

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

JANUARY 12 2025

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. 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

"Blessed is He That Cometh"

Chancel Choir

Voris

Please refrain from applauding

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

People: "God in Christ has named us all 'Beloved'"

* OPENING HYMN "On River Jordan's Banks I Stand" (V 1,2,4&5)

No. 598

* OPENING PRAYER

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

All children please come forward for Young Church.

YOUNG CHURCH

Rev. Garvey

"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

Isaiah 43:1-7

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Chancel Choir

Larson

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Rev. Garvey

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People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“Before It Got Complicated”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

The language of Jesus’ baptism when we hear God’s voice is one of a proud parent. Before the Church developed creeds and doctrines around the Holy Trinity and the relationship between Jesus, God, and us got a little more complicated, this moment serves to emphasize the theology of a Divine Parent showing love and affirmation for a beloved child. This places the theology of a relationship with God in the space of a loving family. Does this image resonate with you? If so, how does it inform you of God’s relationship with you? How does it inform your relationship with other children of God?

Responding to God’s Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

Georg Leyding

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

“How Firm A Foundation” (V 1,2,4&5)

No. 407

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

NOTICE

TOWN HALL MEETING: January 19, 2025

Immediately following worship

Introduction to the proposed 2024 budget

This is an informational meeting only. *No voting.*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: January 26, 2025

Immediately following worship

Presentation of the budgets, capital expenditures, board nominations,
etc.

This is a voting meeting. **Members only.**

On River Jordan's Banks I Stand

Samuel Stennett, 1787; alt.

1 On Riv - er Jor - dan's banks I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
 2 There gen-erous fruits that nev - er fail on trees im - mor - tal grow.
 3 All o'er those wide ex - tend-ed plains shines one e - ter - nal day.
 4 When shall I reach that hap - py place, and be for - ev - er blessed?
 5 Filled with de - light, my rap-tured soul can here no long - er stay.

Up - on the fair and hap - py land where my pos - ses-sions lie.
 There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and hon - ey flow.
 There God, the Sun, for - ev - er reigns, and scat - ters night a - way.
 When shall I see my Mak - er's face, when in God's bo - som rest?
 Though Jor - dan's waves a - round me roll, fear - less I'll sail a - way.

Refrain

I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Born into an English family that had been active for generations in Seventh Day Baptist churches, Samuel Stennett became an outstanding Baptist preacher. He was a personal friend of King George III. The hymn originally had no refrain.

Tune: PROMISED LAND C.M. with refrain
 Southern Harmony, 1835; alt.
 Arr. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1875

How Firm a Foundation

*Isa. 43:2-5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5**"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go.
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832).

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.
*Early United States melody
 from Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832
 Alternate tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

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🎀LOOKING AHEAD🎀

TODAY! January 12th
Please stay to help with
Christmas Decoration Take Down
After Worship



Sunday January 19th

Town Hall Meeting

AND

W.I.N.G.S. Youth Night

All ages 5:30-6:30PM

Fellowship Hall

Monday January 20th

Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Church Office Closed

Sunday January 26

Annual Congregational Meeting

AND

Mission Trip Meeting

Directly following the annual meeting in Fellowship Hall

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