

WELCOME TO:

FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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9:30 A.M. Adult Christian Education

10:45 A.M. Worship

Fellowship Hour Following Worship

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Pastor

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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



It's gratifying to have each worshiper here today. Greetings and blessings in the name of Jesus!

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

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

***Those who are able are invited to stand.**

BOLD print – congregation participates.

Hymns are in the New Century Hymnal unless otherwise indicated.

Gracious God, seeker of the lost: draw Your children back to Your loving embrace, restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons, and reconcile our hearts to You that we may become ambassadors of Your reconciling love to all the world. Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. 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:

L: The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

P: But to us it is the power of God!

L: We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

P: The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9: 28 – 36

Response: "Praise be to you, O Christ!"

***Hymn of Adoration: “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” # 182**

***Call to Confession**

In trust, let us call upon God’s holy name,
confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

Merciful and gracious God,
we bow before your unending compassion,
the measure of our falling short.
We have not loved as you command.
We have not spoken truly.
We have not cared for creation, including ourselves,
and according to your will.
What we intend, we have not pursued;
what we mean to avoid, we embrace.
Help us to know the mind of Christ,
that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,
our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

***Kyrie**

(The Leader says)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

(The People says)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again,
we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one
another! Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

Anthem: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” – L. Mason

First Lesson: Exodus 34: 29 – 35

Psalter: Psalm 99, page 687

***Hymn of Preparation: “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” # 183**

SERMON

Morning Prayer: The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology**

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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

***Dialogue**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord most high.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***Communion Prayer**

***Seraphic Hymm (sung page 795)**

**“Holy, holy, holy, God of the heavenly host;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed the one who comes in the name of our God,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest”**

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in the bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice You have made our own. Give us the gifts of this Holy Communion – oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve You every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Response: “O Savior, Let Me Walk with You” # 503**

***Benediction**

***Masithi**

***Postlude**



Participating in Today’s Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ’s family
Music Director Claire White
Acolyte Nick Lonsinger
Lay Reader Jerry Paul
Church Secretary Christina and Shane Schmitt
Minister Rev. John Emig

Attendance: 2–23–25 Sunday School: 6 Worship: 25

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR February 23, 2025

Current	\$940.00
Plate	\$ 14.00
Sunday School	\$ 19.00
Penn West Academy	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$993.00



**Dave Port 3/5
Linda Hollen 3/6
Mary Ellen Smith 3/6**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sun., March 9th 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship**

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!

Choir rehearsal following worship today.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Worship begins at 7:00 PM. We are challenging everyone to be here for “40 witnesses” and will do so because the occasion is so meaningful to our faith! Please join us.

Next Sunday begins “Daylight Savings Time.” Please remember to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday night. Thank you.

Another challenge! On March 9th, 16th, and 23rd, we will be receiving special offerings for our Penn West Academy students to meet their tuition obligations. We are being asked to do all we can to help them and to surround them with our support. Thank you!

Faith Fellowship will be March 11th at 10:30 AM.

A Friday evening informal service will be held March 14th at 6:00 PM. Refreshments and crafts will be a part of the evening. Everyone is welcome.

A sign-up sheet for the Irish Stew Dinner after worship on March 16th is in the Fellowship Room. Please join us and when you do, please bring a side for the meal. Thank you.

OGHS is March 30th.

Credit card/debit card slips are available.

The Flower Calendar for 2025 is available on the board above the water fountain.

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

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:

Vivian Fitzsimmons
Craig Meyers
Cara Neatrou
Heather Guthrie
Nick Lonsinger
Janet Weyer
Raymond Ramey Family, grieving
Beverly Emig Family, grieving
Baby Ridge
Dave Zimmerman
Lettie Allen
Sally Sprow
Joe Stubby
Dallas Webb
Peggy Mapes
Zach Lonsinger Family
Donna Skelley
Linda Hollen
Shawn Ellis
Scott Weyer
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.

