

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



On this Lord's Day, we eagerly anticipate worshipping the loving Creator of all of us. As children of the living God, let us dwell in unity with one another. Welcome to all!

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

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Sixth 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.



Gracious God, as we gather, we remember that Your promises are everlasting and that Your peace passes from generation to generation. Let us come into Your presence with joy and thanksgiving, with eagerness to worship and to praise Your name, and with a spirit that is humble and open to Your call. 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: “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” Dykes/Johnson

Lighting the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

L: People of the covenant:

God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

P: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

L: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

P: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.

Gospel Reading: John 13: 34 – 35

Response: “Praise be to You, O Christ”

***Hymn of Adoration: “Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good” #6**

***Call to Confession**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

P: So let us be honest and confess what separates us from God and our neighbors, trusting in God’s constant desire to forgive and renew.

L: The prophet Jeremiah says that God tests our minds and searches our hearts, because the condition of mind and heart affects actions.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us invite God to search us, so that God might also lead us in the way everlasting.

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

O God, our refuge and fortress,

Forgive us when we fail to trust in You.

We fall to temptation;

we are swayed by false words;

we speak false words of our own.

We choose our ease and comfort

over Your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.

In turning from You,

we settle for less than the abundant generosity You intend.

Forgive us, we pray.

Do not let us be put to shame, O God.

Hear us as we call to You and show us Your salvation.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***Kyrie**

(The Leader says)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

(The People sing)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God’s name.

Friends, believe the good news; God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

P: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

Anthem: “Joyful, Joyful. We Adore You” – H. Hopson

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10

Psalter: Psalm 1, page 621

***Hymn of Preparation: “Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way” #465**

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 15: 12 – 20

SERMON

***Affirmation of Faith: “United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the Form of a Doxology” #885**

***Call to Prayer**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

P: And renew a right spirit within us.

L: Cast us not away from Thy presence,

P: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. (Please be seated)

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**

***Dedicatory Prayer (In Unison)**

**Into Your hands, O faithful God, we commit our lives and these gifts.
Increase them and transform them into abundant goodness, that they might
proclaim Your presence in the world. Amen.**

***Hymn of Response: “More Love to You, O Christ” #456**

***Benediction**

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Postlude: “Chorale Postlude” Bach/Lorenz



Participating in Today’s Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ’s family	
Music Director	Claire White
Acolyte	Nick Lonsinger
Liturgist	Becky White
Church Secretary	Christina and Shane Schmitt
Minister	Rev. Mary Hendricks

Attendance: 2—9—25 Sunday School: 7 Worship: 22

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR February 9, 2025

Current	\$485.00
Plate	\$ 15.00
Sunday School	\$ 13.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 13.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$566.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., February 23rd	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!

Pastor John will be in Texas for 2 weeks visiting family. Please support the worship services in his absence. If there are any pastoral concerns, the Rev. Mary Hendricks has agreed to be on-call. Her phone number is 814-309-2351 or 814-937-2288. Thank you.

Our thanks to Becky White for serving as Liturgist today.

There will be choir practice after worship today.

Thank you for your participation today and last Sunday in the “Souperbowl of Caring”. Churches throughout the nation including ours are supporting local food banks and food gathering programs. Thank you for your canned foods and/or monetary donations.

Credit card/debit card slips are available.

The Flower Calendar for 2025 is available for folks to sign up for altar flowers on a date of your choice. The cost for the flowers is \$40.00, and they will be ordered on your behalf from Sunrise Florist. Please avail yourself of this opportunity. Thank you.

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 Neatrour
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.

