

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK



Transfiguration Sunday

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 11, 2024

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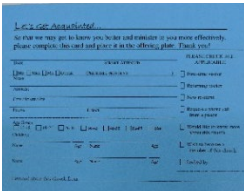
WELCOME

*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

“God So Loved the World”

Chancel Choir

Stainer

Please refrain from applauding

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **OPENING HYMN**

“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”

No. 55

* **OPENING PRAYER**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

YOUNG CHURCH

Mrs. Kerry Weisner

“The Lord's Prayer or Prayer of Our Savior”

4 yrs. through kindergarten will leave for Sunday school in the Education Building. 1st - 12th grade will leave for Sunday school on the 2nd floor of the Fellowship Hall. Children through 5th grade may be picked up on the playground, by a parent, immediately following worship. Childcare for infants through 3 years old is available in the nursery located on the main floor of the Ed. Bldg. Please check your child out with the teacher. Children are only released to the parent.

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SONG OF SUPPORT

*Refrain: 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. (to Refrain).*

HEBREW

2 Kings: 2:1-12

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Chancel Choir

Elgar

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

Minister: This is the Word of God.-

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

“Evidence”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

One might be moved to believe that it is through heavenly signs and wonders that we have the evidence of our faith in Jesus as God's son. Yet, Mark challenges us to shift our thinking and reminds us that Jesus' suffering cannot be separated from who and what he is. His command to tell no one about what happened on top of the mountain this morning is so that people might come to faith not through events like The Transfiguration but find that even through Jesus' suffering and death God's presence cannot be silenced or removed from us. This is as much at the heart of this morning's story as anything else. Do we resonate with such a message?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Larghetto”

Willem de Fesch

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

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

No. 537

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



The Food Pantry Needs our Help!!

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.)

LENTEN JOURNEY RETREAT

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024

All ages are invited to join this 1-day retreat that will help you set your goals and intentions for your personal journey through Lent.

Begin early with:

9am Bible Study

10am Worship & 10:15 Sunday school for children & youth

***11:30 – Retreat Luncheon**

w/conversation of community outreach introduction

\$5.00 children – 5th grade, \$12.00 youth/Adults

Variety of gourmet sandwiches, quinoa salad, green salad, chips, dessert

***12:15 -1:45 - Workshops (no fee)**

-Bible Study w/Rev. Shawn Garvey

Join Rev. Shawn for an exploration of scriptures that explore what it is to be intentional. So often we are reactionary rather than intentional. Our sacred texts have some insight into that very thing, so as we enter into our season of Lent and being intentional about being and doing something different, we'll take a look at a number of passages that speak some wisdom to us about the value of wisely setting intentions for ourselves so our lives might be more calm, more fulfilled, and more attuned to benefiting the lives of those around us, as well.

- Creative – Flower Guild

Join members of the FCCWP Flower Guild to explore the ways that flower arranging enhances our spiritual life. For many years flowers have been used to enrich worship services and help express our love for God and the natural world. They also help remind us of the beauty of the Earth and offer a means of creative expression. Take a peek behind the scenes of how our Flower Guild prepares offerings for our worship service each Sunday. Few members have any formal training and are united only by a love of flowers and a desire to exercise their creative muscles. Come learn some basic fundamentals of flower arranging and create an arrangement of your own to take home and remind you of your Lenten intentions. Who knows? Maybe you'd like to be the newest member of our guild.

-Health – Yoga w/Ms. Margo

The root word of Yoga, “Yuj”, first appeared in the Rig Veda (c. 1200–900 BC), originally meaning to yoke horse to carriage. Today when people hear the word yoga they most likely think of group exercise classes. In good classes people do in fact connect their body (carriage) to their power source (horse). What is your power source? The 8 limbs of Yoga is a path to personal liberation, to awakening to your True Nature, or Self-Actualization. A liberated human being has had a direct experience of their True Nature - an experience of mind-body-spirit Peace, and equanimity of polarities. Collective liberation happens when liberated individuals come together - we can only get there as a collective. We find strength and endurance by leaning on each other. Together we will do this. It is done. Ms. Margo will guide a Gentle Hatha Yoga class which focuses on the breath, gentle postures, deep relaxation, and meditation. There will be time for questions and community sharing. Please bring your mat, blanket and wear comfortable clothes.

-Pre-K – K w/Ms. Sprinkle

A time with story books and art the children will go on a scavenger hunt in the courtyard finding things that Jesus Loves and God created.

- 1st – 12th Grade Youth & Children w/Ms. Christine & Ms. Cari

During Sunday School we will watch a video about the Tiffany Chapel. After lunch we will walk to the Morse Museum and see the Tiffany Chapel.

Learn about Ward Chapel Food Pantry and hear firsthand how we partner with the community. We will also discuss our intentional food drive over the Lenten season.

Make sure you visit the Fellowship Hall Lenten “Charging Station” March 3-24, where you can add notes and pictures of your Lenten Journey or take new information each week that will guide you along the way. Special items will also be available for coffee hours treats.

*Registration Required for food prep and supplies.



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 sky;
2 Bright youth and sea - soned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,
3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,
5 Praise God who rules all worlds, the ris - en Christ a - dore,

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.
From youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
Re - joice Re - joice

This hymn, inspired by Philippians 4:4, was written for the Choral Festival held at Peterborough Cathedral in England. The author was an Anglican priest and a professor of theology at Oxford University.

Tune: MARION S.M. with refrain
Arthur H. Messiter, 1883

For an alternate setting, see 71

Alternate tune: CHRISTPRAISE RAY

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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F. B. P., c. 16th century; alt.

Ps. 144:9-10; 1 Cor. 13:12; Luke 1:46-55

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when will you wel - come me?
2 There saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they see God face to face;
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as mas - ter of the choir;
4 There Mar - y sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with tune both strong and sweet;

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Your joys, when shall I see?
They tri - umph still, they will re - joice, de - light - ing in God's grace.
Ten thou - sand times would they be blessed that might such mu - sic hear.
And choirs of saints in har - mo - ny re - sound through ev - ery street.

5 There Mag - da - len no more la - ments
but joins the ris - ing sound;
What tongue can tell or heart con - ceive
the joys that there are found!

6 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem,
God grant that I may see
your end - less joy, and of the same
par - tak - er ev - er be!

The earliest known version of this hymn (1585) is forty-four stanzas long. A later and shorter version, found in the British Museum, credits "F. B. P.," about whom nothing is known. The American tune was often sung with the words "O Land of rest, for thee I sigh."

Tune: LAND OF REST C.M.
The Christian Harp, 1832
Adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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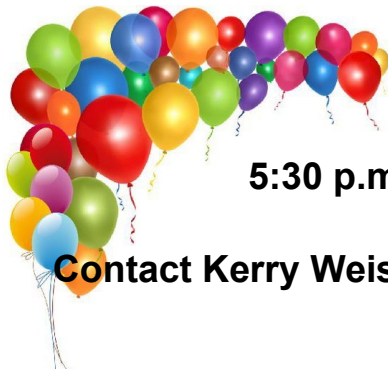
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LOOKING AHEAD

February 11

LUNCH BUNCH – brought to you by the Board of Membership

Immediately following worship – see announcements and What's Happening for details



February 17

140th Birthday Party

5:30 p.m. – Dinner and Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf

Get your reservations in now.

Contact Kerry Weisner for more information: sunshineday365@aol.com

February 18

Bible Sunday

February 25

Lenten

Journey

Retreat

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