

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WINTER PARK



*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 10, 2024

*Masking is welcomed, but not required.*

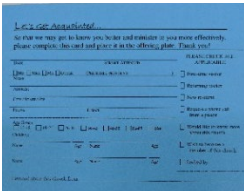
# WELCOME

*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](http://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](http://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**  
**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Rev. Shawn Garvey  
David and Lisa Rotenberger

**INTROIT**

**"Blessed Is He That Cometh"**

Chancel Choir

*W.R. Voris*

*Please refrain from applauding*

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

**People: "Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever.  
Trust the Holy One!"**

\* **OPENING HYMN**

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

No. 439

\* **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"***

*PreK-Kindergarten will meet for Sunday school in the LIBRARY at the back of Fellowship Hall. Grades 1-12 may leave for Flock Sunday and continue the Sunday lesson, with the older youth helping to mentor the younger children.*

*Children and youth (infants through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) should be picked up immediately following the worship service.*

*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 127

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

**"Children of the Heavenly Father"**

Soloists: Savanna Huls  
and Luke Noles

*arr. Jim Lucas*

*Please refrain from applauding*

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

*“Not An Option”*

Rev. Shawn Garvey

*For the widow in today’s story, giving of herself, even out of her own poverty, is not an option. This authenticity of faith is mirrored against the hypocrisy of those who put their religion on essentially for show. In this spirit, in your walk of faith what isn’t an option for you as you live it out, and how does that help you discern what is authentic faith in the lives of those around you?*

*Responding to God’s Word*

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Air"

*John Reading*

*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

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

No. 553

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



**In Remembrance**

The flowers on the altar today are given by Donna Boyett in memory of her parents, Don and Therlene Boyett who are both gone but never forgotten.

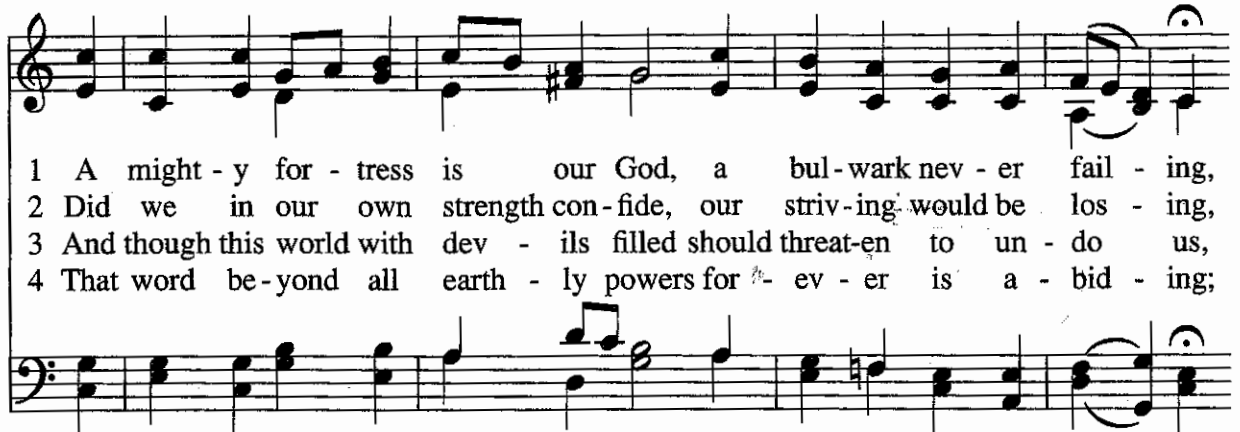
**Basket Brigade Drop Off!**

Remember to have your Thanksgiving Baskets dropped off at Ward Chapel on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>! Contact the Church Office if you need to make arrangements to drop off at the church beforehand.

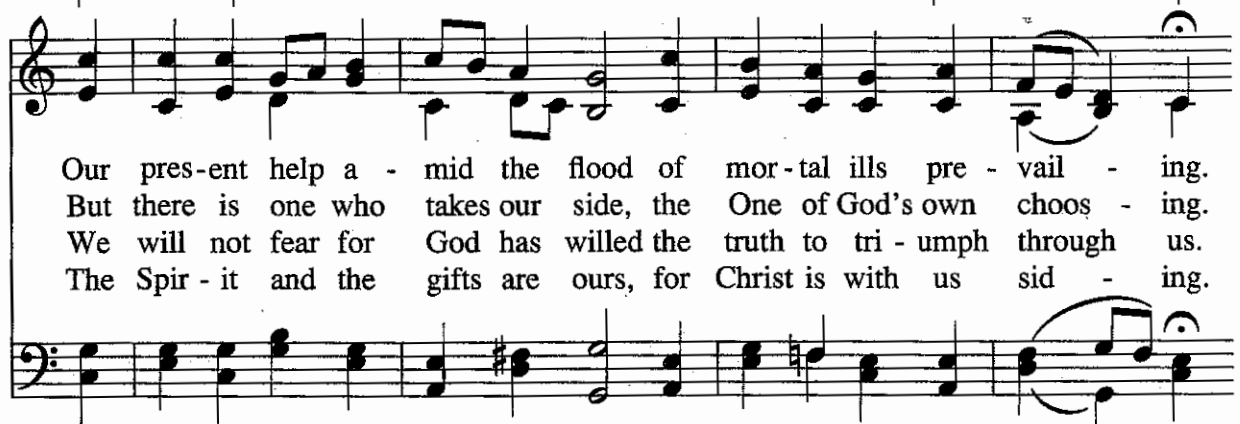


## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

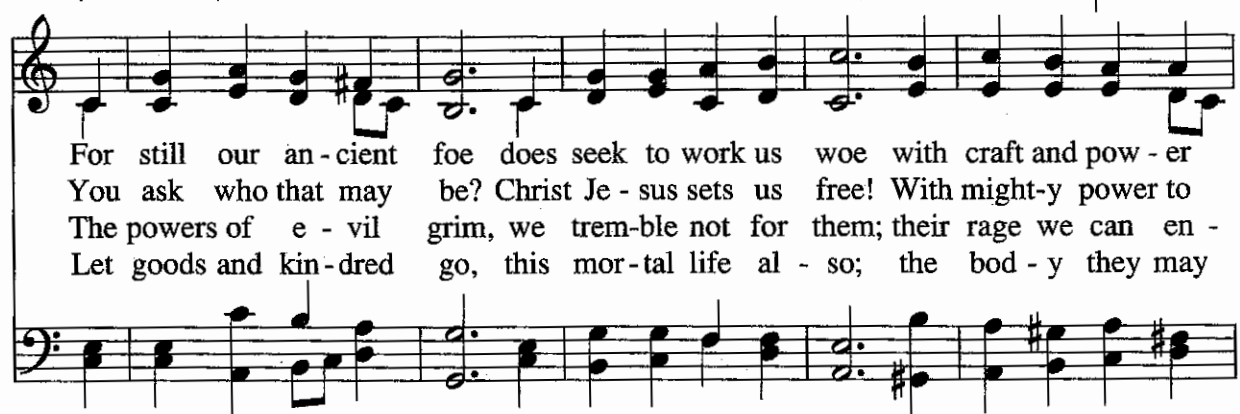
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*Martin Luther, c. 1529**Ps. 46**Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981*


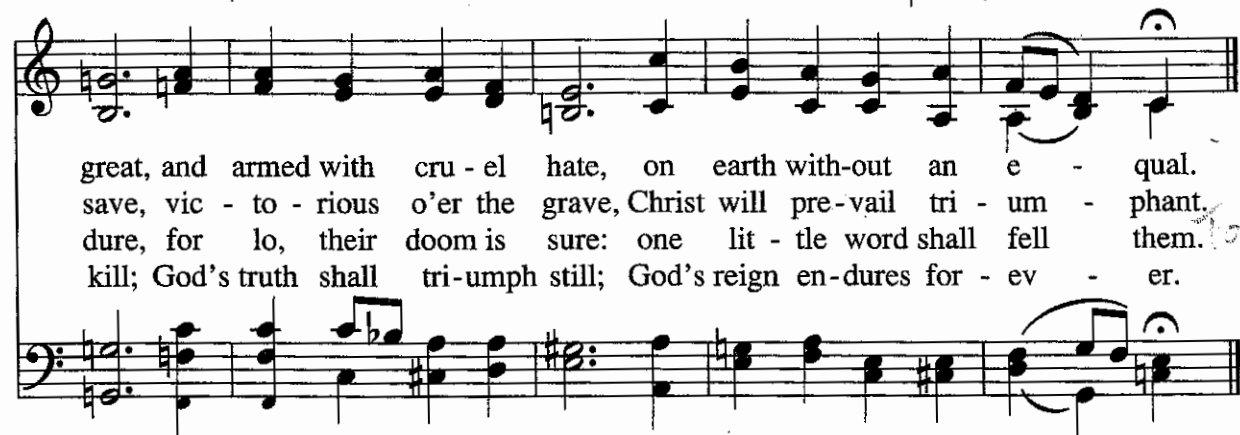
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
 3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,  
 4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;



Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.  
 We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.  
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.



For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er  
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to  
 The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.  
 save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant,  
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.  
 kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.

*There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.*

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

*Martin Luther, c. 1529*

Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.

For another version, see 440

## There Is a Balm in Gilead

Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43

African-American spiritual; alt.

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

*Last time, end*

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,  
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,  
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

*to Refrain*

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

*This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.*

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain  
 African-American spiritual

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## 🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

**TODAY! November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**New Member Conversation**  
**AND**  
**Game Day**  
**After Worship in Fellowship Hall**

**Saturday November 16**  
**Basket Brigade Drop-Off**  
**AND**  
**Come Alive! Chrismon Party**

**Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Harvest Sunday**  
**AND**  
**Decorate the Church for Christmas**

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