



THE 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. Hearing assistance devices & large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

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

Rev. Annika: (402) 942-1636

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, 2018

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CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
Good King Wenceslaus
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

ARR. WILSON

ARR. SMITH

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The darkness is gone; the Light of the World is here!

All: Our hope, our preparation, our joy, and our love are brought together this night in a humble stable. We welcome Christ!

One: We give thanks for Emmanuel, God with us.

All: Let us worship God!

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 41**

O, Come All Ye Faithful

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Congregation: **O God of love, you bring us together tonight and bless us with your presence. Open our eyes to the light of Christ, which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed in confusion, pain, and loss. Speak to us now, that we may hear the good news of your redeeming grace. Fill us with your light to carry with us into our lives. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

LESSON

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH 9: 2 - 7

HYMN No. 25

Away in a Manger (*please remain seated*)

LESSON

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 2: 1 - 7

*** HYMN No. 44**

O Little Town of Bethlehem (*verses 1 & 2*)

LESSON

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 2: 8 - 14

CHORAL ANTHEM

Song of the Shepherds
Bob Arp, Director

L. LARSON

LESSON

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 2: 15 - 20

*** HYMN No. 40**

Joy to the World (*verses 1 & 2*)

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

** Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

* HYMN

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven’s all gracious King”:
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.*

*And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow,
Look now! For glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

He Is Born

ARR. WOOD

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: O God of all blessings,

All: we give you our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given us, 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Communion Carol

TICE & DENGLER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Christmas Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution and Communion of God’s People

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: O God, may the bread and cup of Christ nourish us in hope, faith, and love,

All: Amen.

One: O God, instill in us the need to share this feast as we go forth from this table.

All: Amen.

One: As night becomes day, as the dark becomes the light, as Word becomes Flesh,

All: care for us. Bless us. Love us. Now and always. Amen.

* *Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

(over, please —>)

WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

LESSON

THE 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.**

GREETINGS OF 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

O Holy Night

FRENCH CAROL

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

Coming Up at Federated Church

TOMORROW ~ Christmas Day

Christmas Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

Home delivery pick-up at 11:30 a.m. ~ Meal served at 1 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

*Worship Service **Thursday, December 27 at 6:30 p.m.***

The fourth day of Christmas - Rev. Kenn Leischner preaching

Sunday, December 30 *Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.*

Rev. Kenn Leischner preaching

Education Hour for All Ages resumes on Epiphany Sunday, January 6

All are welcome!

* *Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

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Poinsettias Given to God's Glory and ...

DONNA AUGSPURGER

IN MEMORY OF ROGER AUGSPURGER
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

MIKE & SHARYN BEARD

IN HONOR OF OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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

LLOYD & KAY CASTNER

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

JOHN & DEB CURRY & FAMILY,

IN MEMORY OF J.R. CURRY

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

WHITNEY HANNER

IN MEMORY OF ALLEN AND MARIAN HANNER

JERRY & CYNDI JARECKE

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

SHARON KUNCL

IN MEMORY OF LARRY KUNCL; MY PARENTS,
MY BROTHER, WAYNE, AND HIS TWO CHILDREN
IN HONOR OF CORBIN, BECKY, AND MILLIE
AND THEIR FAMILIES

JOHN F. LOHR

IN MEMORY OF BUS & LORETTA LOHR

RON & CHARLOTTE LAMBERT

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

LARRY & SUE MARES

IN MEMORY OF CARL AERNI AND
RAY & MARTHA MARES
IN HONOR OF LOIS AERNI

JOHN & LINDA MCPHAIL

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

BOB & GAIL MEAD

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

SHERRY MILLER & FAMILY

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

KEVIN, LISA, CELINE AND ELYENA PERRIN

IN MEMORY OF KAY PFEIFFER

JAN PICKREL

IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND, ROGER PICKREL

RICK & LAURA PORTER

IN MEMORY OF PAT & ROSEAN PORTER AND
RICHARD & BENITA LAMBERT

DAVE, LORI, NOLAN, & REGAN RINE,

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES RINE AND LARRY KUCERA

REV. ANNIKA LISTER STROOPE & JEREMY A. WEST

IN MEMORY OF DR. EUGENE E. LISTER,
MABEL & TOM HANSEN, FRANCES & BILL STROOPE,
THOMAS A. STROOPE, AND FRANK & LOIS WEST

JUDY TEMME

IN MEMORY OF DICK TEMME

BOBBI UHLMANN & FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

ROD & CINDEE WACHTER

IN MEMORY OF VERONA WACHTER
AND M.D. & SANDEE LINDE

CALVIN & ALISON WAGNER

IN MEMORY OF OUR 16 FRIENDS AND FAMILY
THAT PASSED THIS YEAR.

ENJOY CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN HEAVEN!

ARDELL & MARCENE WURDEMAN,

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,
CLARENCE & LORENE WURDEMAN, AND
ROBERT & VIRGINIA MOOMEY

GAIL WURDEMAN

IN MEMORY OF MY PARENTS,
IRENE & HAROLD WURDEMAN



JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Prayers of thanks by Tim and Val Rathje and family for Tim having a successful stent procedure this past week.
- ◆ Please hold Marcia Veach in your prayers while she is at Columbus Community Hospital.
- ◆ Jeremy West is recovering at home following surgery on his jaw at Bryan West Hospital. Jeremy and Rev. Annika appreciate your prayers!
- ◆ Both of our denominations are doing disaster relief including work around the country and around the world. Along with your prayers, please visit either denominations' websites to learn about disaster assistance efforts.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. Annika is on vacation Dec. 26 - Jan. 2

Rev. Edward is on vacation Dec. 26 - Jan. 4

Rev. Kenn Leischner is on-call for pastoral emergencies and can be reached at (402) 942-3930.

Rev. Kenn will provide pulpit supply in the Thursday, Dec. 27 & Sunday, Dec. 30 Worship Services.

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

No events scheduled

Thursday, December 27

5:00pm Special Olympics 5 on 5, Gym

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, December 28

6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, December 29

No events scheduled

Sunday, December 30

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 31

End-of-Year contributions received in the Church Office **until 3:30 pm**

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

Stewardship 2019

Thank you to all who have made a 2019 pledge!

103 households have pledged, and 55% of those have increased their pledge!

We appreciate your prayerful consideration and support for Federated Church's mission and outreach to the community and beyond.

~ The Stewardship Committee



Share the Gift
of God

9:00 a.m. Sunday All Ages Education Hour resumes January 6th!

Childrens' classrooms are in the Education Center and Youth are on the Second Floor

January Adult Education - Ed Room 4

The coffee is on!

January 6, 2019 we will begin a documentary series reflecting on how God is understood in the Bible, throughout history, and around the world.

On January 20, we welcome Rev. Dr. Scott Jones, Senior Pastor of First Central UCC Church in Omaha. Scott published his memoir this past fall, which shares his journey of growing up in Oklahoma in a Baptist family. When Scott discerned a call to ministry, and also embraced his identity as a gay man, his journey took unexpected turns. Scott will have copies of his book available.

Mission and Outreach

TOMORROW

Christmas Dinner volunteers are needed and appreciated!

Helpers are wonderful for all aspects of the day, including home meal delivery! Help is especially needed for clean up after the meal.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who have signed up to serve a meal at the Rescue Mission in 2019! Only a few more dates need to be filled: **Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Dec. 13, 2019.** A signup sheet is in the Narthex.

Poinsettias remaining in the Sanctuary after Christmas Eve will be placed in Fellowship Hall for Christmas Day Dinner guests to brighten their home or to deliver to others. Thank you!

~ Order of St. Andrew

A huge THANK YOU to the generous people of Federated Church for their contributions to OPERATION EDUCATION, the project that will enable several children of Nairobi to pay school fees so that they can attend school. We so appreciate your help with this wonderful project! What a gift! We will be returning to Kenya in the fall, so watch for updates, or better yet, plan to go with us!

~ Julie Graham and Katie Claus