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



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!

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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!

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

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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, <u>fccwp.org</u>. Go to the tab labeled "Bulletin" and

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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 <u>www.fccwp.org</u>. There is a lot happening in the life of this church and you do not want to miss a thing!

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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.

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Chancel Choir

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No. 598

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 INTROIT "Blessed is He That Cometh" Voris Please refrain from applauding *****RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP "God in Christ has named us all 'Beloved" People: *∗* OPENING HYMN "On River Jordan's Banks I Stand" (V 1,2,4&5) *∗ ⊗PENING PRAYER ∗PASSING OF THE PEACE* All children please come forward for Young Church. YOUNG CHURCH "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 This is the Word of God. Minister: People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM	"May the Mind of Christ My Savior" Larson Please refrain from applauding	Chancel Choir	
GOSPEL	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Rev. Garvey	
Minister:	This is the Word of God.		
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

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

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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

*CLOSING HYMN "How Firm A Foundation" (V 1,2,4&5)

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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. <u>Members only.</u> 598

On River Jordan's Banks I Stand

Samuel Stennett, 1787; alt.

Arr. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1875



outstanding Baptist preacher. He was a personal friend of King

George III. The hymn originally had no refrain.

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How Firm a Foundation

"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.

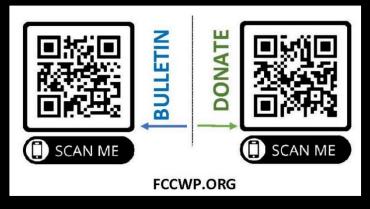


In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832).

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



Sunday January 19th Town Hall Meeting <u>AND</u> W.I.N.G.S. Youth Night All ages 5:30-6:30PM Fellowship Hall

<u>Monday January 20th</u> Martin Luther King, Jr Day Church Office Closed

<u>Sunday January 26</u> Annual Congregational Meeting <u>AND</u> Mission Trip Meeting Directly following the annual meeting in Fellowship Hall

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