



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

Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #204**

“REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

The Lord our God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love.

**Almighty God is good to all,
and God’s compassion rules.**

All that we do can express thanks to God,
and our faithfulness is how we bless God.

**Our day-to-day lives can glorify God,
and speak volumes of God’s power.**

All eyes look to God for life sustenance;
God opens his hand, satisfying our desire.

**God is just with us in every way,
and he cares in all of his dealings.**

***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

BAPTISM OF YASIANA AND NIJAH CAPELLA

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL (10:00 only)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ROMANS 8.11-17

Leo Schlinkert, Deacon (8:30 a.m.)

Theo Osgood, Deacon (10:00 a.m.)

***HYMN**

“WASH, O GOD, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS”

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WASH, O GOD, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Unison

1. Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, new-born creatures of your
2. Ev - 'ry day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may we be
3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined, all your

womb. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a -
foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, one with
fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your

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“WASH, O GOD, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS”

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noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 3:31-35

Gary Morello

SERMON

"FAMILY VALUES, REVISITED"

Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERTORY

“THE SERVANT SONG”

Richard Gillard

(10:00 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)

We give with joy, Loving God, in thanks for all that you allow us to experience. By your love, we have survived, learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts that more might be brought to the feet of Jesus, the hope of the world. Equip us as a caring community, in which all find a genuine welcome, lifting us up to new understandings and new joy. Amen.

***HYMN # 370**

“HE LEADETH ME, O BLESSED THOUGHT”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Maxim Pakhomov

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TODAY’S GREETERS

Tricia, Doug & Brianna (Confirmand) Lyons

TODAY’S USHERS

Kristin Desautelle, Karalesa DiFabio, Theo Osgood and Leo Schlinkert (8:30 a.m.)

TODAY’S BAPTISM FAMILY

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Yasiana (age 7) and Nijah Eneida (age 5) with their adoring parents, Steve and Hazel Capella.

The Capellas have been on this road of foster parents looking toward adoption for exactly three years and seven days with the two girls. More legal and administrative obstacles have been thrown in their path than they dreamed possible over those three years. But today is a day of sweet vindication of God calling them to be Yasiana's and Nijah's parents. Today our hearts are full of rejoicing as we share with them this occasion of the baptisms, and the covenant of raising these two girls as God's beloved children.

Grateful for the church's support through the highs and lows of this process, Steve and Hazel thankfully invite all present for a light lunch of finger food like wraps and in our Parish Hall following this hour of worship.

Hazel has been a member of First Congregational since 1997. Steve is a patent attorney with IBM and Hazel works with the Red Cross.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 two daughters, Yasiana and Nijah, at a special coffee hour, following this morning's 10:00 a.m. worship service.

From the Women's Association

This week we kick off the preparations for our Fall Fair to be held Sunday, November 22nd from 9:30 to 2:00. This is the only fundraiser we hold to raise money for our association. Did you all see the new chairs in the library that the Women's Association donated this year?

Craft Days and Evenings are scheduled, so dig out you glue guns and join me in the kitchen where we will make wonderful items to sell at the Fair.

Craft Days: Tuesdays 12:00-2:00. October, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17

Craft Evenings: Thursdays 6:00-8:00. October 22, 29

November 5, 12

Bake Nights are on Thursday and Friday, November 19 and 20. We will make delicious pies and quiches for the bake sale and for us to enjoy eating on Friday. Please plan to join in the fun!

Fall is a great time to do a closet clean out! We need items for our jumble sale, so clean out your gift closet and donate new or gently used items. The Jumble is a great place for the children to shop for gifts for friends and family.

The Vintage Jewelry area is another wonderful place to shop for both adults and children. Sift through your jewelry boxes and drawers to find pieces you no longer wear to donate. I have found several favorite pieces there!

There will be boxes on the stage for you to place your donated Jumble and Jewelry items.

Check the Women's Association's bulletin board for additional news.

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 p.m. 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!

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!



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

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OCTOBER 23, 2015
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.)

FCCD Helps!

Cook and Serve!

We will be cooking for and serving at the Open Door Shelter (formerly the Norwalk Emergency Shelter) on the following dates in November. Join us!

- Thursday, November 19th, 8:00 a.m. – Cook at the FCCD kitchen
- Friday, November 20th, 11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Serve at the Open Door Shelter, 4 Merritt Street, South Norwalk. Must be 16 or older to serve.

Donate grocery items ... Food First!

On the first Sunday of each month, we collect non-perishable food items for our local shelters, the Open Door Shelter and Shelter for the Homeless. However, we now have bins on the stage in parish hall so that you can donate any time. Fill ‘em up!

Build!

We will be building for Habitat for Humanity in Bridgeport in November. No skills needed, just a willing body and heart! Must be 16 or older.

- Saturday, November 14th, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We also look forward to welcoming Habitat for Humanity for our second “minute for mission” at the November 1st worship services. They will share with us the important work that they are doing transform neighborhoods and build better lives.

The 2016 Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart!

We raised over \$60,000 for our outreach beneficiaries, including Person-to-Person, through our inaugural house tour last June. Planning is now underway for the second house tour which will take place on June 2nd with a celebratory after party on June 3rd. The planning committee is excited to announce our primary beneficiary, *Darien’s Thriving Youth Initiative*, The Community Fund of Darien’s new program that seeks to address the issues of youth mental health in our community. We need lots of help to pull off a second fabulous tour and party so please get involved!

Contact Heather Raker at hraker@me.com to help with any of the above!

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Confirmation Class, 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Room
“Come As You Are” worship service at 5:00 p.m. in the Circle Room
Youth Group Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room
Confirmand/Mentor Dinner at the home of Joe and Annie Pankowski

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

WA Craft Day, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Church Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Costa Rica/Habitat Trip Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Morehouse Room
Church Council, 8:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room
WA Craft Evening, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Church Kitchen
Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 (4TH GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY)

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Kids Halloween Party, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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*

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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