



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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## ***Nursery/Cry Room (Age 0 - 2)***

*A drop-off nursery is available to children age 2 and younger in the Nursery School wing from 9:55AM through the close of the service on Sundays. Please drop off nursery-age children at or before the other children are released for Church School. A cry-room is also available in the library outside of the right side door of the Meeting House.*

## ***Church School (Age 3 - Grade 5)***

*Children are always welcome at our worship services. Most Sundays, children ages 3 - Grade 5 are released for Church School (before "Joys and Concerns") with Mrs. G. and the FCC Church School teachers for a time of fun and learning.*

***\*Those who are able are invited to stand***

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Gary Morello, Associate Minister

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SONG**

**"GOOD, GOOD FATHER"**  
Christine Geeding

Chris Tomlin

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

It is good to give thanks to God.  
Come, as you are and worship our Creator.

**God knows our troubles and remembers our needs.  
Our petitions are answered and our hearts desires fulfilled.**

Declare God's steadfast love and faithfulness.  
Seek God's help and trust.

**We know that God will help the anointed ones.  
Our pride is in God alone.**

Listen for the voice of God, speaking to us again.  
How great is our God, our rock and defender!

**God will respond when we call.  
We will bear fruit for God as long as life endures.**

**\*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 MESSAGE/DISMISSAL (10:00 only)**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

DEUTERONOMY :1-9

, Deacon (8:30)

Phil Meyer, Deacon (10:00)

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**\*HYMN #418**

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

**GOSPEL LESSON**

MATTHEW 2:13-15

Rev. Morello

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’

**SERMON**

"FIRST TIME FATHERS"

Rev. Morello

**OFFERTORY (10:00 only)**

“THE OLD MAN”  
Daniel Hague

Phil Coulter

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

**All that we have is yours, O God. What we present for the church’s use is no sacrifice. We are privileged to share good news in word and deed. May the time and talents and treasures we invest extend our common ministry. We would no longer live just for ourselves but for the realization of your reign among us. Let all things become new as we give our best. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #485**

“THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD”

(see page 5)

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Gary Morello

**POSTLUDE**

Mr. Pakhomov

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**TODAY’S USHERS** are Marianne Lauer (8:30), Frank Burke, Phil Meyer and Dave Sealy. (10:00)

# THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

*In unison*

1 This is my Fa-ther's world; And to my lis-tening ears, All  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise, The  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; Oh, let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 Lord is king; let the heav - ens ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad.



## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

*The Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart* raised record sums for our beneficiaries! A beautiful day, over 100 volunteers, and 6 generous homeowners contributed to our success.

Thank you to all! Together we raised well over \$60,000 for Pacific House homeless shelter, specifically their initiative to address the growing problem of young adult homelessness, and approximately 20 other nonprofits. Congratulations to our church for an effort well done!

### **BREEZE DATABASE**

The church has upgraded to a new database, and we need your help. You may have already received an email with instructions for checking your information on Breeze. Please take a few minutes to make sure that the information the church has for you is right. If you are having trouble, please reach out to the office. Pam will be the point person for this initiative!

## **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Summer Church School/Nursery Important Information**

This is the final Sunday of Church School for the 2018-2019 School year! We welcome your children any Sunday during the summer! Please note that children ages 4 and under are welcome to play in the library during the summer services, but children older than 4 cannot be supervised/entertained in the library unless you choose to stay with them.

### **No Running, Please!**

Parents, please keep your children near you during coffee hour. We want them to have tons of fun, but we also want our senior members to feel safe as they socialize. Thank you!

### **Summer Fun Church School Calendar**

**June 17, 10:00AM** - Last Day of Church School and Father's Day

**June 24, 9:00AM** - Church Services move to one service at 9:00AM. No Church School, but Nursery will be available for children ages 4 and under. Children over 5 will stay in the service.

**July 22, 9:00AM** - Summer Church School! Bring your kids for a fun summer Sunday morning of lessons, crafts, and songs.

**August 12, 9:00AM** - Summer Church School! Bring your kids for a fun summer Sunday morning of lessons, crafts, and songs.

**TBA** - Summer Parents' Night Out

**TBA** - Summer Kiddie Volunteer Day

**TBA** - "Busy Break" Kiddie Art Therapy Night

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### **BIBLE STUDY / THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Please join us for a 10-week examination of some of the best-known stories from the book of Acts and a discussion about what they tell us about our lives today.

All are welcome regardless of their background in the Bible.

The meetings will be on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room.

On June 21, we will be discussing Acts 21.

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

**"Where God's extravagant love welcomes and affirms,  
where Christ's transforming truth enlivens and compels."**

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.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20**

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room (Acts 21)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23**

Men's Ministry, 7:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24**

*(start of summer schedule – Rev. Sean Garran preaching)*

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

***Ministers:*** Every member of the congregation.

***Clergy and Staff:***

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, *Senior Minister*

The Rev. Gary M. Morello, *Associate Minister*

***(emergency pager for Senior. & Associate Ministers: 1- (203) 368-7789)***

The Rev. Ronald T. Evans, *Pastor Emeritus*

Christine Geeding, *Christian Education 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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