

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

DECEMBER 22, 2024

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

"Holy Infant Slumber"

arr. Gaevart

Please refrain from applauding

Soloist, Darlene Blanzly

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

People: "For in the Body of Christ we all belong"

* OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"

Pew Insert

* OPENING PRAYER

* LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Love

* 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.

HEBREW

Micah 5:2-5

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Away in a Manger"

arr. Parker

Please refrain from applauding

Chancel Choir

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

"It's God, Too..."

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Today Mary proclaims that God is her Savior. We almost always identify Jesus as Savior, but seldom do we use that language about God. Yet, it definitely applies. When you think about God as Savior, like Mary does, what comes to mind? When you think of the word "Savior" at all, what does it mean to you, and why is it important in your faith journey?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"O Come, Divine Messiah"

Leon Roques

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

"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"

Pew Insert

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service

5:00 p.m.

(No childcare provided)

Candlelight, Lessons, and Carols

9:00 p.m.

(No childcare provided)



Christmas Flowers

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund!

The flowers that decorate our sanctuary are dedicated...

In Loving Memory of:

Loving grandmother and great-grandmother, Evelyn Lewis by Cari, Brian and Caroline Rotenberger

Geannie's grandmother, Marilyn Bastian by Geannie Bastian and PJ Dahill
Marilyn and Jim Keller, love Caroline Keller

Edgar and Beulah Baldwin, Maynard and Mozelle Baldwin, Richard and Catharine Balwin by Rick Baldwin

My parents, Montell and Dorothy Clites by Donna Borko

Blair and Katy Holland and Harry and Uleta Eaton by Ray and Katrina Eaton

Uncle Brent, "beloved brother, uncle, son, artist and partner in crime" by The Franz Family,
Judy and Stan

William Wick and Family by Susan Throm-White and Family

Rod Jones, by Mary Jones and family

My parents, Frank and Rosemary Heinzman and my precious niece, Christina Steele by Linda Peters

My parents, Hartley "Tex" and Iona "Tony" Graves for their everlasting love and support

In Honor of:

My BFF, Pam Luppert and my family, Karen, Bill, Leonard and Todd Emerick

Stacy and Bob, Ben and Alex, Evans and Mary, by Rick Baldwin

Pam and Joe Luppert and Barbara and David Rotenberger by Cari, Brian and Caroline Rotenberger

The blessings received this year from this church and our family, by Bill and Mary Anne Tyson
Danny Beineke who has done her best to sustain her family in a very challenging time by Ngan
Ling Lung

My grandson Fredrick and granddaughter Ann Marie Avile, love grandma, Donna Guber

In celebration of our two granddaughters Archer Eleanor Spears and Louise Fox Spears by Jim
and Jeanette Schreiber

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

ANTIOCH C.M.

Attr. to Georg F. Handel, 1685-1759

Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns: Let men their
 3 He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

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 And won - ders of his love, And

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love. A - men.

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Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

Traditional French Carol
Tr. E. Cuthbert Nunn, 1868-1914

BRING A TORCH Irregular
Harm. by E. Cuthbert Nunn, 1868-1914, alt.

In unison



1 Bring a torch, Jean-nette, Is - a - bel - la! Bring a torch, to the
2 It is wrong when the child is sleep - ing, It is wrong to
3 Soft - ly to the lit - tle sta - ble, Soft - ly for a



cra - dle run! It is Je - sus, good folk of the vil - lage;
talk so loud; Si - lence, all, as you gath - er a - round,
mo - ment come; Look and see how charm - ing is Je - sus,



Christ is born and Mar - y's call - ing. Ah! ah! beau - ti - ful
Lest your noise should wak - en Je - sus. Hush! hush! see how
How he is white, his cheeks are ros - y. Hush! hush! see how the



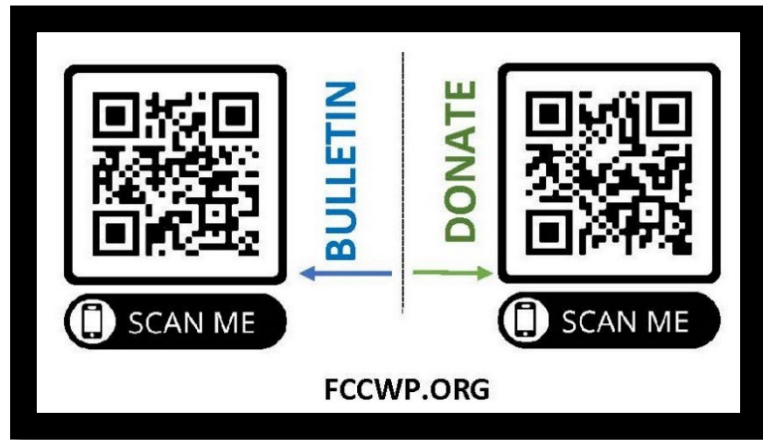
is the moth - er! Ah! ah! beau - ti - ful is her son!
fast he slum - bers; Hush! hush! see how fast he sleeps!
child is sleep - ing; Hush! hush! see how he smiles in dreams.



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☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

TODAY! Sunday December 22
Town-Hall Preliminary Meeting
In Fellowship Hall after Worship

Tomorrow! Monday December 23
Christmas Cookie Baking for Christmas Eve
9:30AM in the FCCWP Kitchen

Tuesday December 24th
Christmas Eve Services:
Family Service at 5:00PM
Lessons and Carols at 9:00PM

Sunday January 19th after Worship
Town Hall (Budget Review) Meeting

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