



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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***YOUTH SUNDAY***

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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, Associate Minister

**\*HYMN**

“THIS IS AMAZING GRACE”

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lucy 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**

Caroline McKeon

**\*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.**

**BAPTISM OF CLAIRE AVERY KANE**

Rev. Dale Rosenberger

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & DISMISSAL (10:00 only)**

Ted Brennan and Ryan Clough

*Children 3 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will head to Church School.*

*Children in Grades 4-7 will remain in the service.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Min. Morello

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

PSALM 71:1-6

Cameron Appleby

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

**VIDEO MONTAGE (8:30)**

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

"HOW HE LOVES ME"

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**GOSPEL LESSON**

MATTHEW 25:34-46

Max Berry

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them,

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MATTHEW 25:34-46 (*cont'd*)

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

**SERMON** “YOUTH MISSION SUNDAY, BRIDGEPORT, CT & READING, PA”  
Victoria Van Ingen, Ellie Brennan and Gary Morello

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

**\*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** “GET DOWN” (*page 6*)

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Rosenberger

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**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Iain and Matthew Freeman.

**TODAY'S USHERS** are Gary Holmes, Mandy Teare and Steve Weeden (8:30 a.m.).

## THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

*Artist: Phil Wickham*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all  
kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy  
thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory, the King above all  
kings

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You lay down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory, the King above all  
kings

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This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You lay down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the  
grave  
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grave  
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Worthy is the King who conquered the  
grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy, worthy, worthy  
Oh

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This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You lay down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me

## HOW HE LOVES

*originally by John Mark McMillan*

He is jealous for me,  
Loves like a hurricane, I am a tree,  
Bending beneath the weight of His wind  
and mercy.  
When all of a sudden,  
I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed  
by glory,  
And I realize just how beautiful You are,  
And how great Your affections are for me.

And oh, how He loves us, oh,  
Oh, how He loves us,  
How He loves us all

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Yeah, He loves us,  
Oh, how He loves us,  
Oh, how He loves us,  
Oh, how He loves.

And we are His portion and He is our prize,  
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His  
eyes,  
If his grace is an ocean, we're all sinking.  
And Heaven meets earth like an unforeseen  
kiss,  
And my heart turns violently inside of my  
chest,  
I don't have time to maintain these regrets,  
When I think about the way...

That He loves us,  
Oh, how He loves us,  
Oh, how He loves us,  
Oh, how He loves.  
Yeah, He loves us,  
Oh, how He loves us,  
Oh, how He loves us,  
Oh, how He loves.

Yeah, He loves us,  
Oh, how He loves us...  
Oh, how He loves us...  
Oh, how He loves us.

## 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

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: CALL TO A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**Scheduled for this morning, at 11:15 am**

The purpose of this meeting is:

- to approve plans for the renovation and remediation of meeting house roof and ceiling as well as other smaller urgent and necessary repairs on our campus.

*Caroline Burke, Moderator*

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN HELPS! JOIN US!**

Many thanks to all who made our evening at Neighbors Link on Friday, September 30th a great success. The night was fun for all and included eating, dancing and enjoying the company of local immigrants. We look forward to another event next fall at Neighbors Link!

#### Upcoming events:

- Feed My Starving Children packing event - October 21 -23 — Help hungry children worldwide by packing meals. This event is fun and very rewarding! Sign up opens on September 26 at [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org). Questions? Email Nina Miller ([pokebox@aol.com](mailto:pokebox@aol.com)) or Tracey Berry ([tbcb@optonline.net](mailto:tbcb@optonline.net)). “Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor.”
- Proverbs 22:9
- Habitat for Humanity Build Day in Bridgeport - November 5, December 10. 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. Please email Heather Raker at [hraker@me.com](mailto:hraker@me.com) to help.
- Food First - please bring your non-perishable food items to church on the first Sunday of each month - next date November 6th! Food will be distributed to local shelters.

Thank you for your hands on help for those in need!

*The First Congregational Church of Darien Board of Outreach*

Chair: Heather Raker, Vice Chair: Anna Denoyer, Members: Gayle Appleby, Lindsay Atha, Scott Barrett, Tracey Berry, Elmerina Brooks, Annette Madden-Kline, Bob McGee, Charlie Wetmore, Carol Wilson, Lauren Swenson

### **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](mailto:kristindesautelle@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS...**

All the Church school children will begin in Parish Hall and hear a sermon delivered by the Youth Group, they will then dismiss to Church School for not only an interactive and hands on lesson of Adam/Eve & the book of Genesis, but also to help prepare the donated GENTLY USED costumes for Person to Person. Please note: this is our 1st Community Service project and we will have many various ones to follow this Fall!

Feel free to bring GENTLY USED costumes next Sunday, Oct. 16th if you didn't get a chance this weekend.

Please be sure to register your child using our online service! ALL children must be registered. We have very exciting plans for Church School this season, so the children's involvement and attendance is immensely appreciated.

Online Registration Link: Visit [www.tinyurl.com/fcc2016-17](http://www.tinyurl.com/fcc2016-17) - it should only take a few minutes of your time!

### **NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS**

The First Congregational Church Nursery School is hosting a Book Fair during coffee hour on October 16th! Please enjoy your coffee up the ramp in the Nursery School and get an early start on your Christmas shopping!

### **THE CLASSICS BOOK GROUP IS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH AT 3:00 IN THE LIBRARY.**

We are reading Brave New World by Aldous Huxley. Come, take part in our conversation, even if you read the book long ago. Call Sally Bassler (203-655-9658) or just drop in.



**First Congregational Church Fall Pot Luck Dinners - Come One, Come All**  
**Saturday October 22, 6:30 pm**  
**Saturday November 5, 6:30pm**

Here's how it works:

Small informal pot luck dinners will be held on three separate dates. Church members are encouraged to sign up to host a dinner and/or to bring part of the meal. The number of hosts will determine how many dinners will be held on each date.

Sign up sheets are on the Women's Association Bulletin Board in Parish Hall or contact Debbie Parnon or Susan Wilson (contact info below).

1. Sign up to host a dinner by checking the "Host" box on the sign up sheet in Parish Hall for the date you are available
2. Up to 6 people will be assigned to each host - for a total of 8 people including the host(s)
3. OR Sign up to bring part of the dinner by checking the appropriate box on the sign up sheet
4. BYOB and bring some to share
5. Please include your email address and a phone # you use/check regularly
6. We are hoping there will be enough sign-ups to hold several dinners on each of the three nights
7. Dinner groups will be a blend of new and veteran church members with a variety of interests and backgrounds
8. Everyone will receive confirmation for their respective fall dinner information
9. Once people are notified of their dinner group you can communicate with your host to confirm what you are bringing

Questions? Contact:

Debbie Parnon - [dcsp1@aol.com](mailto:dcsp1@aol.com), 203-505-1726

Susan Wilson - [swilson@optonline.net](mailto:swilson@optonline.net), 203-655-0106



*Feed My Starving Children  
Annual Town Wide Event is Around the Corner  
October 21 - 23<sup>d</sup>, 2016  
ALL ARE WELCOME!!*

- *SIGN UP OPENS: September 26, 2016 (Online at: [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org))*
- *October 21 - 23<sup>d</sup>, 2016 Annual FMSC Packing event at Middlesex Middle School.*  
*Participation VERY rewarding*

Any questions, please feel free to contact either Nina Miller ([pokebox@aol.com](mailto:pokebox@aol.com)) or Tracey Berry ([tbc@optonline.net](mailto:tbc@optonline.net))

*“Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor.”  
--Proverbs 22:9*

**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.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

11<sup>th</sup> Hour Special Congregational Meeting  
Confirmation Class, 11:00 a.m.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10**

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

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

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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