



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK

Today we hear that when Jesus hears about the arrest of John the Baptist, he withdraws. This is the first of many times we will read about Jesus withdrawing, going off alone, taking time to think, to pray, to discern, to re-energize. We often don't give ourselves that same blessing when we need it, yet Jesus models it for us. Why do we resist withdrawing so much?

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 22, 2023

Masking is welcomed, but not required.

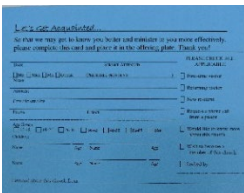
WELCOME

*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

“Songs Abound”

Davis

Chancel Choir

Please refrain from applauding

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **OPENING HYMN**

“Lead On Eternal Sovereign”

No. 573

* **OPENING PRAYER**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

YOUNG CHURCH

Ms. 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 through 5th grade will leave for Sunday school in the Media Center. 6th through 12th grade will leave for Sunday school in the Youth Room. Children through 5th grade may be picked up on the playground, by a parent, immediately following the Town Hall Meeting. Please check your child out with the childcare staff. Childcare for infants through 3 years old is available in the nursery located on the main floor of the Ed. Bldg. Children are only released to the parent.

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SONG OF SUPPORT

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

HEBREW

Isaiah 9:1-4

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“If I Forget, Yet God Remembers”

Pederson

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“Withdraw”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Larghetto”

Vivaldi

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

“As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams”

No. 481

*BENEDICTION

IN HONOR OF

The flowers on the altar are donated by Sherie Lindamood in memory of her friend and sister in Christ, Jeanne Allaart.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN HALL MEETING: TODAY

Immediately following worship

Introduction to the proposed 2023 budgets.

This is an informational meeting only. No voting.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: January 29, 2023

Immediately following worship

Presentation of the budgets, capital expenditures, board nominations, bylaw change.

This is a voting meeting. Members only.

BOOK CLUB

The Elizabeth Hooker Book Club will hold its first LIVE meeting since 2020 today at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor of Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Mitch Albom's book *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*. Please feel free to join us even if you have not read (or finished!) the book! We look forward to a lively *in person* discussion.



ARE YOU A NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP LEADER?

Please join us on today, immediately following the Town Hall Meeting for a luncheon meeting. We will meet in the Conference Room.

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.

1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
 2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
 3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer-ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

At Andover Seminary, fellow students asked Ernest W. Shurtleff to write a hymn for their graduation. This is the result. Shurtleff became a Congregational minister and in his last years established churches in Europe and did relief work during World War I.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Henry T. Smart, 1836

As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams

481

A New Version of the Psalms of David,
ed. Nahum Tate and Nicholas Brady, 1696; alt.

Ps. 42

1 As pants the hart for cool - ing streams when
2 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Trust
3 God of my strength, how long shall I, like
4 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope

heat - ed in the chase, So longs my soul, O
God, who will em - ploy All grace for you, and
one for - got - ten, mourn, For - lorn, for - sak - en,
still, and you shall sing The praise of One who

God, for you, and your re - fresh - ing grace.
change your sighs to thank - ful hymns of joy.
and ex - posed to my op - pres - sor's scorn?
is your God, your health's e - ter - nal spring.

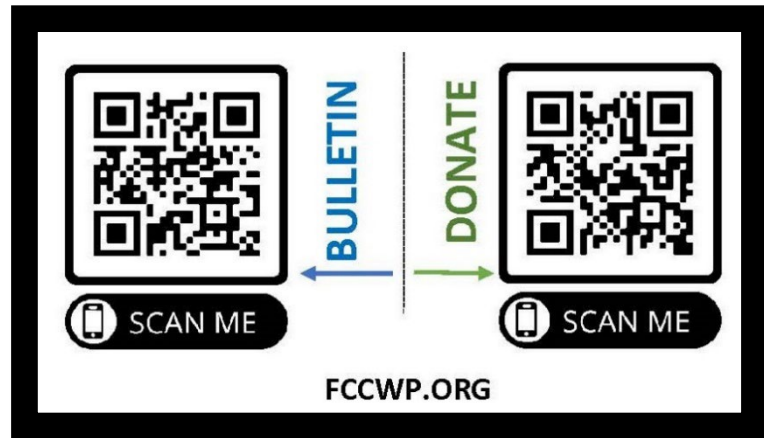
Both Nahum Tate and Nicholas Brady were Irish. Brady, a priest, held various posts, including that of royal chaplain. Tate made his living writing for the state. This is one of the most enduring paraphrases from their A New Version of the Psalms of David. (A "hart" is a deer.)

Tune: MARTYRDOM C.M.
(AVON)
Hugh Wilson, 1825

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❧LOOKING AHEAD❧



January 22 – Town Hall Meeting

January 22 – Neighborhood Group Leaders Meeting

January 29 – Annual Congregational Meeting

February 5 – Winter Park, The Early Years

February 19 – New Members Luncheon

February 22 – Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.

February 26 – Lenten Series begins

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