

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 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 2, 2025**  
Fourth Sunday after 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**

L: This is the day that God has made;

P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: O come, let us worship and bow down;

P: let us kneel before God, our Maker.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4: 21 – 30

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

**\*Hymn of Adoration: “From All That Dwell below the Skies” #27**

**\*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)**

**God of life,  
we admit to you and to each other  
that we have not always lived lives of love.  
We have lost patience and been rude.  
We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.  
We have even let love end.  
Forgive us and heal us, dear God,  
through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.  
**P: By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith,  
in hope, and in love.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Special Music: "Dreaming and at Peace" – Rod Skelley

First Lesson: I Corinthians 13: 1 – 13

**\*Hymn of Preparation: "In Solitude" #521**

SERMON

Service of Installation

**Morning Prayer — the Lord's Prayer**

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)

**\*Seraphic Hymn (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! (Please be seated)**

Words of Institution (Pastor)

Prayer of Consecration (Pastor)



**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)**

**Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be your people in the world. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your Good News in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**\*Hymn of Response: “I Will Trust in the Lord” #416**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Masithi Page 760**

**Postlude**



**Participating in Today’s Service**

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ’s family

Music Director Claire White

Lay Reader Janice Lonsinger

Church Secretary Christina and Shane Schmitt

Minister Rev. John Emig

**Attendance: 1—26—25      Sunday School: 10      Worship: 27**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR January 26, 2025**

Current	\$1,729.00
Pizza Fundraiser	\$1,070.00
Flowers	\$ 40.00
Plate	\$ 77.00
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,934.00



**Sue Masic 2/4  
Pastor John Emig 2/7**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>Sun., February 9<sup>th</sup></b>	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!**

**“Souper bowl of Caring” will be held on next Sunday, Super Bowl Sunday.** Please bring a donation for the Altoona Food Bank, a food item or a monetary gift. Thank you. Please join us after worship for some soup!

**The Consistory will meet after the luncheon next Sunday** for their monthly meeting.

**Faith Fellowship** is on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM.

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:**

Cara Neatrou  
Heather Guthrie  
Nick Lonsinger  
Janet Weyer  
Raymond Ramey Family, grieving  
Beverly Emig Family, grieving  
Baby Ridge  
Dave Zimmerman  
Jim Vaughn Family, grieving  
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.

