



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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***ALL SAINTS SUNDAY***  
***November 6, 2016***  
***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.*

PRELUDE

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gary M. Morello, Associate Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN

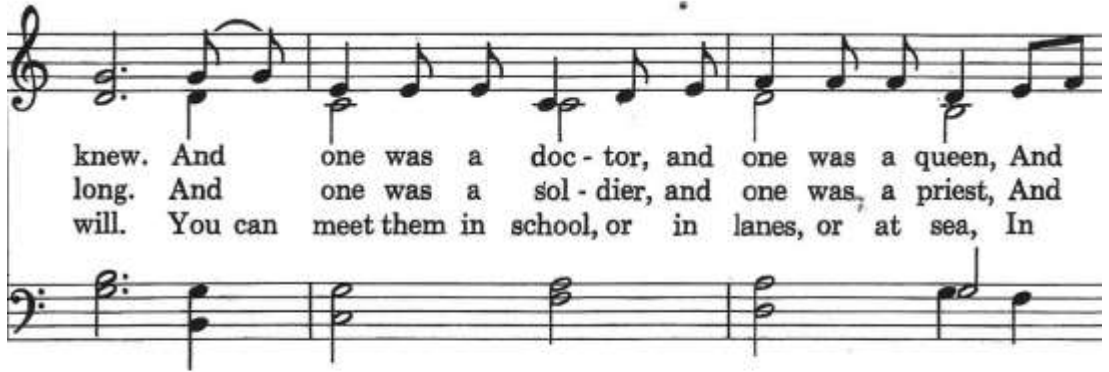
“I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD”

*in unison*

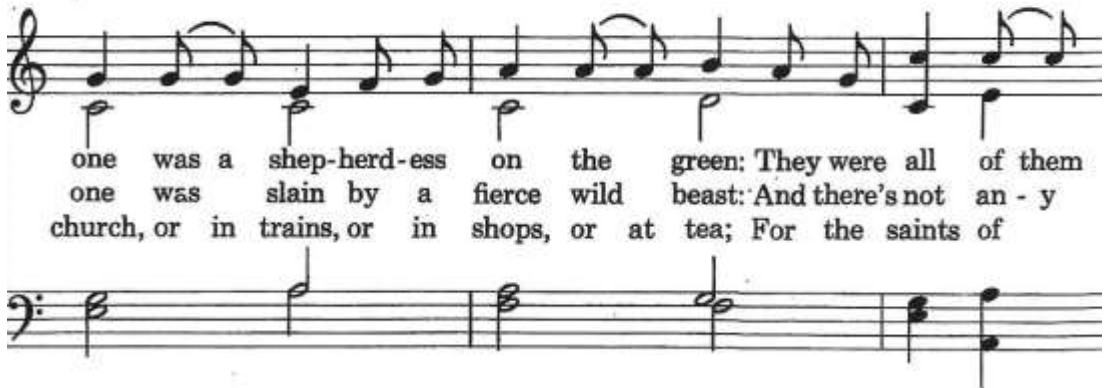
1 I sing a song of the saints of God Pa-tient and brave and true,  
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;  
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, There are hun-dreds of thou-sands still;

Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and  
And they fol-lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake, The whole of their good lives  
The world is bright with the joy-ous saints Who love to do Je - sus'

I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD (cont'd)



knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, And  
long. And one was a sol - dier, and one was, a priest, And  
will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In



one was a shep-herd-ess on the green: They were all of them  
one was slain by a fierce wild beast: And there's not an - y  
church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; For the saints of



saints of God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
rea - son, no, not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.  
God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

Praise God, all people who are called to be saints.  
Sing a new song in the assembly of the faithful.

**We will patiently await the presence of the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Holy One, to wipe away our tears.**

God loves each one of us unconditionally.  
God knows our hearts inside and out.

**We will not cease to give thanks in all things.  
We look to God for revelation and wisdom.**

Listen here for God's Word of truth.  
Share with one another the gospel of redemption.

**We are here to seek a better way of life.  
We have come to learn and to do what God intends.**

**\*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**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

PSALM 23

Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30)  
Al Nickerson, Deacon (10:00)

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.*

\*HYMN

“O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO”

1 O Love that wilt not let me go,  
 2 O Light that fol - lowest all my way,  
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain,  
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head,

I rest my wea - ry soul in thee;  
 I yield my flick - ering torch to thee;  
 I can - not close my heart to thee;  
 I dare not ask to fly from thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,  
 My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,  
 I trace the rain - bow through the rain,  
 I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,

That in thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.  
 That in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright - er, fair - er be.  
 And feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.  
 And from the ground there blos - soms red Life that shall end - less be. A - men.

**EPISTLE LESSON**

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Mr. Morello

*I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

**SERMON**

“EMBRACE LOSS”

Mr. Morello

**OFFERTORY**

“O TASTE AND SEE”

R. Vaughan Williams

*(10:00 only)*

Senior Choir

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

**We pray to you, O God, who wipes away our tears, to use our lives to soothe others. We want to treat our brothers and sisters as we wish to be treated, with dignity, understanding, and grace. May these offerings of gratitude prove to be a blessing to those who give and those who receive. 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

*Robert Alston, Lorraine Fenn, Gus Hedlund, Jean Miller, Vincent Rajczewski  
and those named by the congregation.*

#### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*(unison)*

**Lord Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks for what you have given us in this bread and cup. Fed and renewed by your life in us - we go now to share that life with others. Send us forth equipped with the power of your Spirit to spread the message of your love and compassion to all whom we meet. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS”

*(next page)*

#### \*BENEDICTION

Mr. Morello

#### POSTLUDE

Mr. Pakhomov

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# FOR ALL THE SAINTS

*In unison*

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who thee by faith be -  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their cap-tain  
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith-ful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who  
 4 O blest com-mun - ion, fel-low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug-gle,  
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, Steals on the ear the

fore the world con-fessed, Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.  
 no - bly fought of old, And win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.  
 they in glo-ry shine; Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 dis-tant tri-umph song, And hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A-men.

TODAY'S GREETERS are the Cramer's: Kathy, JJ, Griffin (Confirmand), Tyler and Bennett

TODAY'S USHERS are Gary Holmes, Bill Lattimer (8:30), Al Nickerson and Mandy Teare.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *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!

### *CLASSICS BOOK GROUP*

The Classics group is reading The Professor's House by Willa Cather and will be meeting on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – at 3:30 p.m.. **Read it** and decide if you'd enjoy a discussion.

You probably remember reading My Antonia in high school!

Call Sally Bassler (203-655/9658, [sbassler13@gmail.com](mailto:sbassler13@gmail.com)).

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

- **Help the Open Door Shelter** - We will be cooking on **Thursday, November 10th** at 8 am in the FCC kitchen and serving on **Friday, November 11th** from 11:45 am to 2:30 pm. We will be distributing turkeys at the shelter on **Tuesday, November 22nd** from 8:30 to 11:30 am — lots of volunteers needed for this event!

- **Habitat for Humanity Build Day in Bridgeport** - Thanks to those who helped build this weekend! Our next build date will be **Saturday, December 10th!!** 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 or for more information.

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



**FCC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FALL FUND RAISER**  
**Food for Every Day (FED)**

Order delicious homemade casseroles and baked items to eat immediately or freeze for the holidays.

**Order by November 14** using the order form available in the church office.

Payment information included on order form and must be included with order form.

Pick up will be November 20 after church.

Orders can be left in the Women's Association box outside the church office or sent to:  
Debbie Parnon, 203 Old King's Hwy North, Darien.

Questions? [dcsp1@aol.com](mailto:dcsp1@aol.com)

In the next week or so we will have a sign up for shifts on the Women's Association bulletin board to help cook on November 17, 18 and 19.

**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**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. in the Admin. Wing Mtg. Room

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

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

Confirmation Dinner at the Home of Andy Huntington, 7:00 p.m.

Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE SUNDAY)**

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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