



FEDERATED CHURCH



Share the Gift
of God

Sunday
November 25,
2018

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

If you are new to Federated, please tell us on a “Visitors Card” & in a red Friendship Folder.

Children are welcome in worship at Federated.

Children’s Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. The Library/“Cry Room” is child friendly.

Ushers are here to help you and Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available. Ushering this month are Rick Porter (Thurs.), Donna Augspurger,

Georgia & Rod Behlen, and Celina Perrin, Youth Usher.

We are called Federated because on July 2, 1914, Columbus’ Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined to serve as one congregation.

The Order of St. Andrew serves as Federated’s deacons. Prayer requests can be shared on **Prayers Cards** in the pew pockets or **Prayer Chain** requests to the Church Office (402) 564-2812 .

The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org for videos of worship and bulletins, or on Channel 99 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings at 8pm.

In case of an emergency, the pastors’ cell phone numbers are:

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	Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr		

JOYS & CONCERNS

◆ **Thank you!** These words don't seem adequate enough to convey my appreciation for all the kind words, thoughts and prayers I've received from this wonderful congregation during and after my recent inner ear surgery! There is definitely improvement with each passing day. Praise the Lord!

~Jim Rains, Office Manager

◆ Both of our denominations are doing disaster relief including work in response to recent wildfires in California. Along with your prayers, please visit either denominations' websites to learn about disaster assistance efforts.

◆ Please pray for the family of LaRene Busler and her family. Robert Busler passed away on Nov. 21. Memorial service will be next summer.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, November 25

9:00am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
9:00am Sunday School, Ed. Center/Upper Room
10:00am Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, November 26

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 27

7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion, EC 8
8:00am Bible Study with Rev. Annika
4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson
6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC8
7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 28

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, Gym

Thursday, November 29

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, November 30

9:00am MOPS Leadership Meeting, B 24, Gym
6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, December 1

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 2

9:00am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
9:00am Sunday School, Ed. Center/Upper Room
10:00am Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

Cookies 'N More: On Thursday, December 6th at 5:18 p.m. in the Ed. Center Room CE8 we will be having a wrap-up meeting. "Please note that discussion and decisions for distribution of moneys to missions will take place at this meeting." Please plan to attend as your input is welcomed. This year we were blessed with a very successful outcome to the project Cookies 'N More and this sweet event is a favorite for the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:00 a.m. Sunday Education Hour For All Ages

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

November Adult Education - Ed Room 4

The coffee is on — all are welcome!

Today - November 25

Donna Epley is the new Director of the Platte County Food Pantry. Amid the holiday season, come hear from Donna about the Food Pantry's current needs.

December 2

Advent Bible Study Begins!

Mission and Outreach

Rescue Mission Meal Sign Up A signup sheet is in the Narthex for anyone wishing to provide the monthly meal for the Columbus Rescue Mission. Our church provides a meal on the second Friday of each month and the dates are indicated on the list. Thank you!

Poinsettia Orders and Delivery Poinsettias will once again bring color and joy to the Sanctuary in the upcoming season of Advent. *Please order poinsettias using the green insert form —forms can be placed in offering plates and/or in the white mailbox next to the church office door.* The deadline to order is Monday, **November 26**. Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome in sanctuary. **Please label your plant with your name if you wish to collect it after the Christmas Eve services.** *Please note:* plants remaining in the Sanctuary after the Christmas Eve services will be placed in Fellowship Hall for anyone who attends the Christmas Day Dinner to take one to brighten their home or to deliver to others. Labels will not be placed on plants by the church staff. Thank you in advance for plant donations that brighten the Sanctuary!

~ Order of St. Andrew

Communicate & Connect

Attention Committee Chairs and Group Leaders: Friday, **December 7th** is the Deadline for Reports for the **Annual Report** unless your report is financial or you have made arrangements with the church office. Call **402-564-2812** if you have any questions.

Miss a Worship Service? Did you know that **all** of Federated's worship services are on video on the church website? Visit www.federatedcolumbus.org to view past sermons, choral & bell anthems, special music, and children's sermons - and share with friends!

Do you use Facebook? "Like" the Federated Church page to receive sermon snippets and event notices!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**
The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Now Thank We All Our God
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

BACH
ARR. TRAVIS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ***Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.***

* CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC WORSHIP WAYS

One: To the Thanksgiving table of plenty,

All: Come, thankful people, come!

One: To the kitchen where familiar hands prepare with love,

All: Come, thankful people, come!

One: To the farm where calloused hands plant and tend,

All: Come, thankful people, come!

One: To the rich earth, where roots stretch and seeds grow,

All: Come, thankful people, come!

One: To this service of worship and praise of the God of creation,

All: Come, thankful people, come!

One: Let us worship God!

* OPENING SONG (SING THE FAITH) #2036

Give Thanks (verses 1 - 3)

Eliot Yang, Acolyte

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

All: Sower of creation, we admit that we are not sure where all our food comes from.

We do not always know who prepared it, or whether those who grow and prepare our food have enough food themselves. Help us to appreciate the good food you have provided for us, Heighten our awareness of the ways we benefit from labor in farm and factory, Remind us of the miracle that brings us nourishment each day, And make us truly thankful today and every day.

One: Let us offer silent prayers of confession. [moment for silent prayer]

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Amen. Know that God's everlasting faithfulness reaches out to each and every one of us

All: to give us hope for a better harvest in the changing seasons of our lives. Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Thanks Be To God
Bob Arp, Director

BEALL

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families
All children are invited forward.

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Garcia Lopez and Annie Lange, Liturgists

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 126

Pew Bible Old Testament pages 572 - 573

The First Letter of Paul to Timothy 2 : 1 - 7

Pew Bible New Testament page 208

SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM**

One: How are we to pray?

All: We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God,

One: and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins;

All: with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts;

One: with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance,

All: waiting upon God with humble submission to God's will.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 276 *Great is Thy Faithfulness***

PASTORAL PRAYER 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation
Alyse Wolfe, Youth Usher

ARR. LINKER

*** DOXOLOGY (TUNE WITH HYMN NO. 591)**

ROGER C. LYNN

***Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; Whose love reveals our sacred worth;
Whose Spirit forms one family; Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.***

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Weaver of all life, in this joyous season we offer our heartfelt thanks for the abundance that surrounds us and ask that you remind us to extend the season of thanksgiving as we share these your gifts with your people that they may know a better harvest. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN No. 553**

For the Fruit of All Creation

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Novelette

SCHUMANN

After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday fellowship time with refreshments, hosted this week by the Personnel Committee.

Blue Christmas Worship Service

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018

6:30pm at Federated Church

Jointly sponsored by Grace Episcopal, First United Methodist Church, St. Luke's United Church of Christ, and Federated Church with cooperation from Hospice of Columbus Community Hospital



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***Christmas isn't always joyful.
You are not alone.
Come; bring your sorrow to the manger.***

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

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