

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

NOVEMBER 16 2025

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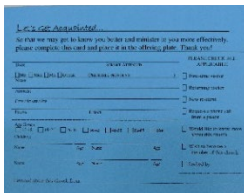
WELCOME

***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
INTROIT

"With A Voice of Singing"

Shaw

Please refrain from applauding

Rev. Shawn Garvey
Chancel Choir

✱ **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

People: "Make a joyful noise to God, everyone!"

✱ **OPENING HYMN** "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

No. 410

✱ **OPENING PRAYER**

✱ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All children please come forward to participate in the Baptism

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Rev. Garvey

Minister: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament of baptism, promise your love, support, and care to Maia Jean Mako as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

YOUNG CHURCH

"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 UPSTAIRS 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 65:17-25

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Prayer to Jesus"

Chancel Choir

Beck

Please refrain from applauding

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

"Challenges of Faith"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

As Jesus makes his remarks about the End Times and what will be required of the faithful, one thing becomes very clear: faith is challenged and affirmed when we are most challenged and face profound adversity. Every age and generation has faced this truth of the Faith Journey: how is this true for you today, and what adversarial forces do you perceive challenging your faith in our current time?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Andante in B minor"

*Felix Mendelssohn**Please refrain from applauding*

*Doxology (With Alleluias)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev, Garvey

*CLOSING HYMN

"God Reigns o'er All the Earth" V.1,2&4

No. 21

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Chancel Choir

*Lutkin**Please refrain from applauding*In Remembrance

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by the family of Mary Voell Jones whose Celebration of Life service was held here on Friday. The family wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them through this time of loss.

Membership Conversation Today! If you are interested in learning more about the United Church of Christ, knowing more about this congregation, or exploring how to unite with this family of faith in membership, please attend our Membership Conversation today, immediately following worship in the Parlor. We look forward to exploring the journey of faith with you.



ADULT O.W.L.

We have been offering this amazing program to our youth and children for years. This year, we would like to offer it to adults. [Click Here](#) to learn more about this opportunity.



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP WANTS TO KNOW...



WHAT CHURCH EVENTS DO YOU ENJOY?

From youth group to family nights to holiday celebrations - we want your input!

Scan the QR code and tell us what kinds of programs inspire and connect you!



First Congregational Church of Winter Park



Christmas Flowers 2025



The Flower Guild will be decorating the church with flowers of the season for the month of December. For the holidays a special flower fund has been set up. You may donate (any amount) to the fund in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member or friend.

Christmas flower dedications received in the church office by Wednesday, December 17th, will be listed in the Sunday, December 23rd bulletin.

Checks should be made payable to First Congregational Church. memo line should read "Christmas Flower Dedication."

You may place your check in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thank you.

Flower dedication given by:

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Phone: _____ email: _____

In honor of:

In memory of:

You may also email your dedication to mtaylor@fccwp.org
Please place Christmas Flower Dedication in the subject line
Your donation may be made online – fccwp.org – donate page

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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*Georg Neumark, 1641**Ps. 55:22**Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.*

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice



all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,
heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure
faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv-ing,



to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's
will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most
there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to



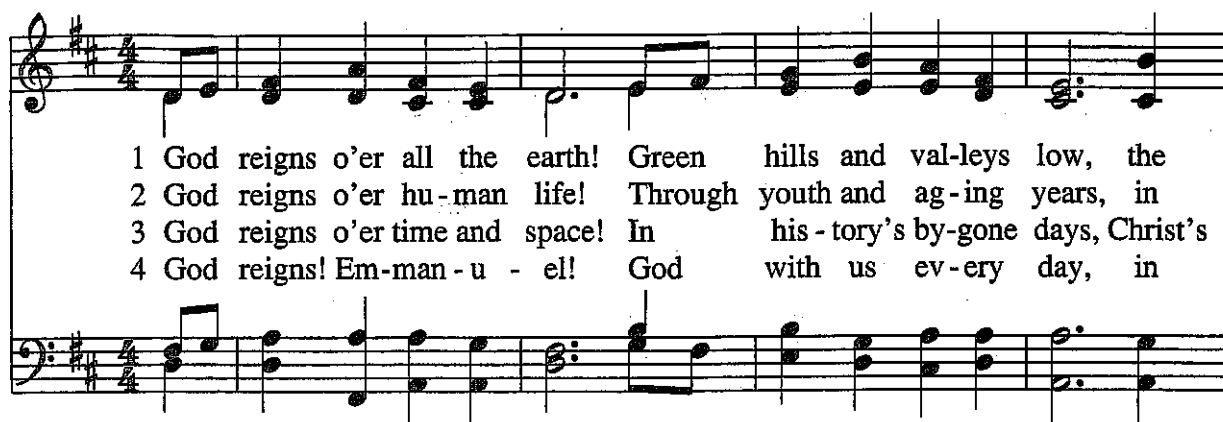
change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

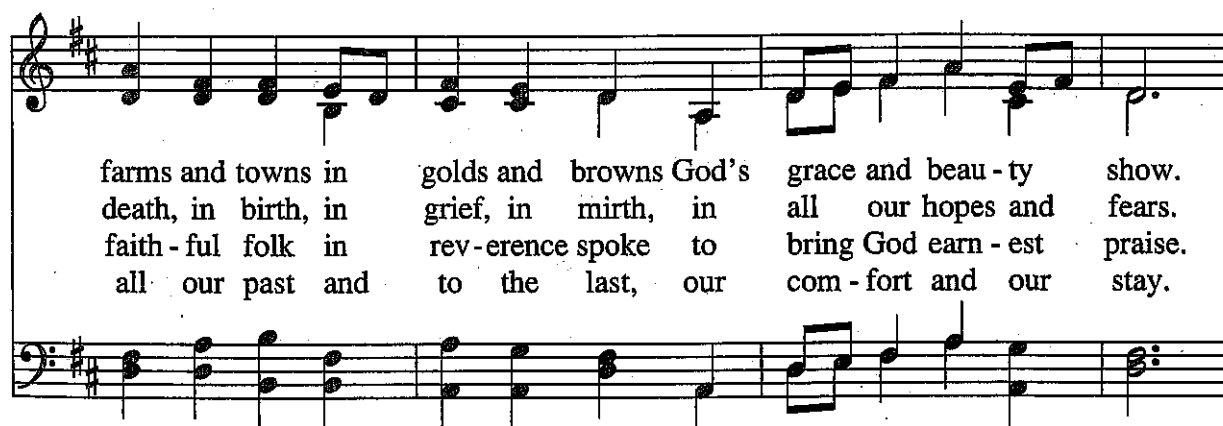
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

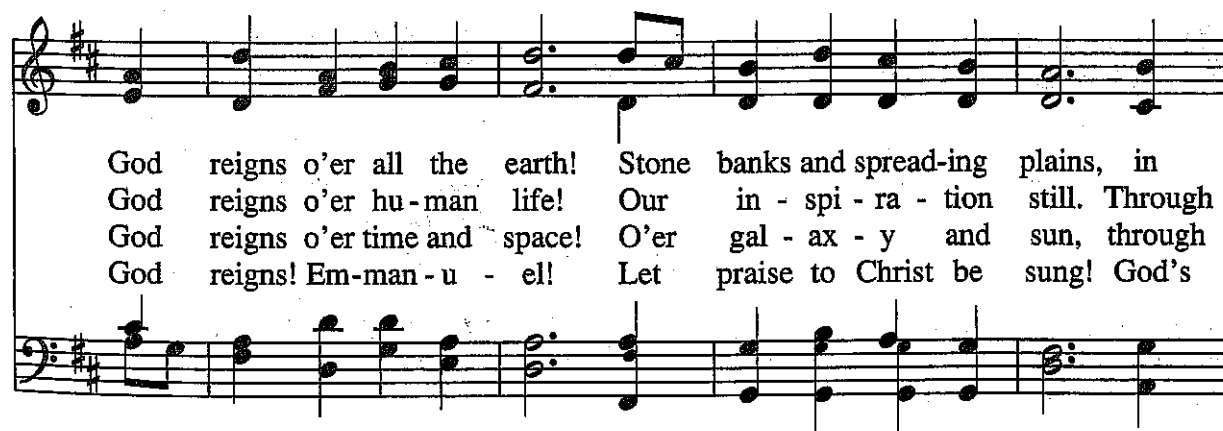
Isa. 52:7-10



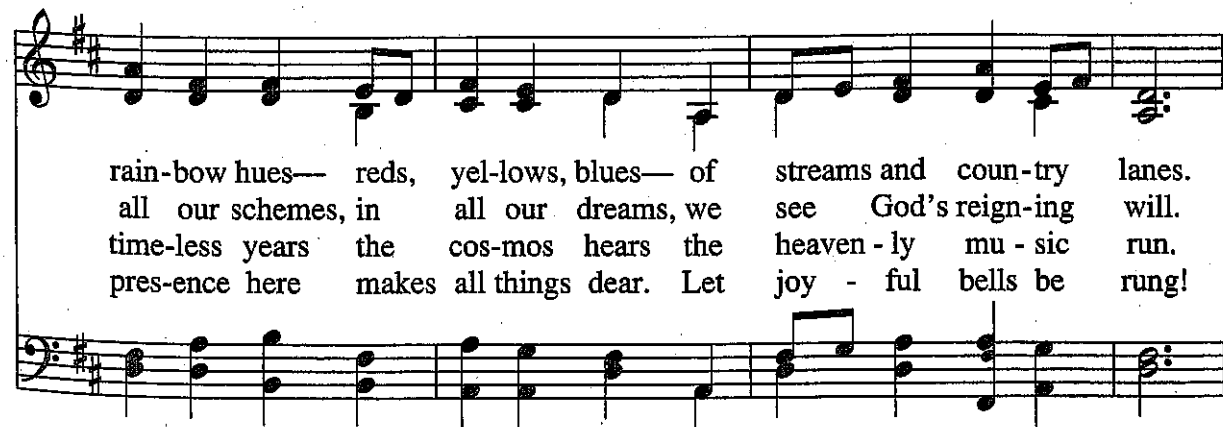
1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's
4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, in



farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau-ty show.
death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
faith-ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn-est praise.
all our past and to the last, our com-fort and our stay.



God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in
God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in-spi-ra-tion still. Through
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal-ax-y and sun, through
God reigns! Em-man-u-el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's



rain-bow hues—reds, yel-lows, blues—of streams and coun-try lanes.
all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.
time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven-ly mu-sic run.
pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!

The author's notes on this text describe it as a progression of awareness of God's reign among us—in physical surroundings, in the various stages of life, in time and space, and supremely in Christ, God with us.

Tune: TERRA BEATA S.M.D.
Traditional English melody
Adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

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❧LOOKING AHEAD❧

Today! Sunday November 16

Bring a Friend to Church Day!

Membership Conversation

Parlor After Worship

Sunday November 23

Decorate the Church for Christmas

****Please Stay After Worship****

And

Elizabeth Hooker Book Club Meeting

In the Parlor at 6:30PM - All are Welcome!

Sunday December 14

All Church Party and Advent Workshop

Fellowship Hall After Worship

And

Angel Tree Gift Wrapping

1:00Pm in the Sanctuary

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