

FEDERATED CHURCH



Sunday Morning Worship Services 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening Worship Services 6:30 p.m.



WELCOME TO FEDERATED CHURCH!

We are called *Federated* because on July 2, 1914 the Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches of Columbus joined in an effort to serve as one congregation. *Our faithful federation continues to this day!*

New to Federated? Please let us know on a “Visitors Card” & in a red Friendship Folder.

Children are welcome in worship at Federated Church. The **Library & “Cry Room”** at the back of the Sanctuary is child friendly and include Sanctuary sound.

Children’s Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. Sunday child care is in the Nursery.

Ushers are here to help: ushers tonight are Rod & Georgia Behlen, Judy Temme, and Marv Zoucha. Hearing assistance devices & large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the pastor by cell phone:

Rev. Edward: (402) 302-2812

For Prayer Chain requests, call the Church Office (402) 564-2812. The Order of St. Andrew starts each Prayer Chain, which are confidential. **Videos & bulletins** of worship services are at www.federatedcolumbus.org.



8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office staff/pastor.
- ◆ Congratulations to Connie Spohn who is retiring from her work at First National Bank.
- ◆ Please pray for Diane Bower who is recovering from a fall with a broken shoulder.
- ◆ Please pray for Josh Winig who was in a serious car accident.

Volunteer & Engagement Opportunities
(if you would like more information, contact the person mentioned in the ad)

NEEDED: Story Tellers for Children's Sermon - please talk to Brenda Sand

Open Prayer Times - second Tuesday of every month at 11:30am - please contact the Church Office or Barb Sanderson

Lectionary Bible Studies - Tues. @1:00pm and Weds. @4:30pm - please contact the Pastor Edward (NO Bible Studies on Christmas & New Year's weeks; restart Jan. 7th & 8th)

Meals on Wheels - Dec. 26, 27 - Cec Bartholomew coordinating 402-564-0264

Christmas Day

46th Annual Community Christmas Dinner @ 1pm
Volunteers are welcome and needed from 7am.
Office Closed Dec. 25th

~Sunday Lunch Bunches~

Runza Funza - Meets each Sunday at Runza, contact Tim & Val Rathje or Max & Ashli Porter
Batter Up - Meet at Super Buffet on January 12th, contact Bill & Jean Royer or Ben & Marilyn Vrana
ABC - All 'Bout Conversation - Meets January 5th at El Mezcal, contact Barb Olson or John & Nila Novotny
**For more information, coordinators are listed. If you have a Small Group event coming up, make sure to contact the church office so we can add it here!

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

1:00pm 46th Annual Christmas Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 26

NO Worship Service

Friday, December 27

6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, December 28 No events scheduled

Sunday, December 29

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
(Kevin Wagner preaching)

Monday, December 30

5:00pm Special Olympics Practice, Gym

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve

No Events scheduled

All deposits to be in before Noon

Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day

Church office closed -- No Events scheduled

Thursday, January 2

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
(Rev. Kenn Leischner preaching)

No Education Hour on Dec. 29th & Jan. 5th.

9:00 AM Education Hour for children, confirmands, youth and adults will resume on Jan. 12, 2020.

COOKIES 'N MORE – Thank you for all your support to Cookies 'N More. This project brought in over \$2,700 in profit. Please refer to the January newsletter for more details.

2X4S DINNERS TOGETHER

Contact Nila Novotny at 402-910-4091 or at nilanovotny@neb.rr.com if you would like to participate in the upcoming 2020 "2x4s" Dinners Together. Please refer to the January newsletter for more details.

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

– The group is adding another book to their reading list! "Sapiens, A Brief History of Humankind" by Yuval Noah Harari is the next book to be reviewed. This group meets Tuesdays at 7am with coffee and a light breakfast. For more information, please refer to the January newsletter.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Our Desire
Noel X GRAND JEU ET DUO
James Sharpe, Organ and Piano

J. S. BACH
DAQUIN

BRASS PRELUDE

O Come Little Children
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Quintet: Bob Arp, Annette Griffith, Kathy Hash, Rex Hash, Dave Melick

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (*Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.*)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Wolfe Family

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to God's people on earth.

One: The grace of God has come to us;

All: Jesus Christ brings salvation to all.

One: Light shines on those who live in darkness,

All: for a child is born to us this night.

* OPENING HYMN NO. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the promise of the Lord: See, our salvation has come!

All: We are a holy people, redeemed by God; sought out and not forsaken.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,

All: we are forgiven! Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

LESSON: GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 2 : 1 - 7

Marcia Grant, Liturgist

HYMN No. 25

Away in a Manger

LESSON: GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 1 : 18 - 25

VIDEO: "Christmas Scale"

* HYMN No. 40

Joy to the World

LESSON: GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 1 : 26 - 38

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Babe of Bethlehem
Bob Arp, Director

ARR. FETTKE

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Edward Yang, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

* RESPONSIVE HYMN (see attached music)

When Mary Hugged Her Newborn Son

* *As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

J. BRAHMS

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: O God of all blessings, we give you our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given us

All: and ask that you accept the gifts we give back to you: our time, talent, and possessions.

One: Tonight we especially remember your extraordinary gift of yourself, Christ Jesus.

All: As you have shown mercy and love to us, grant that we may show the same to everyone we meet. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*** HYMN NO. 38**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (verses 1 & 3)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE (ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTAKE)

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace and peace, as you have shared your life with us through the child in the manger and this simple meal together, let us share your life with others as the body of Christ in the world; through Jesus, bread of heaven. Amen.

WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

LESSON: GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 2 : 4 - 6

*** CLOSING HYMN & CANDLE LIGHTING**

Silent Night, Holy Night

(Candles are lighted as Silent Night is sung.)

***Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin, mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.***

***Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: 'Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.'***

***Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.***

***Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.***

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: As Christ offers us peace and forgiveness, let us offer a sign of that peace to one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All are invited to share a word and sign of peace.

POSTLUDE

Toccata (Symphony V)

C. WIDOR

(Please extinguish candles and place them in a basket near the exit.)

*** As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.**

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When Mary Hugged Her Newborn Son

TALLIS' CANON LM ("All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night")

1. When Ma - ry hugged her new - born son,
 2. When shep - herds heard the an - gel's joy,
 3. When wise men came with gifts to share,
 4. God, make us faith - ful, hum - ble, wise

She pon - dered all that God had done.
 They went to find that ba - by boy.
 They saw young Je - sus play - ing there.
 To know that Je - sus chan - ges lives.

Could she know all her child would be—
 Could they see there in Beth - le - hem
 Could we be - hold in in - so - lem
 May we be o - pen pen to the small way

The life he'd bring hu - man - i - ty?
 A friend to out - casts just like them?
 God's gift he most pre - cious of them all?
 That he would change our lives this day.

Biblical Reference: Luke 2:19; Luke 2:8-20 and Matthew 2:1-12

Tune: Thomas Tallis; adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter*, c. 1561

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Christmas poinsettias given by...

BOB & WILMA ARP

IN HONOR OF LOUISE STOPAK AND JIM BALL

DONNA AUGSPURGER

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

ROD & GEORGIA BEHLEN

IN MEMORY OF JACOB & BENJAMIN, AND
HUGH & DOROTHY GROSZ, GIB & IRENE BEHLEN

FRED & RENEE BELLUM

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

**CHRIS & GARY BOCK, TRAVIS & JOLENE BOCK & FAMILY,
AND MIKE & TIFFANY SMITH & FAMILY**

IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR LOSHBAUGH

LARENE BUSLER, BRAD & DONNA, GREG & SHERRY & FAMILIES

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT BUSLER

LLOYD & KAY CASTNER

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

JOHN & KATIE CLAUS,

IN MEMORY OF HENRY & JESSE CLAUS,
AND MAURICE & ETHYL SUHUMSKIE

JOHN & DEB CURRY & FAMILY,

IN MEMORY OF J.R. CURRY AND LAURA ANDREWS

CHRIS & LAURETTA DIXON

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS, AND
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN &
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

DAVID & RAE FULTON,

IN HONOR OF OUR PARENTS,
GERTRIDE & WILSON FULTON
AND RAYMOND & ALVENA HENRY

BILL IRBY

IN MEMORY OF CAROLYN IRBY
AND CYNTHIA IRBY

JERRY & CYNDI JARECKE

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

SHARON KUNCL

IN MEMORY OF LARRY KUNCL; MY PARENTS,
MY BROTHER, WAYNE,
AND NIECES, REVA AND SHARON LEE

STEVE & SUE McCLURE

IN HONOR OF OUR FAMILY

JOHN & LINDA MCPHAIL

IN MEMORY OF JACK & GAY MCPHAIL,
AND DR. DONALD JACKSON & LILLIAN JACKSON

THE MILLER FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF LEON MILLER

SHERRY MILLER & FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF DR. LEON MILLER, HAROLD &
MILDRED BUSCH AND JOE & GLADYS MILLER

JIM & KATHY MORRIS

IN MEMORY OF JIM'S PARENTS,
R. DEAN & NELLE MORRIS
AND KATHY'S FATHER, E. BRUCE MEIER

MARY AND PAIGE NORTON, AND BRETT & KIM SWIERCZEK

IN MEMORY OF SPENCER NORTON, IVAN &
THERESA SCHMID, KAREN COOK,
AND CPT. PETE PHILBRICK
IN HONOR OF OUR MILITARY

KEVIN, LISA, CELINE AND ELYENA PERRIN

IN MEMORY OF KAY PFEIFFER

JAN PICKREL

IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND, ROGER PICKREL

EILEEN ROSEKRANS,

IN MEMORY OF JAMES C. ROSEKRANS

DEANNA SCHEIDEGGER,

IN MEMORY OF SAM SCHEIDEGGER
AND OUR PARENTS

JUDY TEMME

IN MEMORY OF DICK TEMME

BOBBI UHLMANN & FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

BEN & MARILYN VRANA

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

CALVIN & ALISON WAGNER

IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES IN HEAVEN
AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS!

DREW & KRISTI WOLFE & FAMILY

IN MEMORY TRISH WOLFE AND MARY PARSONS

ARDELL & MARCENE WURDEMAN,

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

GAIL WURDEMAN

IN MEMORY OF MY PARENTS,
IRENE & HAROLD WURDEMAN

