

Faith United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Announcements
Prelude

Invocation *(adapted, Stephen M. Fearing)*

Call to Worship *(Stephen M. Fearing)*
Come, children of God, and be welcomed here as you are.
We gather in this place to worship God and God alone.
Come, children of God, and be fed at the Lord's Table.
We come to receive what we need for the journey ahead.
Come, children of God, and let us find the fuel for our faith.
We come to the Table to receive God's blessing and share it with others.
Come, let us worship God.

Hymn ***"God Speak to Me, That I May Speak"***

Call for Transformation

Prayer for Transformation *(adapted, Jerie Lukefar and Rev. Nathan Williams)*
Jesus, you call us to lifelong discipleship; instead, we expect programs to transform hearts and minds. You commission us to share your gospel, and we assign that work to a committee. You ask us to turn our attention to neighbors, but we gaze inward, worried about survival. You model servant leadership, yet we fail to develop the spiritual gifts of our members and volunteers. Our worship services can be routine and comfortable, requiring little response. Sometimes, our fellowship resembles a social club, rather than a place for building bridges between people. We embody unhealthy habits: we gossip, we blur boundaries, we are anxious and reactive. You forgive us again and again and yet we withhold forgiveness from others. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. We choose familiarity and security instead of possibility and challenge. Strengthen us in wisdom and courage. Move us forward, for your sake and for the sake of the world you love.
(silent prayer)

Promise of Grace *(from Psalm 130, Jerie Lukefar)*
If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
Friends, take heart, for with the Lord, there is steadfast love.
Thanks be to God!

Anthem ***"We Give You Thanks"*** *D. Haas*

Prayer of Illumination *(Rev. Teri Peterson)*
Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth, and teach us.
Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and to follow it.
Reveal your vision for us, and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do.
All: Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose, and move us forward into your future. Amen.

Scripture *(The Message)*
Micah 3:5-12
Matt 23:1-12

Message

Hymn ***"We Come to Your Feast"***

Communion
Institution
Blessing
Sharing the Meal
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People *(Rev. Nathan Williams)*

Lord's Prayer

Call to Generosity

Response** ***"We Give You Thanks" *(refrain only)*

***Prayer of Dedication** *(Rev. Nathan Williams)*

***Benediction**

Hymn** ***"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Postlude

Acolyte: Austin Roerig
Greeter:
Reader: Mary Ribarchik
Communion: Fran & Chris Sauer
Afterwords: Dorothy Smith, Sue Schaeffer
Music Director/Keyboards: Tracey Smith
Bass Guitar: Robert Vitagliano
Technology: Kim Houser
Worship Arts: Lee Schaeffer
Student Pastor: Erika Yenchici
Pastor: Sue Schaeffer

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Hazleton, PA
An Open and Affirming Congregation

What's Happening??

Nov 1…Communion, Afterwords, German Cookie sale for Alzheimers
8…Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Congregational Meeting; Cards, Cookies, and Cocoa!!!
15…Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Confirmation Class 9 am
21…Holiday Bazaar 10 am – 3 pm, please volunteer and/or bake!
22…Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Baptism
29…*Hanging of the Greens service will be our ONLY service on Sunday, Nov 29th at 6 pm!*
Confirmation Class 9 am

Card shower (mailing labels by the cross in the narthex)**: Manganelli Family**
Becky Shaffer

The Faith Forget Me Nots will have their final fundraiser for 2026 TODAY!!!

Cookie Sale!!!!

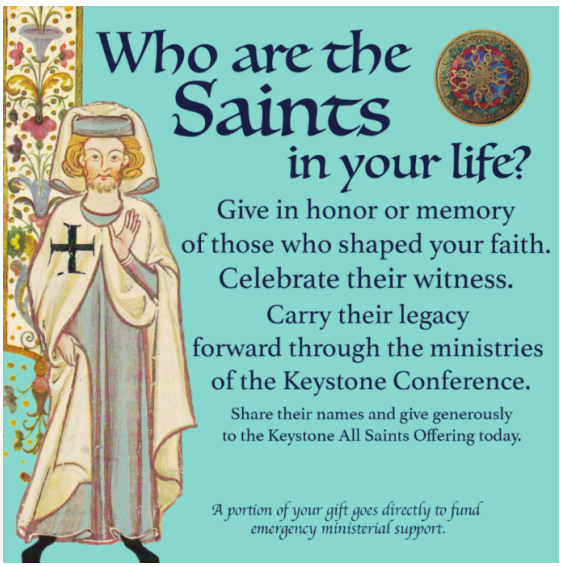
Please plan to stay for the Congregational Meeting next Sunday and to write cards for our shut-ins.

Check out the lending library in the Narthex!!!
These books are the kind that address hard but common questions about faith…about difficult subjects like the future of the church, immigration, racism, young people and the church, what covenant means, our ideas about God, heaven, and hell…and more…

Sharing time and gifts…
Altar, Greeters, Afterwords: sign up on the bulletin boards in hallway.
Comfort Connections: If you or someone you know would like to receive a phone call occasionally for connection, support, or company please contact Karen Herb (570-956-8370) or Pastor Sue (570-401-5822). Likewise, let us know if you would like to call others!
Bookroom: Mondays between 10 am – 1 pm; contact Lynne @ 570-401-3737
Tuesday between 1 pm – 5 pm, contact Sue @ 570-401-5822
Thursday between 9 am – 1 pm, contact Sue @ 570-401-5822
Pastor's office hours: Tues. from 1 pm – 5pm; Thurs. from 9 am – 1 pm; or by appointment. Any changes will be announced on Flocknote. Cell: 570-401-5822; email: schaeffer.sue@gmail.com
Sharing goods…Giving tree: **Heartwood Center of the Willow Foundation**
Day shelter with breakfast and lunch and resources for those in need including: socks, underwear, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, Clorox, Lysol, disinfecting wipes, toilet & floor cleaners, swiffers, garbage bags, 8 oz coffee cups, coffee creamer, sugar, paper plates, sandwich bags, plastic forks and spoons

Love Offering: New Tables – we have had an uptick in rentals of the fellowship hall recently and could use more new tables. All donations will be put toward this purchase.

Who are the Saints in your life?
Give in honor or memory of those who shaped your faith. Celebrate their witness. Carry their legacy forward through the ministries of the Keystone Conference. Share their names and give generously to the Keystone All Saints Offering today. A portion of your gifts goes directly to fund emergency ministerial support. This offering is a new project of the Keystone Conference and replaces any offerings historic conferences may have had for All Saint's Day.
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