



## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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***ALL SAINTS SUNDAY***  
***November 1, 2015***  
***8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.***



*The ache for home  
lives in all of us,  
the safe place  
where we can go  
as we are and not  
be questioned.  
~Maya Angelou*

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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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #306**

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS”

*(omit v. 3)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

How often do we imagine God as distant and far?  
God is not off afar in heaven. He is here and now.

**We wait in silence for God’s appearing.  
Come, Holy One, to wipe away our tears.**

Stretch out your hands and open up your hearts.  
Purify yourself, for the presence of the Holy One.

**We can sense God’s blessing, pursuing us.  
God reaches out to comfort and cleanse us.**

The earth and everything within it are of God.  
The world and all peoples are God’s children.

**We are God’s people, called and saved by Christ.  
We are God’s saints, sharing in Christ’s ministry.**

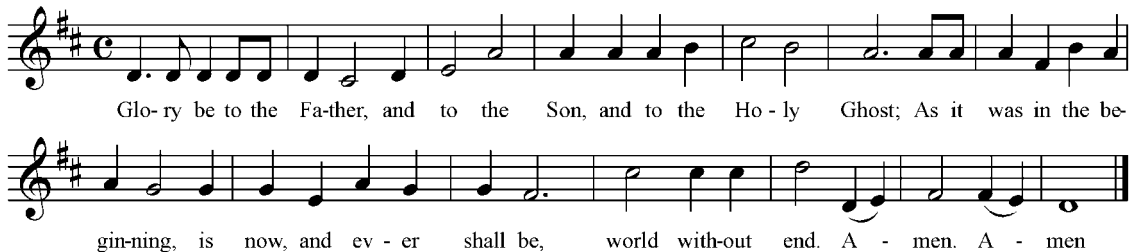
**\*OPENING PRAYER**

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 DISMISSAL (10:00 only)**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

ISAIAH 25:6-9

Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30)  
Mandy Teare, Deacon (10:00)

**\*HYMN**

“ONE BREAD, ONE BODY”

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**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

REVELATION 21:1-6

Gary Morello

**SERMON**

“HOW CAN WE FIND OUR WAY HOME?”

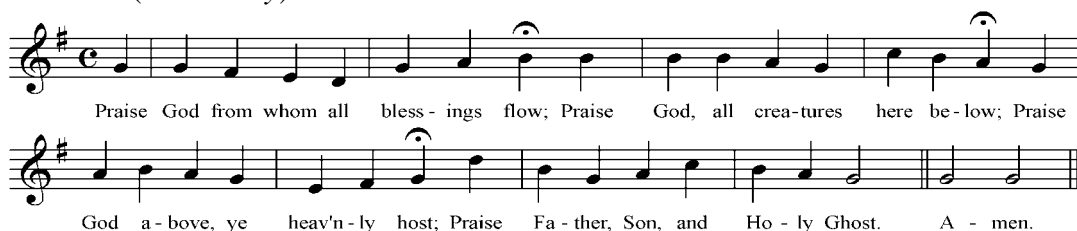
Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERTORY**  
(10:00 only)

“GOD BE IN MY HEAD” (*Book of Hours*)  
Senior Choir

Andrew Carter

**\*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 pray to you, O God, who wipes away our tears, to use our lives to soothe others. Where pain and suffering rage, send what we give to help. Where doubt and despair afflict, send the comforts these offerings support. We can make a difference here and now. Our giving now is how we stake our claim in that hope. 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**

**NECROLOGY**

Nancy Noble, Leo Cochrane and those named by the congregation.

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*(unison)*

**Lord Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks for what you have given us in this bread and cup. Fed and renewed by your life in us - we go now to share that life with others. Send us forth equipped with the power of your Spirit to spread the message of your love and compassion to all whom we meet. Amen**

### \*HYMN

“SOFTLY AND TENDERLY”

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### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Rosenberger

### POSTLUDE

Mr. Pakhomov

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TODAY’S GREETERS are Doug and Sue Robbins.

TODAY’S USHERS are April Barker, Bill Lattimer, Al Nickerson and Mandy Teare.

TODAY’S MUSIC “**One Bread, One Body,**” Words and Music by John Foley.  
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“**Softly and Tenderly,**” Words and Music by Will L. Thompson, 1880. Public Domain



**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!

# ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain (Unison)

D7 G C G C G D Em B

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

Em D G Em A7 D7

one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And

G C G C G D Em B

we, though man-y through-out the earth,

Em D G Em A7 D7 G C (G) Fine

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

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## ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (continued)

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all. One  
gath - ered to one, for all.

### ***OUR CONGREGATION'S MISSION STATEMENT***

*We are a congregation that sees the image of God in one another and follows the teachings of Jesus.*

*We are a congregation of progressive and open faith that seeks not to convince, but to listen and discern truth through discussion, education and prayer.*

*We are a congregation of justice that sees and responds to the needs of others and is willing to stand against the winds of popular opinion.*

*We are a congregation of people who respect and care for one another and enthusiastically participate in the life, legacy and work of our historic church.*

*All are welcome to share in our work of the present, and our hope for the future.*

## SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
2. Why should we lin - ger when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
3. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

call - ing for you and for me; pa - tient and lov - ing, he's  
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we wait, then, and  
prom - ised for you and for me; tho' we have sinned he has

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.  
heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?  
mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

*Refrain*  
Come home, come home, ye who are  
Come home, come home,

The Refrain section begins with the word "Refrain" written above the first staff. The melody is more melodic and features a prominent line for the vocal part. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

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## SOFTLY AND TENDERLY (*continued*)

wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,  
Je - sus is call - ing— call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Softly and Tenderly". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics "wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,". The second system contains the lyrics "Je - sus is call - ing— call - ing, 'O sin - ner, come home!'". The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *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

### *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!

### **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      November 3, 10, 17

Craft Evenings: Thursdays 6:00-8:00      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!

### **Church School News**

This past Sunday service was filled with eyes of encouragement and support as the 4th graders received their Bibles. The air was filled with a spiritual warmth and reflected the unity in the congregation. The Sunday ahead leads us to the Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-30). Leading our life in God's light will lead us out of darkness. A sincere thank you to all of our devoted teachers as they devote their Sunday mornings to enlighten our youth!

We wish to have at least one more teacher on board, if you can give some time, please contact Mary Jo Colman; [mjcolman@uccdarien.org](mailto:mjcolman@uccdarien.org).

## **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.

### **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*

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## TODAY

Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

WA Craft Day, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Church Kitchen  
Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room  
Board of Christian Outreach, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Night Owls, 6:30 p.m. in the Church Kitchen and Parish Hall

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

No Bible Study  
WA Craft Evening, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Church Kitchen  
Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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*