

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*

*Third Sunday in Lent*

MARCH 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](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**

Rev. Shawn Garvey

**OUTREACH MOMENT**

Sally McArthur

**INTROIT**

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

Chancel Choir

*Young*

*Please refrain from applauding*

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

**People: "Let us give to God our thanks and our praise"**

\* **OPENING HYMN**

"Rejoice You Pure in Heart"

No. 71

\* **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 55:1-9

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

"A Flower Remembered"

Chancel Choir

*Rutter*

*Please refrain from applauding*

**GOSPEL**

Luke 13:1-9

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## MESSAGE

“Another Day, Another Chance”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

*In the Parable of the Fig Tree, we see Luke’s assertion that God gives even the fig tree a second chance at life. But, at the same time, we are never guaranteed how much time we have or how often we get another day and another chance. This should instill a sense of spiritual urgency on how we discern who we are, whose we are, and what we’re doing with our living. What can we learn from the humble fig tree?*

### *Responding to God’s Word*

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Larghetto"

*Matthew Camidge*

*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

“I Need You Every Hour”

No. 517

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

### **Outreach Opportunity!**



The Board of Outreach and Social Justice is partnering with Ward Chapel to make this Easter special for the children they serve! They are looking to provide Easter baskets for 50 children and youth: 15 elementary students, 15 middle schoolers, and 20 high schoolers.

You can help by signing up to donate items for the baskets using this online form: <https://bit.ly/41Cr0KS>.

We’ll be assembling the baskets after church on **Sunday, April 6**. Please bring your items to

church that morning or drop them off at the office before then.

If you’d prefer to make a monetary donation, you can contribute here:

<https://onrealm.org/fccwp/give/easterbaskets> (or scan the QR Code) Let’s brighten these kids’ Easter and have some fun filling the baskets!





# Easter Flower Fund

The Flower Guild will be decorating our church with beautiful spring flowers and plants for Easter. A special flower fund has been set up and you may donate (any amount) to the fund in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member or friend.

Flower dedications received in the church office by **Tuesday, April 15**, will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Checks should be made payable to First Congregational Church and marked "Easter Flower Fund" in the memo line.

Flower dedication given by: *(please print legibly)*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# SUPPORT OUR MISSION TRIP TO PINE RIDGE RESERVATION!

Our church is traveling to Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, to serve needs identified by the community, for the community.

**JUNE 7 – 14, 2025**

South Dakota

**YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS MISSION  
POSSIBLE BY DONATING ANY AMOUNT.  
YOUR SUPPORT WILL COVER:**

- ◆ Transportation & airfare
- ◆ Meals for our team
- ◆ Supplies for our service projects
- ◆ And many priceless moments of connection

Choose a specific need from the Quilt or Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall or give a general donation using the QR code above.



**EVERY  
CONTRIBUTION,  
BIG OR SMALL,  
HELPS MAKE  
THIS JOURNEY  
POSSIBLE.**



**Thank you for  
being part of this  
mission with us!  
Your generosity  
will make a lasting  
impact.**



# Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

Edward H. Plumptre, 1865; alt.

Ps. 20:5; Phil. 4:4

1 Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the  
 2 Bright youth and sea - soned age, strong souls and spir - its  
 3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you  
 5 Praise God who rules all worlds, the ris - en Christ a -

sky; Your fes - tal ban - ner wave with joy, the  
 meek, Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's  
 praise, Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the  
 go, From youth to age, by night and day, in  
 dore, Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one

*Refrain*  
 cross of Christ raise high!  
 won-drous prais - es speak.  
 psalms of an - cient days. Ho - san - na! Ho -  
 glad - ness and in - woe:  
 God for ev - er - more!

san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

*Richard Wayne Dirksen served on the musical staff of the Washington Cathedral for more than forty years, and was the first layperson in an American cathedral to be appointed precentor. Dirksen composed this tune for the installation of John M. Allin as presiding bishop of the Episcopal church.*

Tune: VINEYARD HAVEN S.M. with refrain  
 Richard Wayne Dirksen, 1974  
 For an alternate setting, see 55

# I Need You Every Hour

Annie S. Hawks, 1872; alt.  
Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; alt.

1 I need you ev - ery hour, O God of grace;  
2 I need you ev - ery hour, in faith or fear;  
3 I need you ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;  
4 I need you ev - ery hour; teach me your will,

the peace your voice af - fords, I now em - brace.  
temp - ta - tions lose their power when you are near.  
come quick - ly and a - bide or life is vain.  
and your rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

*Refrain*

I need you, how I need you! Ev - ery hour I need you;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to you.

First sung at a convention of the National Baptist Sunday School Association, this hymn was used by Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey in both England and the United States. Annie S. Hawks, a Baptist, was the author of some 400 hymns.

Tune: NEED 6.4.6.4. with refrain  
Robert Lowry, 1872



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## 🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

Friday March 21 Through TODAY Sunday March 23

Winter Park Art Fest  
Car Park Fundraiser

Sunday April 6

Easter Basket Assembly  
Fellowship Hall After Worship

AND

W.I.N.G.S. Youth Night!  
All Ages

Sunday April 13

Palm Sunday and Eggstravaganza!

Sunday April 20

Easter Sunday

Monday April 21

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