



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 28, 2024

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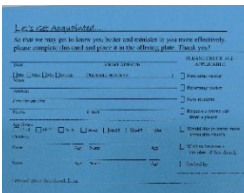
WELCOME

*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

“Psalm 148”

Chancel Choir

Hopson

Please refrain from applauding

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **OPENING HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

No. 28

* **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.

Childcare will be available during the Annual Congregational Meeting for Infants – 5th grade. All other children and youth should be seated with their parents.

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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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

“The Earth is the Lord's”

Chancel Choir

Nygard

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GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

“In Our Midst”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

God speaks in our Hebrew Scriptures today of a prophet that shall emerge from the people. In Mark, Jesus begins his public ministry and people recognize that he offers a “new teaching...with authority.” In both scriptures, there are echoes of the truth that God always comes to us and speaks to us through those around us; and sometimes our very selves, as well. Yet, too often we don’t pay enough attention when God speaks through “regular people” or in ways that are new and that break from tradition. This is nothing new. How can we be different, and why is it so important to be so?

Responding to God’s Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Siciliano”

John Stany

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*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

“Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed”

No. 537

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

NOTICE

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: TODAY, January 28, 2024

Immediately following worship

Presentation of the budgets, capital expenditures, board nominations, etc.

This is a voting meeting. **Members only.**



Join Us for

LUNCH BUNCH

~ organized by the Membership Board ~

February 11, 2024 | Following Service

Meet Jenifer Ruby in Fellowship Hall and we will walk together to restaurant.



BOCA

358 North Park Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789



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!



For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain

Conrad Kocher, 1838

Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

537

Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.

1 Chris - tian, rise and act your creed; let your
 2 Hearts a - round you sink with care; you can
 3 Of - fer oth - ers hope and joy, and God's
 4 Come then, law di - vine, and reign: faith that

prayer be in your deed; Seek the right, per - form the
 help their load to bear; You can bring in - spir - ing
 wor - ship your em - ploy; Giv - ing thanks in hum - ble
 doubt as - sails in vain, Per - fect love be - reft of

true, raise your work and life a - new.
 light, strength - en them to do the right.
 zeal, learn - ing all God's will to feel.
 fear, born in heaven and ra - diant here.

Francis Albert Rollo Russell was a writer on scientific subjects and a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. This hymn was first published in the Pilgrim Hymnal (1904). The tune originated with a text used for the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

Tune: INNOCENTS 7.7.7.
 The Parish Choir, 1850

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

2024

January 28

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Immediately following worship
Voting Meeting**

Budgets, Officers, Board Members, Capital Expenditures

February 4

**Neighborhood Group Leaders Luncheon
Immediately following worship – Conference Room**

February 11

**LUNCH BUNCH – brought to you by the Board of Membership
Immediately following worship – see bulletin for details**

February 18

Bible Sunday

February 25

Lenten Journey Retreat

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Chris Olivent, Organist
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