



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 7, 2024

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. 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

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
arr. Mark Hayes

Soloist: Stephen Mumbert

* *RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

* *OPENING HYMN*

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

No. 164

* *OPENING PRAYER*

* *PASSING OF THE PEACE*

YOUNG CHURCH

Mrs. Kerry Weisner

All children will remain in worship today.

Childcare is available for infants through 3 yrs. old in the Nursery located on the main floor of the Education Building.

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SONG OF SUPPORT

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)*

HEBREW

Psalm 29

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"Deep River"

Soloist: Stephen Mumbert

arr. Moses Hogan

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

"The Voice"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Mark's version of Jesus' baptism, the voice from heaven is written from Jesus' point of view, and we hear it as he hears it. The Voice says firstly and before anything else that Jesus is beloved of God. Then, he is acknowledged as God's son, and then that God is pleased with him. When we

imagine hearing God's voice announcing ourselves in the same way, what do we hear God saying about us?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

A Service for the Spiritual Feast

WORDS OF INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Unison*)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior who taught us to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright”

Composer: Dietrich Buxtehude

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

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

No. 154

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

**WHAT
GOES
MUST
COME**



IT IS TRUE!!!

ALL THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS HAVE TO COME DOWN TODAY!

MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

NOTICE

TOWN HALL MEETING: January 21, 2024
Immediately following worship
One agenda item
Introduction to the proposed 2024 budget
This is an informational meeting only. *No voting.*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: January 29, 2024
Immediately following worship
Presentation of the budgets, capital expenditures, board nominations, etc.
This is a voting meeting. **Members only.**



WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

WHAT: FCCWP's 140TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

WHERE: RIGHT HERE ON OUR GROUNDS

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

WHO IS INVITED: THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION, BUT MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



Arise, Your Light Is Come

*Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21**Ruth Duck, 1973*

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.
 William Walter, 1872

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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African-American spiritual
 Arr. John W. Work II, 1907

Luke 2:8-20; Isa. 18:3; 52:7

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hill and ev - ery - where.

Last time, end

Go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

Be - hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

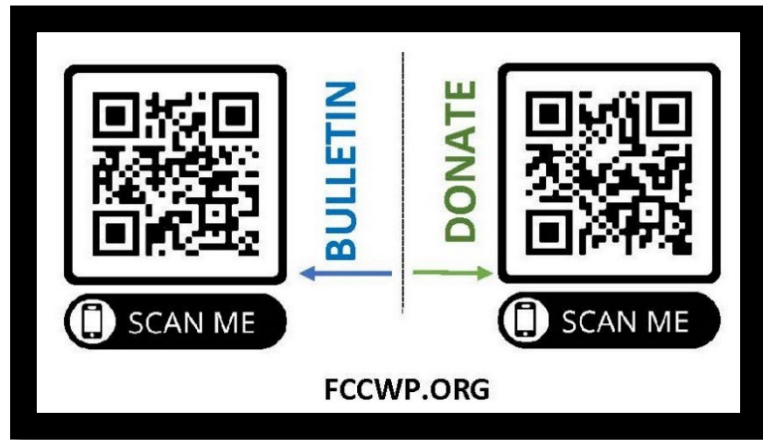
This is one of the few spirituals heard inside as well as outside African-American churches. It was adapted by John Wesley Work II, who is remembered as the director of the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University.

Tune: African-American spiritual
 Adapt. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

2024

January 7

TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS!
Immediately following worship

January 21

Town Hall Meeting
Immediately following worship
Informational Meeting Only – No Voting
Introduction to the Proposed 2024 Budgets

January 28

Annual Congregational Meeting
Immediately following worship
Voting Meeting
Budgets, Officers, Board Members, Capital Expenditures

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