Faith United Church of Christ is the result of a merger of two congregations: First Congregational Church and St. Paul’s Community Church, uniting the religious heritages of the former Congregational Christian Church and Evangelical and Reformed Church. Through the tireless efforts of Mrs. Matietta Ish, graduate of Talledega College, First Union Congregational Church (later known as First Congregational Church) was established in Little Rock in 1881 by the American Missionary Association. This association founded many schools in the south after the Civil War as a way to educate newly freed slaves.

St. Paul’s Community Church began as a German Evangelical Church in 1891, when it was known as “Deutsche Evangelische St. Paul’s Gemeinde,” pastored by Rev. C. F. Storerker. It was not until 1925 that the church began conducting services in English.

The two congregations came together as Faith United Church of Christ for the first time to worship on Easter Sunday, April 15, 2001, to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ and for the Service of Uniting. Rev. Denise Hill, Associate Conference Minister, served as guest preacher and officiating minister. Two former pastors, Rev. Leroy James and Rev. Dan R. Thornhill served as co-pastors with Rev. Dr. James Zini serving as associate pastor.

Faith UCC underwent restructuring and approved new by-laws on January 25, 2015. The church is now ministry centered, with an increasingly active webpage and social media presence. Faith UCC engages its standing and called ministries in the same way it engages with its neighbors, community, and city: guided by the church mission and vision statements and by the covenant.

Our Covenant:
We are together only to be the church of God in Christ. We are not here by chance, but God through grace is making of us a fellowship to embody and to express the Spirit of Christ.

In this fellowship, “there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28). Therefore, we reject any status in this fellowship in terms of church office, possessions, education, race, age, sexual orientation, gender expression, mental ability, physical ability, or other distinctions.

As a member of such a fellowship, I intend to live under the following commitments:

- I will gather regularly with the church to worship God, share the good news, and continually examine its implications for my life.
- I will study the Bible, meditate, and pray so that I will more fully experience the presence of God.
- I will also be sensitive to God’s message as it comes to me from persons, history, the arts, nature, current happenings in the world, and other sources.
- I will be responsible to God through the creative use of all my income and
possessions. I will give systematically and even sacrificially to the financial support of our church’s ministry.

- I will discover and affirm the gifts God has given me and use them in God’s service; I will evoke, affirm, and celebrate the gifts God has given to others.
- I will intentionally give myself as Christ’s servant through participation in His mission in the world.
- I will offer to know and love my sisters and brothers in this fellowship, and I am willing to be known and loved by them.

With God’s help and the help of my brothers and sisters in this fellowship, I make this covenant.

We have Faith in Little Rock!