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



How wonderful it is to join with fellow Christians in worship. Please greet one another with happiness and warmth.

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

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



OCTOBER

***Those who are able are invited to stand.**
BOLD print – congregation participates.
Hymns are in the New Century Hymnal unless otherwise indicated.

Holy God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts are not our thoughts, grant that Your Holy Spirit may intercede for us with sighs too deep for human words. Heal our wounded hearts made heavy by our sorrow. Assure us again that eye has not seen, nor ear has heard, nor has it ever entered human imagination what You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, the first-born of the dead. Amen.

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 Candle

Call to Worship: "Be Still and Know That I Am God" #743

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22: 34 – 46

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

***Hymn of Adoration: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #28**

***Call to Confession:** Beloved, it is our privilege to confess our sin and to unburden our soul.

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**
Loving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or loving one another.
When we ignore injustice in the world
Our worship brings you no delight.
Make haste to help us,
that we may stand in right relationship
with you and the whole of your creation
and sing your praises
through the mercy of Christ,
our resurrected Savior. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness:**
L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore and strengthen you eternally in Christ.
P: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

First Lessons: Leviticus 19: 1 – 2, 15 – 18

Psalter: Psalm 1, page 621

***Hymn of Preparation: "I am Yours, O Lord" #455**

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8

SERMON

***Affirmation of Faith: UCC Statement of Faith #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 me.
L: Cast us not away from Your presence
P: and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. *(Please be seated)*

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 love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

***Dedicatory Prayer**

Holy one, all that we have comes from you.
You bless our lives with the companionship of Your people,
the freedom that comes from forgiveness of sin,
the joy of thanksgiving for Earth and all its beauty.
Turn us toward those in need,
in the name of the One who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn of Response: "Let Every Christian Pray" #261**

***Benediction**

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Postlude



Participating in Today's Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ's family

Music Director	Claire White
Lay Reader	Becky White
Church Secretary	Christina and Shane Schmitt
Minister	Rev. John Emig

Attendance: 10 – 18 – 26 **Sunday School: 5** **Worship: 25**

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR October 18, 2026

Current	$1,198.00
Poinsettias	$ 24.00
Plate	$ 10.00
Sunday School	$ 14.00
TOTAL	**$1,246.00**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, Nov. 1st	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!

Thank you to everyone who contributes their time, energy, and faithfulness to the well-being of this Community of Faith.

Today is the last day to contribute to **Toasty Toddlers.**

Next Sunday is **All-Saints Day** in the lift of the church. If there are friends and family members you would like remembered as a part of our worship service, please call the church by Tuesday with the name, date of

birth, and date of death or place that information on the secretary desk. Thank you.

Next Sunday is also the **end of Daylight Savings Time.** Ahhh…we get to sleep in an extra hour!

Next Sunday is also the **Celebration of the Lord's Supper.** Please honor God by joining us at the Holy Table.

Our **Community Thanksgiving Meal** will be held on November 15th immediately after worship. Everyone is welcome, but please sign up so we know you are coming.

"Free trees for your yard and neighborhood." We are partnering with PA IPL Roots, Branches, and Hands to give away free trees. Anyone may order, members and non-members alike, and you can order as many as you like as long as you plant them in the greater Altoona region. You chose from more than 50 native and naturalized trees and shrubs. Please take time to choose the right tree for the right place, thinking about how tall and wide it will grow, how much sun it gets and how wet or dry the soil is. A well-placed tree will thrive for generations. Order forms are in the fellowship hall and are due by December 31. Trees will be handed out at the Church in the Spring (date to be announced). Questions? Contact Bonnie at 814-505-3208 or UCCPastorBonnie@gmail.com.

The Flower Calendar for 2026 is available on the board above the water fountain.

Don't forget to like us and follow us on Facebook. (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.

<u>Friends and Neighbors needing our Prayers</u>:
Mary Ochoa
Janet Weyer
Cindy Edmiston
Phil Keth
Dave Zimmerman
Donald Imler
Jeff Cain
Gracie Raihl
Rick Plowman
Heather Guthrie
Nick Lonsinger
Baby Ridge
Dallas Webb
Peggy Mapes
Donna Skelley
Linda Hollen
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.

