

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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*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*



**Our church gladly welcomes everyone who
enters the sanctuary. May we all worship with
hearts of love and hands of acceptance.**

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

Sunday, July 12, 2026
Seventh 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.

*Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love and worthily
magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Sovereign. 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: “Gathered Here in the Mystery of This Hour” #742

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 – 23
Response: “Praise be to you, O Christ.”

***Hymn of Adoration: “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” #318**

***Call to Confession**

L: God is with us!

P: God is with us, indeed!

L: And where God is, there is life.

P: And death has no dominion over us.

L: Let us cast off the works of darkness

P: And put on the armor of light.

***Prayer of Confession**

**Faithful God, your word falls on
hardened ground**

**when our worldly anxiety and
attachment to wealth**

crowd out your place in our lives.

Forgive our fail and human ways

**and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness,
for you are our hope for deliverance. 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**

Brothers and sisters,

when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

God forgives our transgressions.

Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you

and waters your soul in its parched and

hardened places.

***Gloria Patre**

First Lesson: Isaiah 55: 10 – 13

Psalter: Psalm 65: 1 – 13

***Hymn of Preparation: “Sing them Over Again to Me” #319**

SERMON

***Affirmation of Faith**

L: Let us stand and say what we believe together:

**P: This is the Good News which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins,
according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was
raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the
twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe that He is the
Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first, and the last, the
beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

***Call to Prayer**

L: For the lengthening of days and the greening of the earth;

P: We thank the Creator of Life.

L: For work that gives meaning to our lives;

P: We thank the Creator of Life.

L: For people who love us even when we do not deserve their caring, and
for the One who loves us undyingly.

P: We thank the Creator of Life.

L: For the hope that faith affords, that we may live our days to the fullest;

**P: We offer grateful praise to the Spirit of Christ who rules the world
with love.**

L: Let us pray.

(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 that love has done;

Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Dedicatory Prayer (In Unison)**

**O God, we know that You are the Creator. You made
everything; You own everything, but also we know that You give each
of us a partnership for a while. We appreciate Your generosity, and
we would like also to be generous for Jesus's sake. Amen.**

***Hymn of Response: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #77**

***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: 7 – 5 – 26 Sunday School: 6 Worship: 23

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR July 5, 2026

Current	\$ 740.00
Plate	\$ 12.00
Sunday School	\$ 17.00
Houston Estate	\$ 9,427.00
TOTAL	\$10,236.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 19th 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10: 45 AM Worship

Next Sunday is “Sandwich Sunday” after worship. A meat tray will be provided, but please bring a fruit or veggie dish to supplement the meal. Also, please sign up in the Fellowship Room so we know you are coming.

Tomorrow evening is Consistory, beginning at 6:00PM.

“Stuff the Bus” annual school supply drive is gearing up. Donations will be needed no later than August 13. Please be watching for items which will be listed on future Sundays. Thank you.

Dates Ahead

July 29 – Global Ministries Student Visit (Details to follow)
August 16 – Church Picnic at Highland Park (11:00AM)

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.

Friends and Neighbors needing our Prayers:

Phil Keith

Kevin Leiden's Family (grieving)

Lettie Allen Family (grieving)

Alesandro Bond Family (grieving)

Dave Zimmerman

Donald Imler

Jeff Cain

Richard Port

Gracie Raihl

Rick Plowman

Heather Guthrie

Nick Lonsinger

Baby Ridge

Dallas Webb

Peggy Mapes

Zach Lonsinger Family

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

