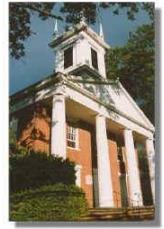




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***\*Those who are able are invited to stand***

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Shawn Garan

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**HYMN #533**

“O GOD, BENEATH WHOSE GUIDING HAND”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

Sing praises to God,

**our courage and our strength.**

Sing praises to God,

**who is faithful and true.**

Sing praises to God,

**that we may be steadfast in our faith and true in our discipleship.**

**\*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

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 9:9-20

Tucker Scott

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. For he who avenges blood is mindful of them he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance. The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught. The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

*Higgaion. Selah* The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you.

Put them in fear, O LORD; let the nations know that they are only human. *Selah*

### \*HYMN #527

“FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION”

### GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 4:35-41

Rev. Shawn Garan

“On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

OFFERTORY

Mr. Pakhomov

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Grant us the courage, O God, to recognize the gifts you have given us and to faithfully share these gifts with others. As we share these gifts generously and lovingly, bless them and strengthen us in our giving, that your love may be multiplied and our faith may grow to bless your creation.**

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\*HYMN #535

"ETERNAL FATHER"

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Shawn Garan

POSTLUDE

Mr. Pakhomov

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TODAY'S USHERS are Frank Burke, and Tucker Scott

## **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 Nursery/Cry Room (Age 4 and Under)**

A drop-off nursery is available to children age 4 and younger in the church library in the left-hand hallway after leaving the right side-door of the Meeting House. Two of our capable paid teens will be overseeing this room. If you wish to bring a child into the nursery who is older than 4, please plan to stay with them to entertain/supervise.

#### **Church School (Starts September 9)**

Children are always welcome at our worship services. During the Fall, Winter and Spring, 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. See you in September!

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

Parents, please keep your children near you in the Parish Hall and on the front lawn. 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 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

## **Summer Nursery Helpers Needed**

If you would like to help in the library/nursery this summer, please email Mrs. G! **We need 1 adult helper each week and 1 teen helper.** Mrs. G. can add you to our Sign-up list so that you can choose the dates that work for you. FCC teens will be paid \$10/week on the Sundays that they help!

## **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.

# **Summer Worship!**

**Sunday, June 24 - September 2**

**One service, each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.  
followed by lemonade on the lawn!**



## 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

#### SUNDAY, JULY 1

*(summer schedule)*

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

Church Office Closed

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

**Clergy and Staff:**

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, *Senior Minister*

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

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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)*

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