



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 21, 2024

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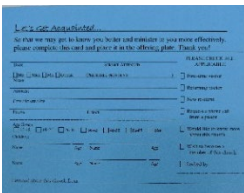
WELCOME

*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 is Our Refuge”
 (“Psalm46”)

Chancel Choir

Composers: Hopson

Please refrain from applauding

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **OPENING HYMN**

“How Firm a Foundation”
vv. 1, 2, & 5

No. 407

* **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 Town Hall Meeting for infants – 5th grade.

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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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Jesus, I Love Thee”

Chancel Choir

arr. Ray

Soloists: Juliana Lind, Zach Gould, Jesu Pacheco, and Veronica Prevost

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“Repent: God Means It”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

In both Jonah and Mark this morning, the scriptures tell us of two men going out to share a message of repentance; of changing one's ways. In Jonah, it means salvation from destruction for the people of Nineveh. In Mark, it is a message that started with John and continues with Jesus that is a precursor to being part of the blossoming realm of God. As the season of Lent approaches, it seems like a good idea to be considering what we ourselves could do to change for the better...God clearly wants us to.

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Voluntary”

*Composer: John Travers
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

“For the Healing of the Nations”

No. 576

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

IN CELEBRATION

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Huxley Grey Ricci, who was born on January 11. The proud parents are Austin and Tori Ricci. Also, welcoming Huxley are grandparents, Jana and Frank Ricci, and great grandmother, Collyn Slavens.

NOTICE

TOWN HALL MEETING: January 21, 2024 (TODAY)

Immediately following worship

One agenda item

Introduction to the proposed 2024 budget

This is an informational meeting only. *No voting.*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: 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!



How Firm a Foundation

*Isa. 43:2-5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5**"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go.
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832).

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.
*Early United States melody
 from Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832
 Alternate tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

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

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

2024

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

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

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