S USHERS

Kristin Desautelle, Bill Lattimer (8:30 a.m.) and Steve Weeden.

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

Unison

1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the
 2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der
 3. When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er

shad-ows come, why should my heart be lone-ly
 word I hear, and rest-ing on his good-ness,
 clouds a-rise, when song gives place to sigh-ing,

and long for heaven and home, when Je-sus is my
 I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he
 when hope with-in me dies, I draw the clos-er

por-tion? My con-stant friend is he: his eye is
 lead-eth but one step I may see: his eye is
 to him, from care he sets me free: his eye is

(continued)

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his
on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his
on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his" repeated three times.

eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.
eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.
eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me." repeated three times.

Refrain Harmony
I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I
I'm hap-py,

The third system is labeled "Refrain Harmony" and features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I" and "I'm hap-py,".

sing be-cause I'm free, I'm free, for his eye is
I'm free,

The fourth system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "sing be-cause I'm free, I'm free, for his eye is" and "I'm free,".

on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

The fifth system concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me."

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission

This Sunday, October 11th we launch our “Minute for Mission” series at the 8:30 and 10:00 am services. As most of you know, 10% of pledge dollars fund the Outreach Budget, which is used to support over 20 organizations that help those who lack the most immediate, basic necessities, whether locally, nationally or internationally. Alan Mathis, CEO of Liberation Programs, will briefly address the congregation to thank us for our support of this important organization, which treats individuals with substance abuse, helping mostly our local disadvantaged population.

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

We 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 continue on Mondays 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!

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 (Home of Ben and Karalesa DiFabio)

Time: 7:00 pm

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

Please Help!

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!

From the Capella Family

We invite members of the church to join us for a light lunch and cake in celebration of the baptism of our 2 daughters, Yasiana and Nijah, at a special coffee hour, following the 10:00 a.m. service next Sunday, October 18!

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!

RSVP

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

OCTOBER 23, 2015



Mission: To strengthen the whole community by actively enhancing the healthy integration of immigrants.

75 Selleck Street Stamford, CT 06902 (203) 674-8585

Neighbors Link Stamford

The First Congregational Church of Darien will be hosting a big **Family Dinner at the NLS facility** (anticipated to be about 120 people) to get to know these new members of our Community at large. Come and get involved with the work of this fantastic charity.

Please be sure to put the date on your calendar and bring your family and friends for the evening, complete with Salsa music, to help us with a festive evening of fellowship:

- When: Friday, October 23, 2015
- Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Where: 75 Selleck Street, Stamford, CT

If you are unable to make the event, there will be other ways to help. Look for the sign-up sheets in Parish Hall for opportunities to provide a donation of time or money toward the making of the meal. We will also be asking for food donations, paper goods or monetary donations for the Salsa music.

Come one, Come all!

Kids Halloween Party, 11:00 - 1:00 Sunday October 25th

The youth group are hosting a kids Halloween Party after church on October 26th, Parish Hall will be transform into Halloween Hall - kids of all ages are encouraged to join in the fun!

- Much loved Halloween games including : Bobbing for Apples, Guess what's in the box, Donut on a string,
- Paint a pumpkin,
- Photo booth - Halloween costumes encouraged
- Learn a Halloween song
- Delicious Lunch

Please invite all your friends.

(\$5 donation per child suggested; funds raised to support youth group activities.)

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 – COLUMBUS DAY

Church Offices Closed

Board of Deacons, 7:45 p.m. in the Circle Room

Board of Stewards, 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Darien House Tour Meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

Confirmation Class, 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Room

“Come As You Are” worship service at 5:00 p.m.

Youth Group Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

Confirmand/Mentor Dinner at the home of Joe and Annie Pankowski

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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