

WELCOME TO:

FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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9:30 AM Adult Christian Education

10:45 AM 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



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 9, 2025

Fifth 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: “Be Still and Know That I Am God” #743

Gospel Lesson: Luke 5: 1 – 11

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

***Hymn of Adoration: “Come, God, Creator, Be Our Shield” #69**

***Call to Confession**

Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sins, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.



***Confession (In Unison)**

**O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve and deliver us.
Though our lips are not clean
and our hearts are not pure, you call us.
Forgive us, we pray,
when we wander away from you,
lost and at risk.
Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory
and the purposes you intend.
Help us to comprehend your ways in the world.
We long to feel your grace and glory,
for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free;
in Jesus' 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**

Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

***Gloria (tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)**

**Now we who are of tender hearts,
Forgiving of others take our part.
Sing Your praises, Al-le-lu-ia!
To You we lift our pain and care;
Receive the burdens that we bear.
Singing praises, Al-le-lu-ia;
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

Anthem: "Praise Canon" — Anna L Page

First Lesson: Isaiah 6: 1 – 8

Psalter: Psalm 138, page 714

Hymn of Preparation: "Savior, Who Dying Gave" #452

SERMON

*** Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed #881**

***Call to Prayer**

L: God is with us.

P: God is with us, indeed.

L: Let us center our lives in God through prayer

P: and bring to God our praise, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.

L: Let us pray.

(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.**

This Sunday and next Sunday both, we will participate in the “Souper Bowl of Caring.” Donations of money and canned goods will be offered for the local food bank. Please do your part. Collections all across the country are being received. Thank you.

Today, we will hold a “soup” luncheon after worship. Thank you to all those who are able to participate or donate.

The Consistory will meet after the luncheon today for their monthly meeting.

Faith Fellowship is on this Tuesday, February 11th, at 10:30 AM.

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.

Credit card/debit card slips are available.

End—of—Year Statements. If you wish a statement of your giving for 2024 for tax purposes, please let the church office know.

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.

