

**Heritage Sunday
October 18, 2026**

on the
25th Anniversary of Faith United Church of Christ
Altoona, Pennsylvania

Organ Chimes

Introduction of Service

Organ Prelude: "How Firm a Foundation" – arr. by E.
Broughton

Lighting the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of our Creator!

P: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to God always!

L: Praise the Lord! God has blessed us and brought us to this time!

P: Praise the Lord! God has blessed us and brought us to this place.

L: Praise the Lord! God has caused his presence to dwell in our midst.

P: Praise the Lord! God has shown us the way of truth and life.

L: For 25 years, and more, God has ministered to us and fed us.

P: For 25 years, and more, God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit.

L: For 25 years, and more, God made us witnesses in this world.

P: For 25 years, and more, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.

L: Praise the Lord for 25 years, and more.

P: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to God always.

***Hymn of Adoration: "How Firm a Foundation" #407**

***Invocation**

L: God has blessed us with 25 years, and more, of mission and ministry as Faith United Church of Christ. It is good to remember that God has chosen us, Baptized us, and brought us together as a people, as we look back to all the saving acts of God: the Creation, the flood, the Covenant, the Exodus, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Church. We are also a people of this day, brought together by God to be a holy fellowship, the body of Christ, sharing, caring, working in the world, and living in the hope of the world to come. Our eyes look back in thanksgiving; our eyes look forward in hope. Let us, therefore, dedicate ourselves to the mission which God gives the Church of Jesus Christ in this place. Let us pray.

P: O God, we give you thanks for the work you have done in this place. We give you thanks for your love and faithfulness. When we called upon your name, you made your presence known to us. When we prayed, you heard us. When we preached, and administered the sacraments, you were in our midst. You have accepted our humble offerings of praise and thanksgiving. You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sin. You have sent your Holy Spirit to heal and comfort our hurts, our sorrows, our infirmities, and our losses.

L: Continue to empower us with your Spirit, O God, that we may proclaim your Gospel to all people.

P: We dedicate our lives to your service.

L: Help us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that we say and do.

P: We dedicate our lives to your service.

L: Show us how we might give care and support to the needy, love and mercy to the broken and forlorn.

P: We dedicate our lives to your service.

L: Show us new ways to love one another and those around us.

P: We dedicate our lives to your service.

L: Renew us by your Spirit given to us at Baptism.

P: Hear our prayer, O God.

L: Grant that we may continually grow in the Spirit and in the ministry of your grace.

P: Hear our prayer, O God.

L: All this we pray to your glory and honor.

P: Amen and Amen.

(Please be seated)

A Reading in Holy Scripture: I Corinthians 12: 12 – 30

Hymn of Preparation: “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds” #393

A History of Our Congregations

Christ Reformed Church – Jerry Paul

Congregational Response #526 (v. 1)

Trinity Reformed Church – Becky White

Congregational Response #526 (v. 1)

Salem Reformed Church – Patty Shoup

Congregational Response #526 (v. 1)

Introduction of Charter Members

***Call to Prayer**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Morning Prayer: The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory: “Lasst Uns Erfreuen” – setting by R. Brunner

***Doxology**

***Dedicatory Prayer (In Unison)**

O God, fountain of life and truth, give to the Church a new vision and a new charity, new wisdom and understanding, that the eternal message of your Son may no longer be confused by human traditions, but hailed as the Good News of this and every age to come, and to that end receive the offerings of your people both now and forevermore. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.

***Hymn of Response: “Jesus, I Live to You” #457**

***Benediction**

***Threefold “Amen”**

Postlude: “Trumpet Tocatta” – R. Blake

Participating in Today's Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ's family

Music Director Claire White

Church Secretary Christina and Shane Schmitt

Minister Rev. John Emig

Attendance: 10 – 11 – 26 Worship: 8

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR October 11, 2026

Current \$210.00

Neighbors in Need \$ 55.00

Plate \$ 3.00

TOTAL \$268.00

Happy Birthday: Raymond Raihl 10/19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 25th 9:30 AM Sunday School

10: 45 AM Worship

Thank you for being with us today. This is "**Heritage Sunday**," as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Faith U.C.C.

A **meal of celebration** will be held after worship. Everyone is invited.

Tomorrow night, **Consistory** meets with David Ackerman, Conference Ministry, to discuss plans for our church's future.

Toasty Toddlers is seeking warm winter outerwear for children birth through age five. They are looking for donations of new hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, coats, and snow suits for boys and girls birth through age 5. Sizes needed: Newborn through Toddler Size 5T, 4/5, 5/6, 7/8, or Youth small. We will be collecting through October 25th.

A **Community turkey dinner** will be held on November 15th. Please join us.

"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.

Credit card/debit card slips are available.

The Flower Calendar for 2026 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) 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:

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.