

WELCOME TO:
FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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9:30 AM	Adult Christian Education	Rev. John L. Emig
10:45 AM	Worship	Pastor
Fellowship Hour Following Worship		814-244-1602

“No matter who **YOU** are or where **YOU** are on life’s journey,
YOU are welcome here.”

“Never place a period where God has placed a comma” --
Gracie Allen



We believe that Christ can make us loving brothers and sisters. We welcome everyone present and pray that we all become “one” in Christ.

Christ Jesus didn’t reject anyone neither do we. God Is Still Speaking.

Sunday, February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



***Those who are able are invited to stand.**
BOLD print – congregation participates.
Hymns are in the New Century Hymnal unless otherwise indicated.

Speak to us, O God, and let the fire of Your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel; we pray through Jesus Christ, Your living Word. Amen.

Organ chimes

Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Greeting:

L: No matter who **YOU** are or where **YOU** are on life’s journey,

P: **YOU** are welcome here!

Prelude

Lighting the Altar Candles

Call to Worship: “Gathered Here in the Mystery of This Hour” #742

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5: 13 – 20

Response: “Praise be to you, O Christ!”

***Hymn of Adoration: “I Sing as I Arise Today” #83**

***Call to Confession**

L: God alone is righteous;
God alone is perfect;
God alone is judge;
Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us.
Rejoicing in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Confession (In Unison)**

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and follow in Your ways to the glory of Your name. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.
P: We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Anthem: “Declare God’s Glory” – M.W. Patch

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 16

***Hymn of Preparation: “Come, Gather in This Special Place” #335**

SERMON

Service of Installation

Offertory

***Doxology**

**Praise God that we are called to care.
Praise God that we have gifts to share.
Praise God who guides us on our way
To live our lives in Christ today. Amen.**

***Invitation to Holy Communion**

***The Dialogue**

L: May God be with you
P: And also with you.
L: Lift your hearts.
P: We lift them up to God.
L: Let us give thanks to the God we love.
P: We freely give God thanks and praise.

***The Communion Prayer (Pastor)**



We practice “extravagant” welcome here at Faith UCC, just as Jesus would invite and encourage us to do. So **WELCOME** to each and every one!

We would like to wish Mike Witt, Sue Masic, and Pastor John Emig a happy belated birthday!

Today is “Souperbowl” Sunday, the day we give to the Altoona Food Bank. Your gifts of canned goods are greatly needed. Also, monetary gifts are welcomed. Thank you for your participation.

Next Sunday is “Soup Sunday”. Please join us and bring your favorite soup to share with others.

Next Sunday is also the Blanket Collection for Church World Service. Please join us in the privilege of giving to this very worthy cause.

Faith Fellowship will meet Tuesday at 10:30 AM. All are welcomed.

Consistory meets Thursday evening at 6:00 PM.

“Ash Wednesday” is February 18th at 7:00 PM.

End-of- Year Statements. If you wish a statement of your giving for 2025 for tax purposes, please let the church office know.

Would you like to donate a Memorial Tree to our Community Garden? We will be planting around 8 fruit trees with plaques costing

around \$125 - \$150. Please speak with any of our Committee Members if you have any questions. Thank you.

Credit card/debit card slips are available.

The Flower Calendar for 2026 is available on the board above the water fountain.

Large-print Daily Bread devotionals are available in the narthex (hall). Please help yourself.

Don’t forget to like us and follow us on Facebook

(www.facebook.com/faithuccaltoona) and subscribe to our YouTube channel (@faithuccaltoona).

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! In an effort to keep our prayer list as up-to-date as possible, we request that you **personally notify the office** any time a name needs to be added or deleted from the list. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Friends and Neighbors needing our Prayers:

Jeff Cain

Richard Port

Gracie Raihl

Shawn Ellis Family (grieving)

Scott Weyer Family (grieving)

Rick Plowman

Vivian Fitzsimmons

Heather Guthrie

Nick Lonsinger

Janet Weyer

Baby Ridge

Dave Zimmerman

Lettie Allen

Dallas Webb

Peggy Mapes

Zach Lonsinger Family

Donna Skelley

Linda Hollen

Carol Marlett

Our sick and shut-ins

We offer up our prayers for any of our **church family** not listed here who may be in need.



Please pray for our men and women in the military.

