

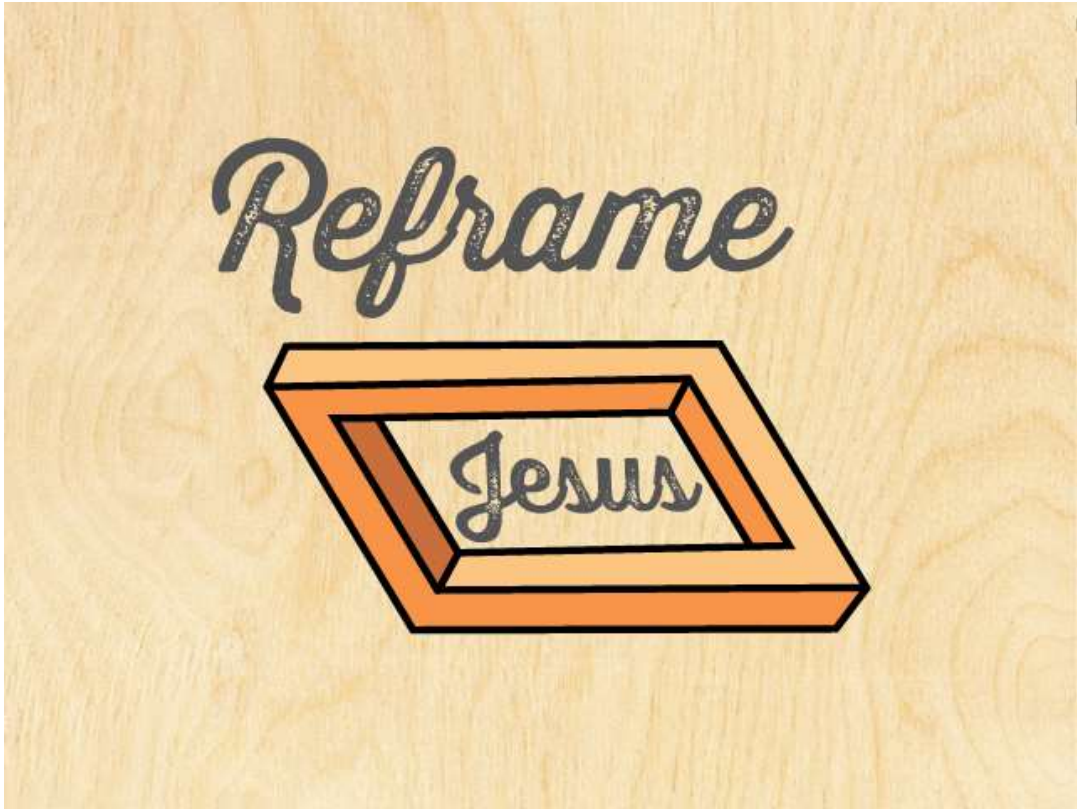


THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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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.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Morello, Interim Youth Minister

***HYMN**

“OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)”

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(PSALM 19:9 *responsively*)

Nathan Gleason

Leader: How can young people keep their way pure?

People: By guarding it according to your word.

Leader: With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.

**People: I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Nathan Gleason

***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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE DISMISSAL (10:00 only) Sam Gleason
*Children 3 to 3rd Grade will head to Church School.
Children in Grades 4-7 will remain in the service.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS Gary Morello

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON DANIEL 1:14-20 Ellie Brennan

VIDEO MONTAGE (8:30)
***HYMN** (10:00) “HOW HE LOVES ME” (page 5)

GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 2:41-52 Cameron Appleby

SERMON “YOUTH MISSION SUNDAY, ACCIDENT MD” Samantha Berry & Josh Gleason

OFFERTORY “THIS IS AMAZING GRACE”
& VIDEO MONTAGE (10:00 only)

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

God of life and life anew, we bring our offerings, our symbols of faith and our hearts to you this day. We seek your renewing Spirit so that we can make new beginnings with openness and trust. Help us to be open to new ways of seeing, to new avenues of acting, to a renewal of our relationships, so that we can join you in making all things new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** “DAYS OF ELIJAH” (page 6)

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dale Rosenberger

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TODAY’S GREETERS Sarah and Jim Gleason.

TODAY’S USHERS Cameron Appleby, Samantha Berry, Ellie Brennan, Karen Brennan, Josh Gleason, Nathan Gleason and Sam Gleason.

OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

Artist: Hillsong

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep
My faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand
Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start
now

So I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

[6x]

Spirit lead me where my trust is without
borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever
wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

Oh, Jesus, you're my God!

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

HOW HE LOVES

originally by John Mark McMillan

He is jealous for me,
Loves like a hurricane, I am a tree,
Bending beneath the weight of His wind
and mercy.
When all of a sudden,
I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed
by glory,
And I realize just how beautiful You are,
And how great Your affections are for me.

And oh, how He loves us, oh,
Oh, how He loves us,
How He loves us all

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Yeah, He loves us,
Oh, how He loves us,
Oh, how He loves us,
Oh, how He loves.

And we are His portion and He is our prize,
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His
eyes,
If his grace is an ocean, we're all sinking.
And Heaven meets earth like an unforeseen
kiss,
And my heart turns violently inside of my
chest,
I don't have time to maintain these regrets,
When I think about the way...

That He loves us,
Oh, how He loves us,
Oh, how He loves us,
Oh, how He loves.
Yeah, He loves us,
Oh, how He loves us,
Oh, how He loves us,
Oh, how He loves.

Yeah, He loves us,
Oh, how He loves us...
Oh, how He loves us...
Oh, how He loves us.

DAYS OF ELIJAH

Artist: Hillsong

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of your servant,
Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus:

Behold, He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
Lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes

These are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of your servant,
David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Repeat Chorus x2

Lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School News

What an amazing turn out last Sunday! At Sunday school the lower grades made boats to go with parting of the Red Sea pictures. Much discussion was had about leaders in our lives who lead us in the right direction. **Today**, the Sunday school children will be gathering together to engage in a Thanks activity, and beginning to familiarize themselves with songs from the Pageant. Next weeks lesson is the Ten Commandments.

We are looking for a couple of teachers to rotate in grades 4/5 & 3/4. Please consider joining our team of devoted teachers!

From the Women's Association

This week we continue our 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 10, 17

Craft Evening: Thursday 6:00-8:00 November 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.

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!

Get Involved = 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.

Turkey Distribution

We will be distributing Thanksgiving turkeys at the Open Door Shelter. Lots of helping hands needed! Sign up to assist with the distribution to all participants at Open Door Shelter will be in Parish Hall or contact Heather Raker directly at the email below.

- **Tuesday November 24th**, 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!

Habitat for Humanity Build Date: November 14th, 2015

Last Sunday, we welcomed Jocelyn Keith from Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County, and soon-to-be homeowner, Rosalynn Hershiser with her two daughters, Bianca & Destini. During our "minute for mission", they thanked First Congregational Church of Darien for our role in helping to transform neighborhoods and better the lives of hardworking people in Bridgeport. We support Habitat through our financial donations (10% of pledges + proceeds from the House Tour go to our Outreach Budget which supports approximately 20 organizations) and as hard working volunteers.

We will soon be building for Habitat for Humanity in Bridgeport. 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.**

Get Involved = 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 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

The Board of Christian Outreach thanks you for your support!

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

2016 Pledge Campaign

First Congregational Church of Darien is a pretty amazing place! We are a strong, vital, gifted, spirited and caring church community. The wonderful growth and momentum in 2015 does not mean we need you less, it means we need you more! So much of what we hoped and dreamed for has unfolded. Now we gladly step forward to underwrite our prayers, the prayer of many, as we see them take shape. We need your talents, we need your time and we need your continued financial support. In the coming week, you will receive a letter in the mail asking you to take part in the 2016 pledge campaign, which supports the general operations of our church.

Every member dollar counts and we are praying for full membership participation this year!

2016 Pledge Committee

Caroline Burke, Gary Holmes, Doug Kline, Jared MacLane, Leila Wetmore, Susan Wilson



Save the Date!

The Board of Christian Education will be hosting its annual

Advent Celebration

on Sunday, December 6

4:00-6:30 p.m.

(\$20.00 per family, or \$5.00 per person)

All Are Welcome!

Invite a friend or neighbor. There will be something for everyone.

4:00 p.m.

Come make ornaments for your tree and for our Church Friends (those not able to get out much for the holidays).

5:00 p.m.

Carols in the Meetinghouse

5:30 p.m.

Family Dinner in Parish Hall

An e-vite with RSVP and food signups will be out soon.

Questions: Please e-mail Karen Brennan,

kbrennan1567@gmail.com

*The Women's Association of the
First Congregational Church of Darien
invites friends of all ages to it's*

Fall Fair

**Sunday, November 22nd
from 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m.**

Get a Jump on Your Holiday Gifts:

Baked Goods, Vermont Cheese,
Holiday Crafts, Vintage Jewelry,

Local Vendors

Tag Sale Items

Free Fun for All:

Arts and Crafts for Kids in Youth Room

Raffle

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

Board of Deacons, 7:30 p.m. in the Circle Room

Board of Stewards, 7:45 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Habitat for Humanity “Build Day”, 8:30 a.m., Bridgeport

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

Come As You Are Service, 4:30 p.m. in Parish Hall (*note the new time!*)

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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