

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK



Harvest Sunday

God is still speaking,

*"a traditional and nurturing church celebrating God's grace through reason, education,
diversity, inclusion, and social justice"*

We are an Open and Affirming Church

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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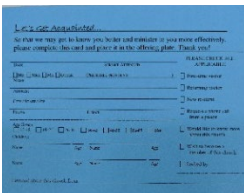
WELCOME

*This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice because we are glad to be here!*



Sign the red attendance pad that is located in the pew seat near the center aisle and pass it to the next person.

We want to know that you were here!



Visitors may complete a “Let’s Get Acquainted” card, located in the pew racks, and place the card in the offering plate.

We are here to answer your questions!



SILENCE your technology but still “check-in” and use social media and share our website and portions of our worship that inspire you!



Continue to help us reduce our carbon footprint. If you are not receiving the bulletin via email, and would like to, please contact the church office – 407-647-2416. The bulletin can also be found on our website, fccwp.org. Go to the tab labeled “Bulletin” and locate the appropriate pdf file.



Continue to open up your ‘What’s Happening’ newsletter emails to keep up-to-date on all of the weekly and monthly events. Or visit our website at www.fccwp.org. There is a lot happening in the life of this church and you do not want to miss a thing!



If you have a **prayer need or a joy to share**, please fill out the white prayer request card located in the pew pockets and drop it in the collection plate. We will place your prayer need on our confidential prayer chain. If you wish to have a joy or a need announced in church, permission must be given by calling the church office.



Kindly silence all cell phones during worship

* All who are able to do so comfortably, please stand

Preparing to Hear God's Word

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Shawn Garvey

INTROIT

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Chancel Choir

Johann Cruger

Please refrain from applauding

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

People: "Let your people be clothed with righteousness and let your faithful shout for joy."

* OPENING HYMN

"Come, O Thankful People, Come"

No. 422

* OPENING PRAYER

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

All children please come forward for Young Church.

YOUNG CHURCH

Kerry Weisner

"The Lord's Prayer or Prayer of Our Savior"

Age four years through kindergarten may leave for Sunday school in the LIBRARY.

Grades 1-5 and 6-12 may leave for Sunday school in the UPSTAIRSs Fellowship Hall.

Childcare for infants through 3 years old is available in the PARLOR located at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Please check your child out with the teacher. Children are only released to the parent.

** SONG OF SUPPORT

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors and made their tiny wings.*

HEBREW

Psalm 93

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Thanksgiving"

Chancel Choir

arr. John Ness Beck

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“Belonging”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Jesus tells Pilate that everyone who belongs to the truth listens to his voice. When you consider those words the way Jesus phrases them, what does it mean to belong to the truth? How do we discern truth in what we listen to? And then, after we listen, what do we do with the truth that we hear as people of faith?

Responding to God’s Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Wilbur Held

Please refrain from applauding

*Doxology (Old Hundredth)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev, Garvey

*CLOSING HYMN

“We Praise You, O God” (vs. 1 & 3)

No. 420

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



In Celebration

The flowers on the altar are given by Martin Wareing to Amy Wareing in celebration of their 29th Wedding Anniversary. With the message, “Thank you, Amy, for changing my life 29 years ago. I’m blessed to have you as my partner.”

The Outreach Board is again sponsoring the Angel Tree that benefits the foster children at [Great Oaks Village](#) and the LGBTQ+ youth at the [Zebra Coalition](#). [Sign up here](#) now to provide gift cards and needed household items or check back after Thanksgiving to find specific children's gift requests. All donations must be received by Sunday, December 15th. Help make Christmas merry for kids struggling without parental support.





Christmas Flowers 2024

The Flower Guild will be decorating the church with flowers of the season for the month of December. For the holidays a special flower fund has been set up. You may donate (any amount) to the fund in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member or friend.

Christmas flower dedications received in the church office by Wednesday, December 18th, will be listed in the Sunday, December 22nd bulletin.

Checks should be made payable to First Congregational Church. The memo line should read "Christmas Flower Dedication."

You may place your check in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thank you.

Flower dedication given by:

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Phone: _____ email: _____

In honor of:

In memory of:

You may also email your dedication to mtaylor@fccwp.org
Please place Christmas Flower Dedication in the subject line
Your donation may be made online – fccwp.org – donate page

*Exod. 23:16**St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt.**St. 2, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.**St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.*

1 Come, O thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
 2 All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,
 3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;

all is safe-ly gath-ered in as the win-ter storms be-gin;
 all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,
 and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-ern praise.

God our Mak-er does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;
 All that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,
 Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,
 come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

This hymn represents the joining of two Thanksgiving hymns by nineteenth-century poet Henry Alford and eighteenth-century poet Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld. The creator of this combined form, which appeared early in the twentieth century, is not known.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.

George J. Elvey, 1858

Descant: H. A. Chambers, 1931

We Praise You, O God

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Julia C. Cory, 1902; alt.

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our moth - ers and fa - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our song of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you nev - er will for - sake us,
 Our sins now con - fess - ing, we pray for your bless - ing;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O God, in life's strug - gles we win.
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Julia Bulkley Cady Cory wrote this hymn for Thanksgiving in 1902 at the invitation of the organist of New York's Brick Presbyterian Church who felt that the familiar words to Kremser contained too much militaristic imagery.

Tune: KREMSEK 12.11.12.11.
 Valerius, Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626
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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

TODAY November 24th

Decorate the Church for Christmas
Directly After Worship

Thursday December 5th – Friday December 6th

Pre-paid Car Park Fundraiser
Reserve your spot for Winter Park Happenings!

Sunday December 8th - Friday December 13th

Walk Through Bethlehem Set-Up

Friday December 13th at 7:00PM

Walk Through Bethlehem Event

Sunday December 15th

All Church Celebration
AND
New Member Sunday

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