



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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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. Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #486**

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

Come, all who hunger and thirst for enduring truth.
Come, and know our God, revealed in community.

**We have been called together as children of God.
What we may yet become has not been revealed.**

Look to God with real joy, radiance, and expectation.
Delight in the prayers and songs, word and sacrament.

**God hears our pleas and saves us from troubles.
Fear and death are the final cares God subdues.**

Taste and know the goodness of our Creator.
Take refuge in the one who supplies all need.

**God is present to us, singly but especially together.
May our praise here inspire new care, new service.**

***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

EPISTLE LESSON

HEBREWS 12:1-4

Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30)
Phil Meyer, Deacon (10:00)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**REVELATION 7:9-17**

Rev. Rosenberger

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

SERMON**“REMEMBERING OUR GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES”**

NINA MILLER ON GEORGIE BROWN

CHRIS PETERS ON PAMELA PETERS FIORITO

JOHN WYGAL ON JEAN KROLL

KATHY MONRO ON BOBBIE EARLE

OFFERTORY

(10:00 only)

“AVE VERUM CORPUS”

Senior Choir

Edward Elgar

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 blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise
God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (10:00 only)**

(unison)

We worship you night and day, gracious God, in the temple of your universe. So vast is your being that we cannot encompass it. Yet you are a living presence, our deliverer and hope. May our offerings today welcome all to the abundance of your love, till all cry out, "Blessing and honor, glory and power, to God forever." Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

- (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

NECROLOGY

*Georgie Brown, Susan Ott Faulkner
and those named by the congregation.*

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(unison)

Grant, O God, that the ears which have heard the voice of your song may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth; that the feet which have walked your courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which have tasted your living body may be restored in newness of life. Glory be unto you, O God!

***HYMN #494**

“I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Mr. Pakhomov

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TODAY'S GREETERS are the Walsh family (Jack, Confirmand).

TODAY'S USHERS are Marianne Lauer, Bill Lattimer (8:30) and Phil Meyer.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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! Thank you!

We are still looking for more Church School teachers, subs, and one-time speakers! If you have a talent you are willing to share with the Church School at FCC, please email cgeeding@uccdarien.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL "ACCESS":
Connect with friends and dig deeper into God's Word!

Our next Access meeting will be held in the Dream Center on Thursday, November 30th from 7:00-8:30PM. Dinner is provided. Contact Christine Geeding at cgeeding@uccdarien.org for more information.

FCC YOUTH WORSHIP BAND

FCC's new youth worship band will have its first meeting on Sunday, November 19th at 3:00PM in the Dream Center. Bring your instruments, voices, and excitement! The worship band will play at various events including some Come As You Are services and YIG events. Contact cgeeding@uccdarien.org for more information.

BELL CHOIR

The Bell choir would welcome anyone who would like to learn to play a beautiful set of bells. We practice on Monday afternoons, 4:30-5:30 in the Morehouse room. If you are interested, please call Theo Osgood: [203-655-2538](tel:203-655-2538).

KNITTING MINISTRY

The Knitting Ministry will meet after church in the Morehouse Room on Sunday, November 5th. We make items for baptisms and for our members who are suffering from illness or personal loss. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend and help is available to novices. If you prefer to crochet, that talent is also welcome.

Prayers, readings and fellowship serve as nourishment for our time together.

Marnie Hodil at grhodil@optonline.net

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN HELPS!

Mark your calendars to help distribute turkeys at the Open Door Shelter!

Tuesday, November 21st, 9 am to 12:15 pm (or whenever you can help!)

Distributing turkeys is a great way to kick off the holiday season!

It's fun AND you help others in need.

Contact hraker@me.com to help!

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



WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!



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, finishing on January 3, 2018.



Dressings to Drumsticks Fair November 19

Here's how you can help with the Dressings to Drumsticks Fair, Sunday November 19:

- Donate gently used household items (not so big it can't be carried home by someone else) for our Jumble Table. (Box at front of stage in Parish Hall.)
 - Recycle your costume jewelry by donating it to the Jewelry booth at the fair. (Box at front of stage in Parish Hall.)
 - Help make crafts and food for the Fair. Craft Days are Monday, November 6 and Tuesday, November 14 at 10:00 in Parish Hall. Quiche Baking and Fair set up on Saturday, November 18 at 10:00.
 - Pre-order Quiche and Pies from the form below by leaving it in the Women's Association Mailbox across from the office or e-mail Debbie Nelson @ dcnelson@optonline.net.
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Pie, Quiche and Pumpkin Floral Arrangement Order

Please indicate your selection below.

You may pick your order up on Sunday, November 19 at the Fair.
Pies and Quiche are priced at \$15.00. The Floral Arrangement is \$25.00.

Pecan Pie

Chocolate Pecan Pie

Apple Pie

Ham and Cheese Quiche

Sugar Pumpkin Fall Floral Arrangement

Leave the completed form in the Women's Association Mailbox across from the office or e-mail Debbie Nelson @ dcnelson@optonline.net with your selections.

Cooking Classes at FCCD!
Featuring Michelle Gumer and Edgar Gudiel,
of "The Caterers"



Come join us and learn from these two talented chefs!

**Our first class will be on
Wednesday, November 15, from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

Entertaining With Fall's Best Flavors:
A Fall Risotto Workshop, with Roasted Butternut
Squash, Grilled Shrimp and Panchetta

\$75 per person, per class.

Space is limited to 12 people, so sign up now!
Call the church office, to register (203) 655-0491.

WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

*"Where God's lavish love embraces us,
Christ's bold truth transforms us,
the Spirit's healing power sends us."*

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, NOVEMBER 6

Craft session for Dressings to Drumsticks, 10-noon in the Circle Room
Bell Choir, 4:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room
Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. in the Admin. Wing Meeting Room
Board of Christian Outreach, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Church Council, 8:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room
WA Quiche Making, 6:00 p.m. in the kitchen

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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*

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*