



Faith United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2010

10:45 a.m.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

We welcome you to our church and invite you to sign the registration pads at the end of the pew on the center aisle. Also, please join us following worship for fellowship and refreshments. Note to parents: There are special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12, along with a clipboard with crayons and plain paper in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

****Please stand at those places indicated by an asterisk.***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (Responsively) From Isaiah 61:1-3 L = Liturgist, C = Congregation

L: The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

C: to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

L: to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

C: to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

L: They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

C: They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

L: Let us lift up our voices in praise.

*Hymn 315 *O Word of God Incarnate*

*Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

We gather, O God, this day to worship you in spirit and in truth. Attune our hearts to your still small voice, for we need to hear your voice and learn from you. Speak to us of gentleness and of strength. In your compassion, draw us into your merciful embrace. Hush the distracting thoughts clamoring for attention in our minds. Center our spirits in your peace. And prepare us for our own individual ministries this day in the circles of our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, greet and welcome those around you and share "the peace of Christ"; then be seated.

Anthem

Christmas Gloria

Sung by the Church School Singers, Flute by Bridget Canning

A Time for Children

*After this, **all children up through grade 3** may leave for the Nursery; 4th graders and older are invited to remain in the service. Activity packets are available in the narthex.*

*Hymn 162

In a Lowly Manger Born

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Meditation

Mandate for Mission

Pastoral Prayer followed by Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Offering

In gratitude for life itself and for God's many gifts to us and to all humankind, we take this opportunity to offer up our gifts to God. Let us give generously and with grateful hearts.

Offertory The Chancel Choir directed by Jacki Hunt, Flute by Bridget and Glenn Canning

Welcome All Wonders Words: Richard Crashaw (ca. 1613-1649) Music: Crawford R. Thoburn

Welcome, all wonders in one sight!

Eternity shut in a span.

Summer in winter, day in night:

Heaven in earth and God in man.

Great little one whose all embracing birth

Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

Heaven in earth, and God in man.

Welcome, all wonders! Welcome!

O Shepherds, Poor, and Lowly

Words & Music: Roger W. Boop, 1982

O shepherds, poor, and lowly,

Asleep in still of night.

Angelic hosts from God appear;

O shepherds behold the sight.

O shepherds, poor, and lowly,

The Lord thy flocks will tend.

Make haste to Bethlehem and see

The Shepherd of all men.

*O shepherds, poor, and lowly,
And humble, filled with awe.
With hushed rev'rence see the Babe,
The hallowed Son of God.
O shepherds, poor, and lowly,
That God should favor thee
To be the first to gaze upon
The blessed Child holy.
O shepherds, blessed thee.*

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in excelsis, Gloria Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Music: Dennis Hart Dewey

*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)

Holy God, you gave us the gift of life, put us in a stunning world, and made us free to choose how to live our lives. In Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, you gave us new life and hope in the midst of our struggles. May that Light shine within us, helping us make good choices, giving us the words to say and the deeds to do that are honoring to you. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

*Hymn 43

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude

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Our Ministry

Ministers—All the Congregation *Pastor*—Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser

Organist—Keith Diehl *Choir Director*—Jacki Hunt

Church School Coordinator—Cindy Neidigh *Liturgist*—Lois Lunetta

Church Secretary—Karen Gilmore *Church Custodian*—Scott Luzier

Ushers—Jane Schekells, Don & Betty Asendorf *Coffee Hosts*—Jane Childs & Joann Edwards

Trustee—Dan Pfaff *Nursery*—Janet Swim & Jeff Davidson

WELCOME to Faith UCC. We're a church that "seeks to be a dynamic and inclusive faith community embodying the love of Jesus Christ as we grow through worship, learning, fellowship and service." We're glad you chose to worship with us today. Please join us following the service for fellowship and refreshments in Romig Hall, located in the lower level.

Today, January 24, at 3 pm is the Installation of the Rev. Monica J. Ouellette at St. John's UCC, 218 North Church Street, Boalsburg, PA. Everyone is cordially invited.

Sunday, January 31 is "Souper Sunday" here at Faith Church. We welcome as preacher the Rev. Dr. Allen Fluent, Regional Conference Minister for the Central, Northern, Lancaster, and Lebanon Associations of the UCC. Following worship, the Confirmands will host a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread, veggies, and dessert. All donations made for the lunch will go toward the cost of their Confirmation Retreat to be held from March 5-7 at Hartman Center.

Sunday, February 7, is Communion Sunday. We welcome one of our own members, the Rev. Joe Krabill as preacher. Rev. Krabill serves as Chair of our Outreach and Service Ministry Team. He is also on the Executive Council of the UCC and active in the Northern Association of the Penn Central Conference. Communion will be served in the pews.

Our prayers are with the people of Haiti at this time of great suffering. If you would like to contribute to the UCC efforts for relief and rebuilding, write Haiti Relief Fund on your check and put in offering plate. This Relief effort is done in cooperation with Church World Service.

The special offering for January is for the Fuel Fund of the Interfaith Mission. This helps low income people heat their homes. You may put your contribution in the Missions envelope or write "Fuel Fund" on your check and put in the offering plate.

The Sock drive continues!!! Check out the "Sock" tree in the Gathering Space where the Church School is collecting socks for the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss. They will be delivered there by our workgroup led by Joe and Terri Krabill in March.

MISSION TRIP: Join us for a great week of fun, fellowship and service on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, March 13-21. Reservations must be in by **Jan 31**. Contact Joe Krabill at 364-9812 or remkrab@verizon.net.

The Northern Association Workshops will be on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 1:30 to 4:15 pm at Trinity UCC in Centre Hall, PA. These include workshops on Stewardship, Storytelling, and church budgeting. Bring snacks – either "something good for us" or "something chocolaty" and enjoy the learning and fellowship.

Karen Gilmore, our Church Secretary, is in the Church Office from 9 am to 1 pm Monday through Thursday. The Church Office is closed on Fridays.

Rev. Prosser will be out of town from Jan 28 through Feb 10. Please call the church office and follow instructions on the recorded message.

Faith UCC is an open and affirming church, embracing diversity in our congregation and community, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person. We are an inclusive community of faith that celebrates God's presence through worship and the sharing of God's word. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of the church, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, or circumstance of life.



**JANUARY 31 IS
SOUPER SUNDAY**

Come enjoy a bowl of homemade soup, bread, fresh veggies, and dessert following worship on Sunday, Jan. 31. The Confirmation Class will host this “Souper Sunday” as a fund raiser for their Confirmation Retreat at Hartman Center on March 5-7.

Enjoy the food and fellowship and give a donation of any amount toward this good effort.

This Week At Faith UCC

TODAY	10:45 AM	Worship (S) followed by fellowship and refreshments (RH)
	3 PM	Installation of the Rev. Monica J. Ouellette at St. John’s UCC, 218 North Church Street, Boalsburg. Come join in this service of celebration.
	3:15 PM	Friendship Tutoring begins winter session
	7-8 PM	Al-Anon (ML)
MONDAY	5 PM	Outreach and Service MT (AB)
THURSDAY	7 PM	Choir Practice (S)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Church School (AH); Confirmation (AB) & Adult Forum (ML)
	10:45 AM	The Rev. Dr. Allen Fluent preaching, followed by a soup lunch sponsored by the Confirmation Class. All donations will go toward the registration fee for the Confirmation Retreat at Hartman Center on March 5-7.

AB = Antoinette Brown Room; AH = Asendorf Hall; ML = Meyer Library; RH = Romig Hall; S = Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

- Feb 7** We welcome the *Rev. Joe Krabill* as our guest preacher.
- Feb 7** The **Northern Association Workshops** will meet at Trinity UCC in Centre Hall, PA.

Please ask an usher if you would like a large print bulletin.

Church Consistory (Elders of the Church)

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| Davin Carr-Chellman— <i>President</i> | Kees Brandse— <i>Co-Vice President</i> |
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Mary Jane Wild, Vaughn Shirk, Jean Weller | |
| Ex-Officio: Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser, <i>Pastor</i> | |
| Shannon Gibson— <i>Church Treasurer</i> and Barbara Chellman— <i>Financial Secretary</i> | |