

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 19 2025

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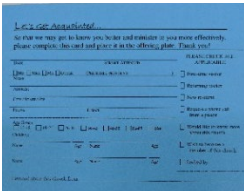
WELCOME

*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

"Prayer To Jesus"

Chancel Choir

Beck

Please refrain from applauding

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

People: "For with You is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!"

* **OPENING HYMN**

"God of Grace and God of Glory" (V 1,2&5)

No. 436

* **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 62:1-5

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"The Earth is the Lord's"

Chancel Choir

Nygard

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“Making Sense of Miracles”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

One of the challenges of this miracle story in John is that our minds tend to want to make sense of such things. Yet one of the rich mysteries of God’s grace and divine abundance is that we often can’t, and we shouldn’t try, to make sense of it. Rather, we should simply receive it. Why is that so difficult for us so often?

Responding to God’s Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Andante Religioso"

Felix Mendelssohn

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

“Lead On Eternal Sovereign”

No. 573

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

The Food Pantry Needs our Help!!

****Special Request from Ward Chapel: Non-Perishable Baby Food****

Next time you go grocery shopping consider donating to the food pantry! Shop the BOGO’s and specials! PULL TOP lids are very helpful for the homeless. Please only donate items that have not expired.

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.)



Say it with flowers! Flowers for the altar are a thoughtful way to celebrate an anniversary, graduation, birthday, or other important occasion as well as to provide a memorial tribute for a family member or friend. A donation of \$50 is suggested. Please call or email the church office to choose an available date.





NOTICE

TODAY:
TOWN HALL MEETING:
January 19, 2025

Immediately following worship
Introduction to the proposed 2024 budget
This is an informational meeting only. *No voting.*

NEXT SUNDAY:
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.**

God of Grace and God of Glory

436

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 John Hughes, c. 1907

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.

1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
 2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
 3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer-ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

At Andover Seminary, fellow students asked Ernest W. Shurtleff to write a hymn for their graduation. This is the result. Shurtleff became a Congregational minister and in his last years established churches in Europe and did relief work during World War I.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Henry T. Smart, 1836

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☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

TODAY! Sunday, January 19th

Town Hall Meeting

AND

W.I.N.G.S. Youth Lunch

Directly following Town Hall Meeting in 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

Sunday February 2

Movie Day!

Presented by the Board of Outreach and Social Justice
Fellowship Hall After Worship

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