



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

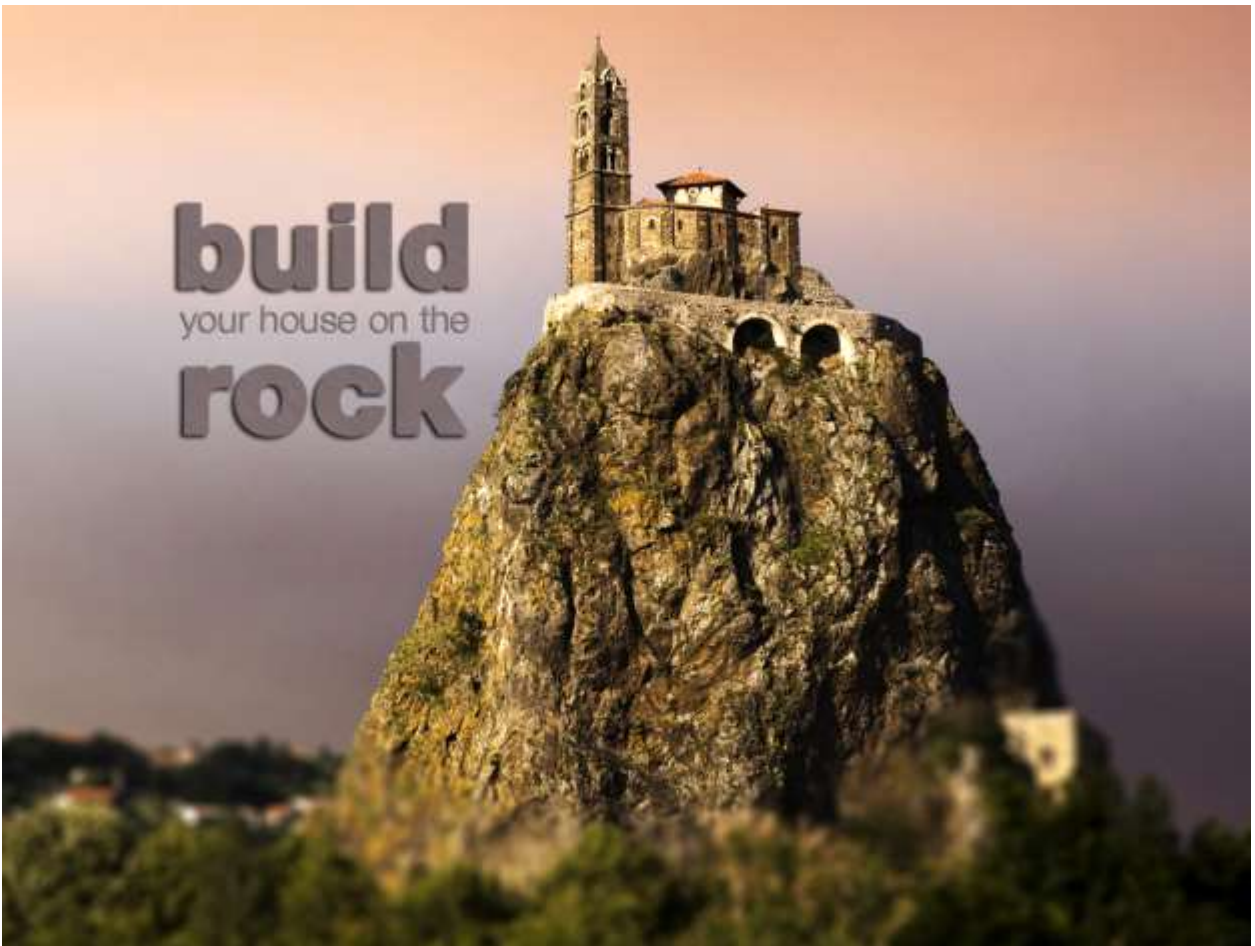
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June 5, 2016

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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. Daniel Hague

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger, Pastor

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of-fend-er who
joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high-er, and

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY” (continued)

tone-ment for sin, and o-pen-ed the life-gate that all may go in.
tru - ly be-lieves, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par-don re - ceives.
great - er will be our won-der, our trans-port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re-joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo-ry, great things he hath done!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsively*)

Mr. Gary Morello, Associate Minister

Powerful Spirit, strong Wind –

Stirring us to life, breathing hope into despair.

Warming Spirit, dancing Flame –

Kindling joy and filling us with courage.

Comforting Spirit, gentle Breeze –

Refreshing our weariness, softening our grief.

Wise Spirit, blazing Fire –

Illuminating our path, casting out the darkness.

Holy Spirit, soaring Dove –

Calling us to worship, filling us with love.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***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 LESSON

I SAMUEL 16:4-12
(see inside back cover)

Leo Schlinkert, Deacon (8:30)
Gary Holmes, Deacon (10:00)

***HYMN**

“IF WE HAVE DIED TO OURSELVES”

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in 3/4 time, key of G minor. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "If we have died to our - selves in Je - sus, then we shall a - rise to new life in him. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" The chords are: Gm, EbM7, F, Gm, Cm, Gm, D7, C, Gm, Dm7, Gm.

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 6:46-49
(see inside back cover)

Rev. Rosenberger

SERMON

“LESSONS FOR A COMEBACK”

OFFERTORY (10:00 only)**AVE VERUM CORPUS**
Senior Choir

F. de Peñalosa

Hail true Body born of the Virgin Mary: Who did'st truly suffer, and was sacrificed on the cross for man's redemption: From whose pierced side flowed blood: Be to us a source of consolation at our last hour. O sweet, O holy, O Jesu Son of Mary, have mercy on us.

***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 praise you with joy, Lord God, for the gospel that extends our human vision and challenges our fleeting traditions. We commit ourselves and our gifts to the sharing of life-giving news of Christ's daily acts of love. Equip us in word and deed to be the people, speak the comfort, and bring the actions you intend. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**INVITATION****CALL TO PRAYER**

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| (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

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(unison)

We give thanks, O Lord, for your unfailing love and your wonderful deeds on our behalf. You have fed us with the bread of life and the wine of forgiveness. We praise you for your Son, whose sacrifice has purchased our pardon. Unite us to you and to our neighbor, through your presence and grace in this holy meal. Help us, O God, to leave this place transformed, and committed to living lives that proclaim the Gospel of salvation. Amen.

***HYMN**

“GOD OF OUR LIFE”

(next page)

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Daniel Hague

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Join us following the 10 a.m. service, in the upper parking lot, for the “**Blessing of the Rolling Fleet**,” where our vintage cars, daily drivers, trusty trucks and sports cars will be blessed – along with their loving owners and families. *(Rain date, June 12)*

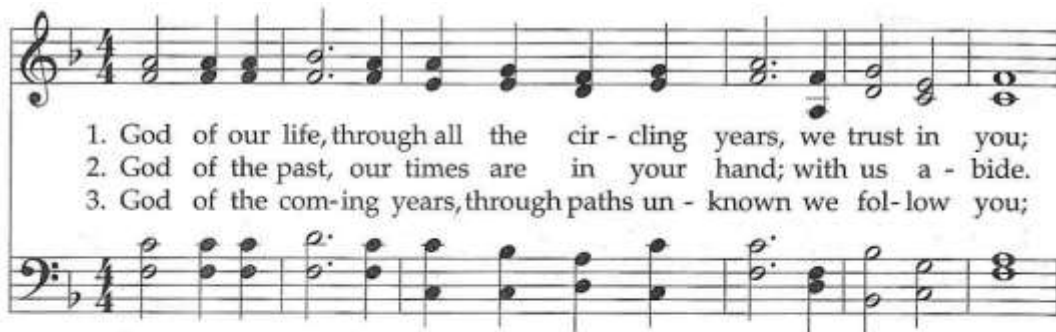
TODAY’S GREETERS are the Weeden family; Steve, Rebecca, Michael, Sadie and Charlie.

TODAY’S USHERS are Lou Converse, Gary Holmes and Leo Schlinkert (8:30).

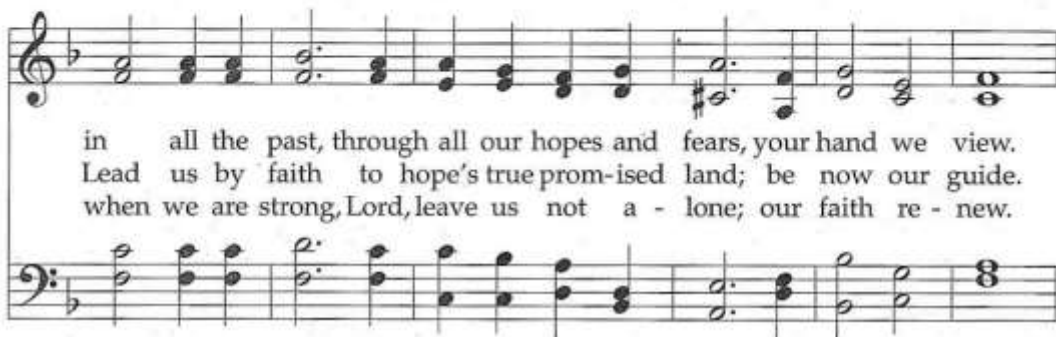
TODAY’S FLOWERS are in memory of Capt. Alan R. Morehouse.

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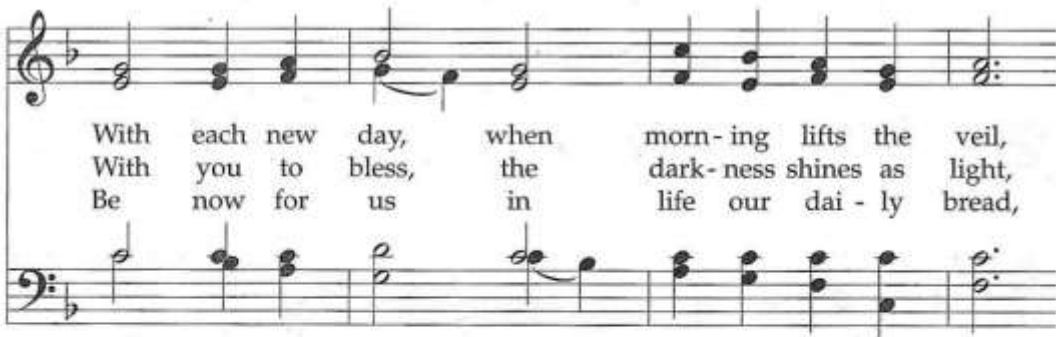
"GOD OF OUR LIFE"



1. God of our life, through all the cir - cling years, we trust in you;
2. God of the past, our times are in your hand; with us a - bide.
3. God of the com - ing years, through paths un - known we fol - low you;



in all the past, through all our hopes and fears, your hand we view.
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom - ised land; be now our guide.
when we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone; our faith re - new.



With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
With you to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
Be now for us in life our dai - ly bread,



we own your mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
and faith's fair vi - sion chan - ges in - to sight.
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE: CELEBRATION SUNDAY -- JUNE 12 AT 10:00 A.M.

You are invited to a special Sunday service to celebrate a wonderful year for all our young people and our church community. A traditional service with fun and flare is being planned by the Board of Christian Education to celebrate our children ages newborn through college. Gary Morello will deliver the sermon and we'll honor our Church School teachers, and recognize our graduating high school and college graduates. An ice cream social for all will follow the service on the church lawn. The Youth Group will welcome back graduates at 12:00 p.m. with a BBQ outside the new Youth Room. We have much to give thanks for and celebrate -- we hope you'll join us!

TEACHER RECRUITMENT FOR CHURCH SCHOOL 2016-17 IS NOW OPEN

It's that time of year when, as we close the chapter on Church School, we begin to look ahead to the next program year. We invite all members of the FCC family to be part of our Church School teaching team in 2016-17. In order to staff our classrooms and stay aligned with Safe Church practices, we need SIX teachers for each team: Preschool; Kindergarten/1st Grades; 2nd/3rd Grades, 4th-7th Grades. You will always teach in a team of two, approximately one Sunday per month. Guided lessons and materials are prepared for you, and two teacher meetings (Fall & Winter) will get you ready to teach. It's important that all parents take a turn teaching over the years. The Board of Christian Education recommends that every parent teach two years for each child they have in the program. Moms and dads are welcome! Seasoned parishioners who no longer have children in the program, but who wish to give back, are encouraged as well. Please consider volunteering some of your time next year in joining our Church School team! You can sign up by clicking on the link offered here: (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4FAFA62EA02-church1>).

If you have questions, please contact MJ Colman at mjcolman@gmail.com.

COMPANION HYMNALS - DON'T MISS OUT!!!

Over the summer, the new blue companion hymnals will be arriving!! 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 being ordered, so don't delay! Order forms are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

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



CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 6

Music Committee, 7:00 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Karen Brennan
Board of Christian Outreach, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.
“Celebration Sunday” Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

I SAMUEL 16:4-12

Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.’ But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’

LUKE 6:46-49

‘Why do you call me “Lord, Lord”, and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.’

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

Gary 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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