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

FEBRUARY 23 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.

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February 23, 2025

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

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Garvey

Kindly silence all cell phones during worship

Preparing to Hear God's Word

PRELUDE

WELCOME Rev. Shawn Garvey

INTROIT "Somebody's Knocking at My Door" Soloist, Grant Hayes

Harry T. Burleigh

Please refrain from applauding * RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

"We come, entrusting the enduring promises of the Holy One." People:

"God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" **⊗OPENING HYMN** No. 531

*** 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.

Rev. Garvey **HEBREW** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

This is the Word of God. Minister:

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray" Soloist, Grant Hayes

> Harry T. Burleigh Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38 Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God People:

MESSAGE "The Blueprint" Rev. Shawn Garvey

In this continuation of the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus gives a blueprint for living as God challenges us to live with one another. Within these verses are some of the most challenging and difficult instructions for living. When we come face-to-face with who and what Jesus truly dares us to be, how very difficult we find it. As we draw closer to Lent and our season to reflect more deeply on our spiritual living, do we challenge ourselves anew to live in this challenging way?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Andante Moderato"

Antonio Vivaldi

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**

"Guide me, O My Great Redeemer"

No. 18

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



<u>In Celebration</u>! The Flowers on the altar today are given by Amy Wareing as a heartfelt <u>Thank You</u> to the Come Alive! Women's Retreat team.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you would like to unite with this family of faith in membership, **New Member Sunday is March16.**

New Member Sunday is when we welcome and celebrate new members of the FCCWP family. If you would like to join our community of faith, please fill out a Membership Profile (found on our website) and email it to mtaylor@fccwp.org by March 9th

The Food Pantry Needs our Help!!

Ward Chapel let us know that they are running very low on quite a few items

Next time you go grocery shopping consider donating to the food pantry! Shop for the BOGO's and specials!

**PULL TOP lids are very helpful for the homeless. Please only donate items that have not expired.

- · Children's juice boxes.... variety of flavors
- Pancake mix and maple syrup
- Boxed cereal
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned soup
- Canned chili, spaghetti, ravioli, etc. (think Chef Boy-Ar-Dee)
- Canned Dinners....like Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- Snack packs of pudding and Jello
- Rice and Beans
- Microwaveable Mac and Cheese
- Regular size jars of spaghetti sauce
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Dried Fruit
- · Snack packs of cheese and crackers
- Baby Food

If you shop COSTCO – buy a case of microwaveable mac 'n cheese, Chef-Boyardee spaghetti or ravioli, canned meals, etc. (Remember, there are a lot of children that prepare their own meals while their parents are working.)

YOUR DONATIONS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! Thank you.

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God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.



Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.

Tune: CANONBURY L.M. Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872

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Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2 William Williams, 1745 St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt. St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt. 1 Guide me, 0 my great Re deem - er, pil - grim through this O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing When I reach the Riv Jor - dan, er bid my anx - ious bar - ren land; I weak. am but you might - y; are flow. wa - ters Let the fire and cloud pil - lar y fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de struc - tion, hold me with your power-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav-en, lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de-liv - erer, strong de-liv - erer. land me safe on heav-en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais-es feed me till want no more, feed me till Ι want no more. ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield. will ev - er sing you, will ev sing er you. Ω

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907

Alternate setting: ZION

CHURCH GUEST WIFI PASSWORD: LetMeInPlease!



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≪LOOKING AHEAD&

TODAY! Sunday February 23
Congregational Meeting
Fellowship Hall after Worship
AND
W.I.N.G.S. All Ages Youth Night!

Sunday March 2
Board Retreat Workshop
Fellowship Hall after Worship

Sunday March 9
Lenten Luncheon
Fellowship Hall after Worship

Sunday March 16 New Member Sunday!