



FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Sunday,
November 27,
2016**

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. **Child care is available Sundays** in the Nursery.

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available. **Ushers are here to help you:** Rick Porter (Thurs.); Donna Augspurger, Rod & Georgia Behlen, and Peg Rupprecht.

All are welcome to Sunday fellowship after worship, this week hosted by the Personnel Comm.

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

For **Prayer Chain** requests, call the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call the Order of St. Andrew to start the prayer chain. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

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

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

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WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.

PRELUDE

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming
Once in Royal David's City
Lee Augustin, Organist

ARR. KROGSTAD
ARR. HAMMERLY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord

All: when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

One: Justice and righteousness will fill the land

All: and all will live in peace and safety.

One: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Class of 2017 Confirmands

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

FEASTING ON THE WORD, ADVENT

All: Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation.

One: Let us offer silent prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Amen. The Lord is our righteousness.

All: In Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

***SONG OF PRAISE #2092** *Sing the Faith Songbook*

like a child

CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are invited forward for a special message.

CHORAL ANTHEM

People Get Ready
Bob Arp, Director

ARR. SHAW

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mimi Ernst, Liturgist

READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Gospel according to Luke 1: 26 - 38

(PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGES 56-57)

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

FROM "HOW CAN THIS BE?" TO "HERE I AM..."

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

***RESPONSIVE HYMN No. 19** *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

ARR. CALLAHAN

***DOXOLOGY** ††

ROGER C. LYNN

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

All: God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 9** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***BLESSING AND SENDING**

***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.

POSTLUDE

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

ARR. HELD

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT FEDERATED

SUN., NOV. 27 - First Day of Advent Lighting of the first Advent candle

THURS., DEC. 1 & SUN., DEC. 4 - Second Day of Advent Lighting of two Advent candles

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Blue Christmas Service here at Federated at **6:30p.m.** Feel free to invite family & friends.

THURS., DEC. 8 & SUN., DEC. 11 - Third Day of Advent Lighting of three Advent candles

THURS., DEC. 15 & SUN., DEC. 18 - Fourth Day of Advent Lighting of four Advent candles

SUN., DEC. 18 - Children's Christmas Program during Morning Worship

SATURDAY, DEC. 24 - Christmas Eve Lighting of four Advent and Christ candles. Services at 5pm, 7pm and 11pm

SUN., DEC. 25 - Christmas Day Morning Worship at 9:30am

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please hold Dorsie Ivy in your prayers as he recovers and continues rehabilitation at home following two weeks at Madonna Rehab in Lincoln.
- ◆ Please pray for Lois Zoucha, Marv's mother, as she faces health challenges from cancer.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, November 27

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed. Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, November 28

- 9:00am Monday Morning Bible Study, EC 8
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 29

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am Grief Support Counseling, Choir Room
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room

Wednesday, November 30

- 3:00 pm Youth After School, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Puppet Ministry, EC 3 & 8
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room & Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, December 1

- 6:00pm Boy Scouts Roundtable,
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Order of the Arrow

Friday, December 2

- 9:00am MOPS Playgroup
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, December 3

No events scheduled

IMPORTANT CHANGE! MEALS ON WHEELS!

Federated Church will be responsible for delivery THIS week, **November 28 – December 2** (rather than the week listed in the monthly newsletter and the Sunday, November 6 worship bulletin. Cec Bartholomew will coordinate (402-564-0264)

Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew with Joie Taylor meets again 9:30-10:30a.m. on Monday, **Nov. 28** in Room **EC 8** to study chapter 24 & 25.

Beginning Tuesday, November 15th, the 7AM Christian Book Discussion Group will be viewing 30 minute video lectures by Christian scholar, Bart D. Ehrman, on the topic, "How Jesus Became God". Please contact Robert Trautwein at 402 910

Grief Support Group meets again **Tuesday, Nov. 29** from **10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** and is open to the community. Facilitated by Mary Phillips, therapist from Colgrove Counseling Center, and Rev. Annika. All are welcome. Group meets every other Tuesday.

Dec. 7, Make a Joyful Sound! Women's Fellowship program by Peace Lutheran quartet. Luncheon at 12:00 will be \$7.00. Call reservations to Louise Moran (402-564-5745).

December 2nd - Deadline for Annual Report unless other arrangements are made with the church office. Please contact the office if you have new phone, address, or email address for the 2016 directory fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org or (402) 564-2812

Family Christmas Caroling Sunday, Dec. 18 from 4 - 6pm for homebound members of our church. After, we will have supper at church. All are invited!

Partnership with Emerson Elementary: we need a team of adult and teen volunteers to help with after-school tutoring for one hour on Mondays (4pm-5pm). Background check is required for all volunteers. Please talk with pastor Edward if you are interested.

Federated's **first annual All Church Book Read** has begun and continues through January! Buy your copy or request a loaned copy of ***In the House of I Am***, a memoir by **Nebraska native Mary Avidano** in the Narthex.

Old Education Center table now for sale! At only \$10.00 each, it's a steal!!! There are seven 6 footers and four 8 footers available!!! Get them now, before they are gone!

A heartfelt Thank You for those who made the **Cookies N More a tremendous success.** We had 91 cookie bakers and 39 candy makers as well as others who made cash donations. As the saying goes - it pays to advertise- really rang true. We sold out completely and had to turn some buyers away explaining that the line starts forming about 4:30 pm with doors opening at 5 pm. Again thank you one and all. Anita Hahn and Rogalyn Stevens Co-chairs '16

H.I.S. Puppeteers has many new things to be thankful for!!! Look for the article in the Newsletter coming this December! If you or someone you know is wishing to join the puppeteers, please contact Julie, Cindy, or Katie. We meet on Wednesday evenings. You are always welcome to join our puppet ministry!

The **Alternative Christmas Giving** sponsored by the Social Concerns and Missions Committee this year are: **A Place at the Table* (Backpack Program for schools) **Marjie Heier's* Medical Missionary Project in Zambia **The Heifer Project* **Donor's Choice* for any other organization or mission. Members of this committee will be available in the Narthex after Thursday evening and Sunday services through the month of December. Information about these programs will be available and we can answer any questions. Forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex. Your gifts may also be left at the office or deposited in the office drop box.

Stewardship 2017 Update - Fearless Generosity

Thank you to all who have made a 2017 pledge! **87** households have pledged, and **43%** 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