

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger, in the Nursery School wing starting <u>at 9:45 a.m.</u>

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

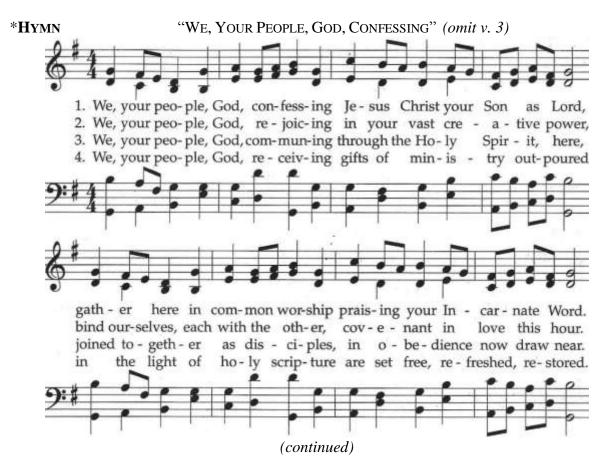
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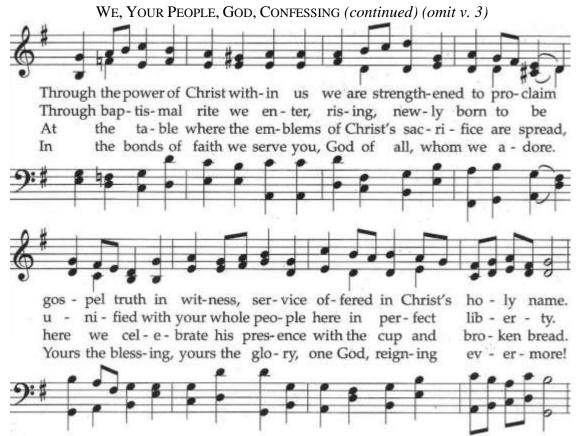
Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE





*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather from many scattered places of life, God's voice calls us, the very God who names us.

We all yearn to be truly known for who we are; not for what others think we are supposed to be.

Reach out to claim all the gifts God has given you, unlike any other. We are gifted, singly and together.

Once we are affirmed as belonging to God, the Spirit inspires and empowers us to live.

(All uniting)

God uniquely and distinctively gifts each of us; but no one of us is greater than the community.

***OPENING PRAYER**

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONACTS 8:14-17Marianne Lauer, Deacon (8:30)
, Deacon (10:00)

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

"I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY" *HYMN ing I'll be was there born -CTY, 1. I to hear your der of the word . I was 3. When you heard the won of your life, not too 5. In mid the dle a ges I'll be was there born - ing 7. I to hear your cry, D G D D re - joiced the day you old. Т there when you are you were raised to praise the to cheer you there on; to guide you no long - er 1'11 be there old, young, the day you re - joiced when you are old. I there (continued)

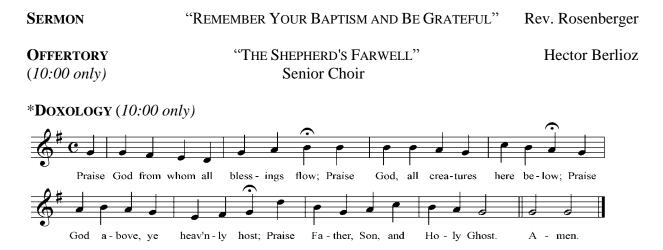
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GOSPEL LESSONLUKE 3:15-17, 21-22Rev. RosenbergerAs the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning

As the people were fined with expectation, and an were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



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

(unison)

We pray, O God, that our gifts would invite your delight. We bring them for all seeking to grasp themselves in light of how you see us rather than how others perceive us. May the weary find hope, the broken find healing, and the captives enjoy new freedom as we become who you made us to be. Let no idol stand between us and you, we pray. Amen.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Greeting

BLESSING OF THE WATER

*REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

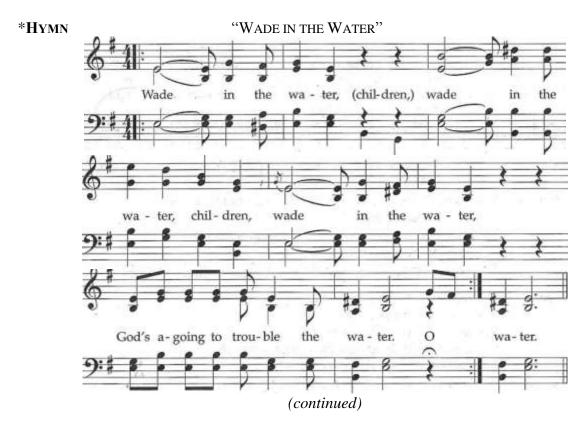
INVITATION TO THE WATER

SERVICE OF WATER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER

("debts....debtors")





***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Mr. Pakhomov

TODAY'S USHERS are Mary Ann Freeman, Marianne Lauer (8:30 a.m.) and Anne MacInnes.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMPANION HYMNALS - DON'T MISS OUT !!!

The new blue companion hymnals have arrived!! For \$25 each, why not have one or two in your favorite pew with your name or a loves ones name personalized inside?? These new hymnals will complement the Pilgrim Hymnals. Only a limited number are in stock, so do not delay! Stop by and take a look at our display table during coffee hour!!

Questions, please contact kristindesautelle@gmail.com. Thank you!

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The First Congregational Church Nursery School is offering tours weekdays at 10:00am beginning November 28th for the school year 2017-2018. Please call 203 655-3150 to schedule a tour. There will also be an Open House on January 8th, 2:00 - 3:30. Church members receive priority placement.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you made a pledge for 2017, your Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up and can be found on the table, outside the church office. If you do not see envelopes with your name, and would like offering envelopes, please contact Karen Hansen at <u>KHansen@uccdarien.org</u>.

FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR, DANIEL HAGUE

Sunday, January 15 is a *Show Up And Sing Sunday*. Meet in Chapel at 9 a.m., learn the anthem of the day and sing at the 10 am Service. See you then.

CHURCH CALENDAR

<u>TODAY</u> <u>CONFIRMATION CLASS, 5:00 P.M.</u>

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. in the Office Wing Mtg. Room Board of Deacons, 7:45 p.m. in the Circle Room Board of Stewards, 7:45 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

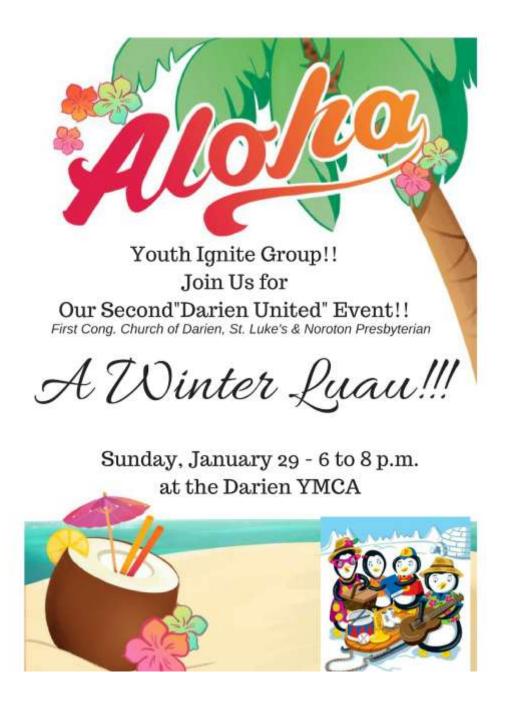
Night Owls, 6:00 p.m. in the Church Kitchen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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.

Sunday services are at 8:30 am and 10:00 am

Visit us at <u>www.uccdarien.org</u>.



Ministers: Every member of the congregation. Clergy and Staff: The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister (<u>emergency pager</u>) 1-(203) 368-7789 Gary M. Morello, Associate Minister The Rev. Ronald T. Evans, Pastor Emeritus Mary Jo Colman, Church School Director Daniel Hague, Music Director Maxim Pakhomov, Organist Teri Manning, Nursery School Director Karen Hansen, Treasurer Pamela Toason, Church Administrator (M, T) Dennis Hanlon, Church Administrator (W, Th, Fri) Carlos Maya, Weekday Sexton Ruth Salazar, Sunday Sexton

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