



**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 #363**

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

God gathers his people from various places.  
None of us is worthy, but all of us are invited.

**God cares for us in our hope and aspiration.  
He lifts us up as we stumble, to lead us back.**

In this, we are delivered of our fears and troubles.  
Peace unto all who take refuge in our loving God.

**Laughter and joyous singing well up within us.  
We utter shouts of praise for God’s faithfulness.**

**(All uniting)**

**We trust in the Almighty One who awakens joy amid our sorrows.  
We bless God in all times and places. We exalt his name together.**


**\*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

**JR. CHOIR ANTHEM**

**“SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST”**  
JUNIOR CHOIR

Healey Willan

**PRESENTATION OF FOURTH GRADE BIBLES (10:00 only)**

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

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

JOB 42.1-6, 10-17

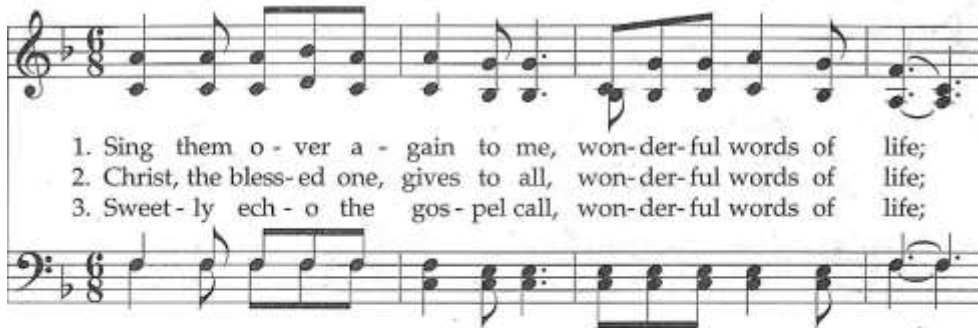
Kathy Monroe, Deacon (8:30 a.m.)  
Anne MacInnes, Deacon (10:00 a.m.)

**\*HYMN**

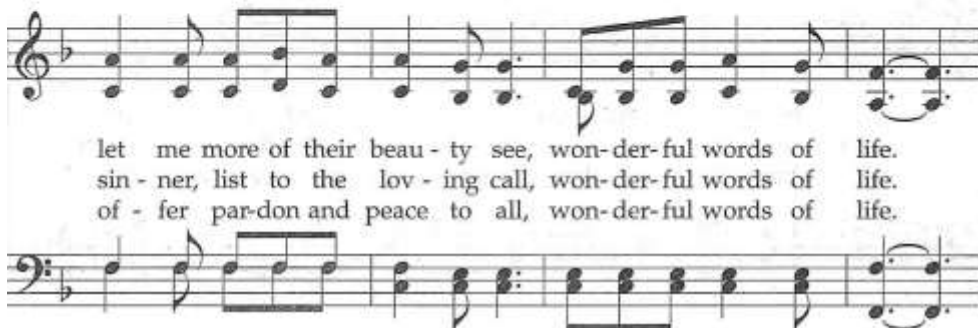
**“WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE”**

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## WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE



1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won - der - ful words of life;  
2. Christ, the bless - ed one, gives to all, won - der - ful words of life;  
3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won - der - ful words of life;



let me more of their beau - ty see, won - der - ful words of life.  
sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, won - der - ful words of life.  
of - fer par - don and peace to all, won - der - ful words of life.



Words of life and beau - ty, teach me faith and du - ty;  
All so free - ly giv - en, woo - ing us to heav - en;  
Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er;

*Refrain*



beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life,

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE (*continued*)



**GOSPEL LESSON**

MARK 12:1-12

Gary Morello

**SERMON**

“WHAT IS IN IT FOR GOD?”

Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERTORY**

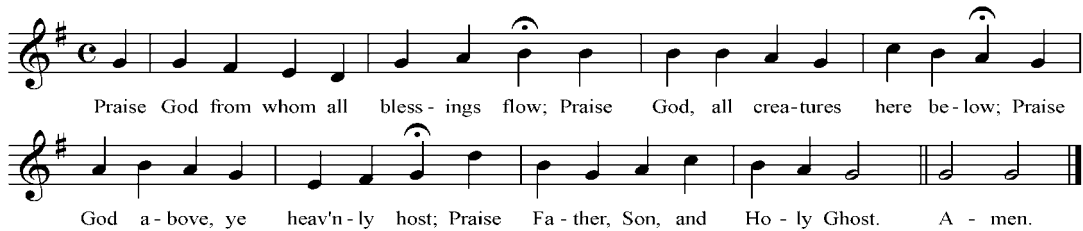
“THE SUMMONS”

Arr. J.L. Bell

(10:00 only)

Soloist and Senior Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY** (10:00 only)



**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (10:00 only)

(unison)

**Hear our prayer, O God, for all who might be helped by what we give. We would offer more than money, even ourselves. May any comfort we extend to those in need serve to draw them closer to you. Strengthen us, that First Congregational Church would become radiant in its witness to the truth, ever opposed to evil, and actively redeem this broken world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

**POSTLUDE**

Maxim Pakhomov

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**TODAY'S GREETERS** Carrie and Tatum(Confirmand) Bernier

**TODAY'S USHERS** Mary Ann Freeman, Anne MacInnes and Brad Westbrook.

# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow`of  
2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their  
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;  
cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness  
cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

*Refrain*  
as thou hast been thou for-ev-er will be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.  
bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have

need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *This Morning's Bible Recipients*

*Chloe Bortel*

*Erika Clough*

*Bennett Thomas Cramer*

*Caroline Hopkins Young*

*Trip Hurley*

*Thea Elizabeth Kline*

*Katherine Lindell*

*Callaghan O'Shaughnessy Nickerson*

*Samantha Tucker Taylor*

### *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.

### *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. 7<sup>th</sup>

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

### **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 27  
November 3, 10, 17

Craft Evenings: Thursdays 6:00-8:00    October 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.

### **Please Help!**

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

Please lend a hand!

Contact Heather Raker at [hraker@me.com](mailto:hraker@me.com) to help!

### **Office Phones**

On Thursday, October 29, we will be having new telephone lines installed for the church office (all church phone numbers will remain the same!). If you experience any problems reaching the church during this installation on the 29<sup>th</sup>, please try contacting us via email ([dhanlon@uccdarien.org](mailto:dhanlon@uccdarien.org)) or call Dennis Hanlon's cell phone (914) 393-6276. Thank you.



## **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 19<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00 a.m. – Cook at the FCCD kitchen
- **Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

### **Turkey Distribution!**

We will be distributing Thanksgiving turkeys at the Open Door Shelter.

Lots of helping hands needed!

**Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., the Open Door Shelter, 4 Merritt Street, South Norwalk.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **Minute for Mission**

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

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**FCCD Helps!** *(continued)*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> with a celebratory after party on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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](mailto:hraker@me.com) to help with any of the above!**

**The Board of Christian Outreach thanks you for your support of these important projects!**

*Gayle Appleby, Lindsay Atha, Tracey Berry, Yvette Borecki, Anna Denoyer, Joanne Gabriel, Lora Grassilli, Vince Hough, Annette Madden-Kline, Wendy Mulligan, Heather Raker, Charlie Wetmore*

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before bed  
Next Saturday night (10/31)  
and to change the batteries in your smoke & CO detectors!



Please join our youth for our annual Mission Trip Sunday service.  
Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
A traditional service with some youth inspiration is on tap!

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **TODAY**

Kids Halloween Party, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 26**

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

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Classics Book Group, 3:00 p.m. in the Morehouse Room  
Care, Connect, Communicate, 7:00 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29**

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, NOVEMBER 1**

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