

**WELCOME TO:**  
**FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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9:30 AM Adult Christian Education  
10:45 A.M. Worship  
*Fellowship Hour Following Worship*

Rev. John L. Emig  
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*



**Please be assured that each worshiper is  
welcome here in God's house. Let us all  
worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.**

Christ Jesus didn't reject anyone neither do we. God **I**  
Speaking!

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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

**BOLD print – congregation participates.**

**Hymns are in the New Century Hymnal unless otherwise indicated.**

*Creator God, whose hands built the earth, molded our bodies, and sowed  
the stars across the sky, we gather in Your presence this morning with  
praise and thanksgiving for Your mighty deeds. Meet us here, Worker  
God, strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with You in the  
building of justice and peace.*

*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: “Be Still and Know that I am God” #743**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14: 25 – 33

**Response: “Praise be to you, O Christ.”**

**\*Hymn of Adoration: “Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped” #22**

**\*Call to Confession**

Trusting in the power of God  
not only to fashion the world,  
but to mend and refashion our hearts,  
let us say how it is with us.

**\*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**

Hear the sound of love poured out:

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation;

everything old has passed away;

see, everything has become new.

Sisters and brothers,

in the name of the Christ I declare

that your story is known,

your sin is forgiven,

your life is made new.

Let us live as those reborn.

**\*Gloria Patri**

Order for Baptism (page 31)

Christina Elizabeth Ingram

Abbie Lynn Ingram

Jordan Lee Shoenberger

Brandon Lee Shoenberger

**Hymn of Baptism: “Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed” #328**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139: 1 – 6, 13 – 18  
SERMON

**\*Affirmation of Faith: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” #345**

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***

\*Eucharistic 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**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P: Let us return our thanks to God.

**C: We thank you, Lord, for holy food; for Christ’s own body, His own blood, the Bread of Life, the Branch’s vine, to nourish us and all humankind.**

P: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**C: That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who, at the cost of His own blood, has faithfully paid for my sins. By His Holy Spirit, He assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now to live for Him. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Response: “My God, Accept My Heart This Day” #352**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Masithi Page 760**

Postlude



### Participating in Today's Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ's family

Music Director	Claire White
Greeter	Dallas Webb
Acolyte	Abbie Ingram
Church Secretary	Christina and Shane Schmitt
Minister	Rev. John Emig

**Attendance: 8 – 31 – 25      Sunday School: 5      Worship: 16**

### OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR August 31, 2025

Current	\$460.00
Sunday School	\$ 2.00
Plate	\$ 61.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$523.00</b>



**Shawn Ellis      9/10**  
**Christina Schmitt      9/11**



## **IHO Gracie's birthday**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 14th      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!

**Today, we welcome** the Ingram/Shoenberger family for the Sacrament of Baptism.

**We would like to wish** a very happy belated birthday to Grace Raihl, Emma Masic, and Austin White.

**Faith Fellowship will meet Tuesday morning here at the church at 10:30 AM.** Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

**The Homewood Auxiliary Meeting** is Friday at 10:30 AM for those who have pre-registered.

**Next Sunday is “Dip Sunday”.** Yes, “Dip Sunday”! Bring your favorite “dip” for whatever fruit and/or vegetable you would like to contribute for fellowship after worship. Thank you.

**Choir will begin** next Sunday after worship.

**Dates Ahead:**

**September 22** Community Garden Committee 5:00 PM  
Consistory 6:00 PM

**October 5** Juniata Association Annual Meeting

**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.

**Don't forget** to like us and follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/faithuccaltoona](http://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:**

Sally Sprow Family, grieving  
Rick Plowman  
Richard Port  
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  
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.

