



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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October 8, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



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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

Mr. Gary M. Morello & Karen Brennan

***HYMN**

“TRADING MY SORROWS: DARRELL EVANS”

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ted Brennan

Let us worship God as children...with wonder
and awe.

**Let us worship God as adults...with gratitude
and praise.**

Let us worship God as youth...with questions
and eager hearts.

**Let us worship God as elders...with wisdom and
hope.**

Let the Body of Christ sing praises to God.

From whom all blessings flow!

***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.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL (*10:00 only*)
Children 3 to 3rd Grade will head to Church School.
Children in Grades 4-5 will remain in the service.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Gary Morello

EPISTLE LESSON

ACTS 2:42-47

Ellison Brennan

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

VIDEO MONTAGE (8:30)

***HYMN** (*10:00*)

"MIGHTY TO SAVE: HILLSONG"

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GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 24:1-12

Owen Sheed

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SERMON

"YOUTH MISSION SUNDAY, MILTON, PA"

Max Berry, Cameron Appleby and Thatcher Gleason

OFFERTORY & VIDEO MONTAGE (*10:00 only*)

***CLAIRE PULLEN:** "HALLELUJAH" (8:30)

***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** “YOU ARE HOLY: MICHAEL W. SMITH” *(page 7)*

***BENEDICTION** Will Hamson

***HYMN** “GET DOWN: AUDIO ADRENALINE” *(page 8)*

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TODAY'S GREETERS are the DiFabio family.

TODAY'S USHERS are Karalesa DiFabio, Mary Ann Freeman, Mandy Teare and Liz Werner (8:30).

TRADING MY SORROWS

Artist: Darrell Evans

I'M TRADING MY SORROWS I'M TRADING MY SHAME
I'M LAYING THEM DOWN FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD
I'M TRADING MY SICKNESS I'M TRADING MY PAIN
I'M LAYING THEM DOWN FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD

WE SAY
YES LORD YES LORD YES YES LORD
YES LORD YES LORD YES YES LORD
YES LORD YES LORD YES YES LORD
AMEN

I AM PRESSED BUT NOT CRUSHED
PERSECUTED NOT ABANDONED
STRUCK DOWN BUT NOT DESTROYED
I AM BLESSED BEYOND THE CURSE
FOR HIS PROMISE WILL ENDURE
THAT HIS JOY'S GONNA BE MY STRENGTH

THOUGH THE SORROW MAY LAST FOR THE NIGHT
HIS JOY COMES WITH THE MORNING

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THAT HIS JOY'S GONNA BE MY STRENGTH

THOUGH THE SORROW MAY LAST FOR THE NIGHT
HIS JOY COMES WITH THE MORNING, YEAH

I'M TRADING MY SORROWS I'M TRADING MY SHAME
I'M LAYING THEM DOWN FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD
I'M TRADING MY SICKNESS I'M TRADING MY PAIN
I'M LAYING THEM DOWN FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD

YEAH

OH LA LA LA...
LA LA LA...
OH LA LA...

I'M TRADING MY SORROWS I'M TRADING MY SHAME
I'M LAYING THEM DOWN FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD
I'M TRADING MY SICKNESS (YEAH) I'M TRADING MY
PAIN

I'M LAYING THEM DOWN FOR THE JOY (THE JOY) OF
THE LORD

LA LA LA...
LA LA LA...
LA LA LA...

LA LA LA...
LA LA LA...
LA LA LA...

LA LA LA...
LA LA LA...
LA LA LA...

LA LA LA...
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LA LA LA...
LA LA LA...
LA LA LA...

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Artist: Hillsong

WELL, EVERYONE NEEDS COMPASSION
A LOVE THAT'S NEVER FAILING
BUT LET MERCY FALL ON ME

WELL EVERYONE NEEDS FORGIVENESS
THE KINDNESS OF A SAVIOR
THE HOPE OF NATIONS

SAVIOR
HE CAN MOVE THE MOUNTAINS
MY GOD IS MIGHTY TO SAVE
HE IS MIGHTY TO SAVE

FOREVER
AUTHOR OF SALVATION
HE ROSE AND CONQUERED THE GRAVE
JESUS CONQUERED THE GRAVE

SO TAKE ME AS YOU FIND ME
ALL MY FEARS AND FAILURES
AND FILL MY LIFE AGAIN
I GIVE MY LIFE TO FOLLOW
EVERYTHING I BELIEVE IN

AND NOW I SURRENDER
(I SURRENDER)

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JESUS CONQUERED THE GRAVE

SHINE YOUR LIGHT AND LET THE WHOLE WORLD SEE
WE'RE SINGING FOR THE GLORY OF THE RISEN KING

JESUS
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JESUS CONQUERED THE GRAVE

SHINE YOUR LIGHT AND LET THE WHOLE WORLD SEE
WE'RE SINGING FOR THE GLORY OF THE RISEN KING
JESUS (6X)

YOU ARE HOLY

Artist: Michael W. Smith

You are holy
You are mighty
You are worthy
Worthy of praise

I will follow
I will listen
I will love you
All of my days

I will sing to
And worship
The Kingdom is worthy
I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
And I will sing to and worship the
Kingdom is worthy

And I will love and adore
And I will bow down before Him
You're my prince of peace
And I will live my life for You

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GET DOWN

Artist: Audio Adrenaline

Lavishly our lives are wasted
Humbleness is left untasted
You can't live your life to please yourself,
yeah
That's a tip from my mistakes
Exactly what it doesn't take
To win you've got to come in last place
To live your life you've got to lose it
And all the losers get a crown

I get down and He lifts me up
I get down and He lifts me up
I get down and He lifts me up
I get down

All I need's another day
Where I can't seem to get away
From the many things that drag me down,
yeah
I'm sure you've had a day like me
Where nothing seems to set you free

From the burdens you can't carry all alone
In your weakness He is stronger
In Your darkness He shines through
When you're crying He's your comfort
When your all alone, He's carrying you

I get down and He lifts me up
I get down and He lifts me up
I get down and He lifts me up
I get down

This valley is so deep
I can barely see the sun
I cry out for mercy, Lord
You lift me up again

I get down and He lifts me up
I get down and He lifts me up
I get down and He lifts me up
I get down

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER YOUR FAMILY!

All FCC Families with children between the ages of newborn to grade 12, please take a moment to go online to our electronic registration form at www.tinyurl.com/FCCFamilyRegistration and register your family! This is required for all children participating in Church School and Youth Group. It will only take a few moments of your time. This insures you are on the right email distribution lists and that children are included in communications for upcoming service and social activities. Thank you!

YIG PRESENTS MIDDLE SCHOOL "ACCESS":

Connect with friends and dig deeper into God's Word!

"Access" kicked off last Thursday to a great start! Our next Access meeting will be held in the Dream Center on Thursday, October 26th from 7:00-8:30PM. Dinner is provided. Contact Christine Geeding at cgeeding@uccdarien.org for more information.

FCC YOUTH WORSHIP BAND

Attention all 6th-12th graders! Do you play an instrument? Do you want to get involved in music at FCC? Christine Geeding (Director of Christian Ed) is looking to form a youth worship band for FCC. The band will play at various events including some Come As You Are services and youth group events. Contact cgeeding@uccdarien.org for more information!

4TH GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 22nd, 4th grade members of the church will be presented with their very own engraved Bible during the service. If you have not heard from Christine Geeding regarding your 4th grader, please contact her at cgeeding@uccdarien.org to confirm the name to be engraved.

KIDS COOK: MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA NIGHT!

All FCC families (parents and caregivers welcome!) are invited to our first Kids Cook: Make Your Own Pizza Night" on Tuesday, October 17th from 5-6:30PM. Kids will get to make [and eat!] their own pizza. We will provide all the fun pizza fixin's along with fruit, snack & dessert. Please note: this is not a drop-off event. Contact cgeeding@uccdarien.org for more information!

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN HELPS!

Thank you for helping those impacted by the hurricanes!

We raised over \$8,000 to support those impacted by the hurricanes thanks to your generosity and funds from the outreach budget! Funds will be given to the United Church of Christ “Emergency USA Fund” which ensures that 100% of the funds received will be used in direct emergency relief efforts.

Help build at Habitat for Humanity in Bridgeport – Saturday, October 21st

Come one come all to help build in Bridgeport! No experience needed. Just come with willing hands and heart! Helpers (16 or older) will meet at the warehouse by 8:30 am, and be done by 4:00 pm. Please email Heather Raker at hraker@me.com to help.

Building One Community Family Night – Friday, October 27th

Join us for a night of fun as we eat and socialize with new immigrants in our area, helping them to acclimate to our country and culture. Bring your family! It’s a fun event!! Please email Lauren Swenson at lauren.s.swenson@gmail.com to join in the fun!

Thank you for your help for those in need!

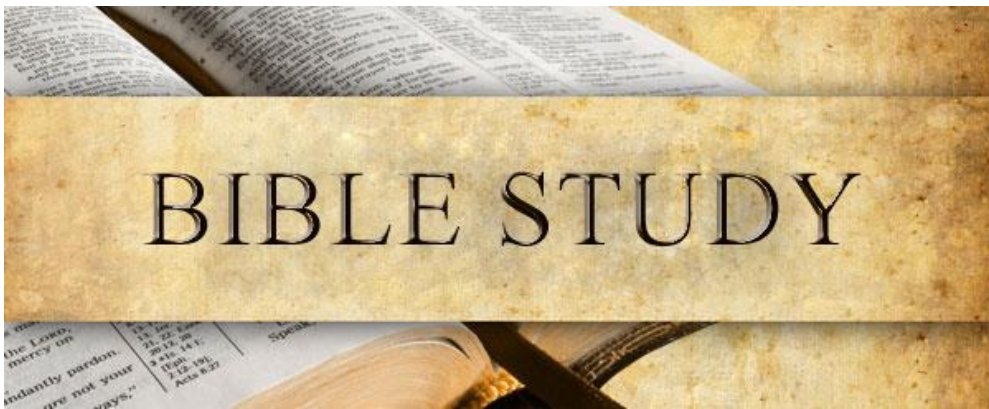
The First Congregational Church of Darien Board of Outreach

Chair: Lauren Swenson, Members: Gayle Appleby, Lindsay Atha, Scott Barrett, Elmerina Brooks, Gary Holmes, Bob McGee, Doug McPheters, Heather Raker, Charlie Wetmore, Carol Wilson

UPCOMING MUSIC AT FIRST EVENTS

Show up and Sing Sunday, Oct 15, 9 am: You will rehearse a simple piece and sing it at the 10 am service. Please join us!

Family coffeehouse with Doug Allen, Sat Oct 21, 7-9 pm: Enjoy toe-tapping country music with the ever engaging Doug Allen, who grew up in Darien but is now living in Nashville. He has 4 CDs out, and 2 of his songs have been featured in major motion pictures. Bring your family and friends for a fun evening. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and dessert will be served. A small charge of \$10 per adult (no charge for kids) will help us cover our costs. To sign up, send an email to office@uccdarien.org or call [203-655-0491](tel:203-655-0491) or sign up in the Parish Hall.



The Genesis Stories:

Please join us for a 10-week examination of some of the best-known stories from the book of Genesis and a discussion about what they tell us about our lives today, including how we deal with disobedience to God, jealousy, sibling rivalry, faith and treachery.

Each one-hour meeting will include a review of the story, a short video presentation from a Bill Moyers special, and group discussion about the story's meaning as facilitated by our pastors.

All are welcome regardless of their background in the Bible. If you can only attend a few of our sessions, that is perfectly fine! Please come anyway. This is a great way to understand how the Bible has relevance to everyone today.

The meetings will be on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room, beginning Wednesday October 11 and finishing on January 3, 2018.

WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

***“Where God’s extravagantly welcoming love brings us all in,
and Christ’s transforming truth sends us all back out again.”***

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 (COLUMBUS DAY)

Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Board of Christian Outreach, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

Care, Connect & Communicate, 7:00 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

Ecclesiastical Council for Gary Morello, 3:00 p.m.

Come As You Are worship, 4:30 p.m.

Ministers: Every member of the congregation.

Clergy and Staff:

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, *Senior Minister (emergency pager) 1- (203) 368-7789*

Gary M. Morello, *Associate Minister*

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

Christine Geeding, *Director of Christian Education*

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*