



# The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



February 9, 2025 • 10:00 am



## All are Welcome Here!

This is not just a slogan. At FCC, we truly believe that all are welcome. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to join us here. Whether your faith feels strong or you are in the process of searching and questioning, you are welcome to join us here. If you are otherly-abled, neuro divergent, straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, non-binary, transgendered or questioning, you are welcome to join us here.

Whether you have been a regular at church or have never been to church, you are welcome to join us either in person or virtually. We openly welcome people of all backgrounds, ages, and perspectives to join us.

We welcome you to journey with us on your faith path and recognize that one person's path will be different than someone else's. As a Christian church, we encourage you to have a relationship with Jesus. You may believe in Jesus as your Savior, your role-model, or the good shepherd guiding you through life. But, whatever your beliefs, we welcome you to join us as we come together virtually and in person to worship together on Sunday mornings. If you are in the Sanctuary with us, we encourage you to fill out the Visitor card and/or Prayer Request card and give it to an Usher as you depart. If you are joining us virtually and have a Prayer Request or would like us to be in touch with you, please feel free to email our Minister ([mjacobs@fcc-chappaqua.org](mailto:mjacobs@fcc-chappaqua.org)). If you'd like to be added to our email list to receive our weekly news, *Thursday's Word*, and other news about FCC, please send your email address to [office@fcc-chappaqua.org](mailto:office@fcc-chappaqua.org).

### **Yes, we have children in worship with us!**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Reflecting that spirit, children are always welcome in worship. We strongly believe their participation in all aspects of worship helps them to develop their faith. Children are invited to participate in communion or to receive a blessing during communion, as their parent desires. We have Sunday School for children and youth (typically September through June), and all children are welcome to attend if their parents so choose.

#### Our Mission Statement

*"With open hands and open hearts, we care for each other and the wider world through prayer, connections and compassion. We are compelled by our faith to follow in the path of Jesus Christ, by both listening to and spreading God's love to all people."*

#### Our Vision Statement

*"In living our faith and guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we seek to be known as an open and safe place of peaceful reflection and tolerant dialogue. We also seek to lead our community as a voice of hope to foster individual and social compassion."*

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Prelude

***Softly and Tenderly***

-DAN FORREST

Welcome

Centering Music

***The Lord is My Shepherd***

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I'll walk with him always.  
He lays me in green pastures;  
I'll walk with him always.

*Refrain:*

Always, always,  
I'll walk with him always.

Always, always,  
I'll walk with him always.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I'll walk with him always.  
He leads me by still waters;  
I'll walk with him always.

*Refrain*

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

One: Oh God of Creation, how majestic are your works!

**All: All the animals, plants, and stones sing songs of praise and gratitude.**

One: Come! Marvel at the lands, the seas, the skies!

**All: Come, Children of God! Let us worship together.**

Hymn No. 517

***Peace Like a River***

I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul  
(2x)

I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul  
(2x)

I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul  
(2x)

I've got peace like a river  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul  
(2x)

Unison Invocation and Lord's Prayer (*using debts*):

**Wonderful God, be with us now. Thank you for this time together. We love to be the gardeners of your Earth and citizens of this amazing world. Teach us to live in harmony with you. Bring us together in your love. Hear us as we pray out loud the prayer that Jesus taught us... *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 for ever and ever. Amen***

Invitation to Confession:

One: When we gather together it is good to confess our mistakes and admit our shortcomings. God loves us, and always forgives us when we do. Then, with our hearts at ease, we can move forward together, in peace.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**God, we come to you humble. We know that we make mistakes. We sometimes hurt ourselves. We sometimes hurt others. We sometimes hurt our world. Please forgive us. Help us do better. Remind us that you are always with us, and that your Love is the way.**

A Moment for Silence and Personal Prayer

Words of Assurance (*responsively*):

One: When we ask for forgiveness and pray for change, God gives healing, mercy and grace.

**All: God's love gives us hope and comfort. Praise God, we are forgiven!**

Passing of Christ's Peace (*responsively*):

One: With thanks, let us greet each other and pass our tidings of love and peace.

**All: And also with you!**

## ***Bible Stories Live!***

*(Near the end of the play, please join Eve in singing "Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary")*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

Hymn No. 305

***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***

-Ken Medema

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying  
Lord, send your spirit in this place  
Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying  
Send Us Love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayers of Our People

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

***Acclamation*** (from Gospel Mass)

-ROBERT RAY

Doxology

***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Consecration:

**Loving God, accept these offerings and use these gifts to heal our world. Help them find their greatest use. Guide us in our acts of service. May all your children have homes, food, health, joy, and peace. Amen.**

Hymn

***Precious Lord***

[Chorus]

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home

[Verse 1]

When my way grows drear  
Precious Lord, linger near  
When my life is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home

[Repeat Chorus]

## Benediction

May the Lord wrap you with light! May She stretch out the Heavens before you! May She carry you on the wings of Her wind! May She sing with all of creation your song. And may God catch your every footfall with Her love. Amen

## Postlude

### *Postlude on 'St. George's Windsor'*

-JASON D. PAYNE

We thank all who have participated in our morning worship service and in the auxiliary functions.

- Katy Cates is our Host Deacon
- Sue Hacker is our Liturgist
- Chase Tyler and Beth Statman are our Ushers

Please join us for our FIRST Community Coffee Hour in Centennial Hall following Worship.

**THANK  
YOU!**

Thank you to our Youth and Jonathan Riedel  
for the wonderful Bible Stories Live!



**TODAY - February 9**  
**following Worship**

Buy a box and fill it with cookies!

Help the Youth raise money for their  
Youth Mission Project



Please join us for our FIRST  
**Community Coffee Hour**  
**TODAY, February 9**  
in Centennial Hall following Worship.

We would like to welcome everyone, spiritual or not, to spend  
time together enjoying food and conversation.

Whether you want to chat about gardening or discuss ways to help others, come and  
enjoy free coffee, cakes, and cookies

**Today at 11:15 am.**



## Calendar

### TODAY Sunday, February 9

*Bible Stories Live!*

*CE Bake Sale*

**10:00 am Worship** (S/YouTube)

**11:15 am Community Coffee**

**Hour** (CH)

**11:30 am Local Church Discernment**

**Committee Mtg.** (MR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Monday, February 10

**9:15 am Play Care**

### Tuesday, February 11

**9:15 am Play Care**

**1:00 pm All Staff Meeting** (MR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Wednesday, February 12

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 2 (CH)

### Thursday, February 13

**9:15 am Play Care**

**7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal** (CR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Friday, February 14

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)



### Saturday, February 15

7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (CH)

### NEXT Sunday, February 16

**10:00 am Worship—Mini Music Sunday**

(S/YouTube)

**11:15 am Sunday Fellowship** (CH)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Key: Centennial Hall (CH); Choir Room (CR); Classroom (CL);  
Kitchen (K); Library (L); Memorial Room, (MR); Play Care (PC);  
Sanctuary (S)



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Monday - Friday, February 17 -21

for the school break.

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