

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 18, 2026
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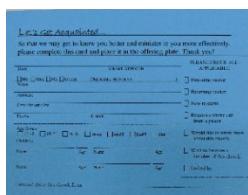
WELCOME

***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.

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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****"I've Got Peace Like A River"**

arr. Sharon Rogers

Bell Choir

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

arr. Sharon Rogers

WELCOME

Rev. Shawn Garvey

INTROIT**"Ride On, King Jesus"**

arr. Sharon Rogers

Bell Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

People: "Open us to your living presence, O Lord"***OPENING HYMN****"For the Healing of the Nations"**

No. 576

OPENING PRAYER**PASSING OF THE PEACE***All children please come forward to participate in the baptism***SERVICE OF BAPTISM**

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 Ronald Ellis Adams as he lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.**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 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 49:1-7

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"Surely the Lord is in this Place"
Colvin

Chancel Choir

GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

"Who He Is, So Also Are You"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

In John's gospel, he makes it clear over and over again that the definition of discipleship is determined by who Jesus is. This morning's passage about the first disciples begins to solidify that narrative. As you think about that, how has your own understanding of Jesus, your encounters with him throughout your life, molded your own sense of being a disciple for the world?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Andante Religioso"
Felix Mendelssohn

*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**

"Oh Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

No. 503

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Garvey

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Choral Benediction"
Besig

Chancel Choir

NOTICE

TODAY: TOWN HALL MEETING: January 18, 2025

Immediately following worship
Introduction to the proposed 2026 budget
This is an informational meeting only. *No voting.*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: January 25, 2025

Immediately following worship
Presentation of the budgets, capital expenditures, board nominations, etc.
This is a voting meeting. **Members only.**

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na-tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free-dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ-ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school-ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry Purcell, c. 1680
Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

Washington Gladden, 1879; alt.

1 O Sav - ior, let me walk with you in earth - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; let me be in clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret,
 win - ning word of love. Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 you can give, with you, O Sav - ior, let me live.

Washington Gladden was a Congregational minister, distinguished preacher and lecturer, and author of over thirty works. Gladden wrote extensively on civic and social affairs of his day. This hymn was penned in 1879 and published in his periodical, *The Sunday Afternoon*.

Tune: MARYTON L.M.
H. Percy Smith, 1874

CHURCH GUEST WIFI

PASSWORD:

LetMeInPlease!



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❖ LOOKING AHEAD ❖

TODAY! Sunday January 18

Town Hall Meeting
Sanctuary after Worship

Monday January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Church Office is Closed

Saturday January 24

Dinner OFF The Avenue
Presented by Neighborhood Groups

NEXT Sunday January 25

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sanctuary after Worship

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