



# FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

**Sunday**  
**December 9,**  
**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 Behlen, Rod Behlen and Hunter Yang, 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](http://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

◆ TODAY, here at Federated Church at 2:00pm, all are welcome to the Columbus High School New World Singers concert and fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall. Funds are being raised for a new grant piano at CHS.

◆ Christmas Dinner volunteers are needed and appreciated! Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer at the Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day (402) 564-2812

◆ 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.

### THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

#### Sunday, December 9

- 9:00am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
- 9:00am Sunday School, Ed. Center/Upper Room
- 10:00am Worship Service / New Officer Installation, Sanctuary
- 2:00pm New World Singers Holiday Concert, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

#### Monday, December 10

- 5:15pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Membership/Growth Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, December 11

- 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion, EC 8
- 8:00am Bible Study with Rev. Annika
- 11:30am OSA Prayer Chain Meeting, Sanctuary
- 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, December 12

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

#### Thursday, December 13

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

#### Friday, December 14

- 8:30am MOPS Meeting, EC/FH/Gym
- 3:00pm Youth Rescue Mission Meal Prep, Kitchen
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Lock In, Fellowship Hall

#### Saturday, December 15

- 8:00am Cub Scouts Pack 279 Lock In Ends

#### Sunday, December 16

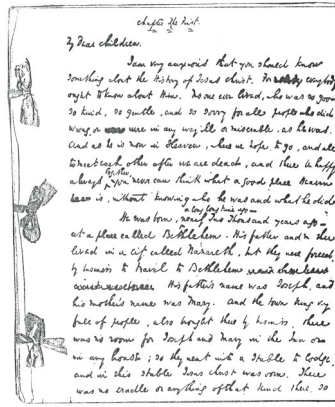
- 9:00am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
- 9:00am Sunday School, Ed. Center/Upper Room
- 10:00am Worship Service / Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Bible Study

**Bible Study on Matthew** with Joie Taylor meets every other Monday from 9:30a.m. to 10:30a.m. in Room EC 8 to study chapter 4 & 5. Next Bible Study is **December 17.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



**Beginning page of "The Life of Our Lord" by Charles Dickens, written for his children in 1849**

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

### December Adult Education - Ed Room 4

The coffee is on!  
Do you love Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"? Did you know that Dickens composed a

version of the Gospels for his children? The December Adult Education Bible Study will use Dickens' gospel book and dialogue about interpretations of Jesus' birth with a new film of Dickens' classic Christmas tale, "The Man Who Invented Christmas." All are welcome!

See attached sheet for schedule of next week's Christmas Pageant and Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services

### 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!

**Welcome 2018 Poinsettias!** Please label your poinsettia with your name if you wish to collect it after Christmas Eve services — labels will not be placed by church staff. Please note: plants 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

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

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*  
*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

HYMN NO. 10  
ARR. HAMLIN

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION (SUN.)

Cookies N' More, Anita Hahn

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM THE HYMN "BOY-CHILD OF MARY"

One: What shall we call him, child of the manger? What name is given in Bethlehem?

**All: His name is Jesus, God ever with us, God given for us, in Bethlehem.**

One: Gladly we praise him, love and adore him,

**All: Give ourselves to him, of Bethlehem!**

One: Let us worship God.

### \* OPENING HYMN NO. 13

*Prepare the Way*

Taytum Miller, Acolyte

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

FROM UCC CHRISTMAS OFFERING GUIDE

**All: Giver of all gifts, we thank you for making us hopeful people. We expect good tidings for ourselves, our families, our churches, and our world. As we unwrap the Advent season, help us focus on Bethlehem, enjoying traditions without them controlling our spirits and resources. Help us to share your hope with others as it has been shared with us.**

One: All are invited to offer silent prayers of confession. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: The prophet Isaiah speaks of God's comfort and God's pardoning.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

### \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Let us celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a sign of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

### \* HYMN NO. 27

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (verse 1 - 2)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sun.) *All children are invited forward for a special message.*

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families

### \* CHORAL ANTHEM

*Gentle Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!*

Bob Arp, Director

S. KOCHANEK

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

### \* HYMN NO. 27

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (verse 3)*

Questions to Church Officers: Elders and Deacons

Questions to the Congregation

President Dave Melick

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

**\* The Federated Church Covenant of Membership**

We covenant with Jesus Christ, and with one another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God to walk together in Christian love. We seek to worship God in spirit and in truth, to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. With God's help, we will honor the Federated Church in our conduct, supporting its life and ministry by our attendance, prayers, talents, and treasure so as to extend the influence of Christ in our midst and throughout the world.

Laying on of Hands *All former and current church Elders, Deacons, & Ministers are invited forward.*

**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.

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Trautwein, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel according to Matthew 11: 1 - 11

*Pew Bible New Testament page 11*

SERMON

*Misunderstood Jesus*

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

**\* HYMN NO. 37**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*What Is This Lovely Fragrance?*  
Brinlee Klevemann, Youth Usher (Sun.)

ARR. MANZ

**\* ADVENT DOXOLOGY †**

P.M. TESTERMAN

*O Glorious God, to you we bring; Praise, treasure, time as offering;  
Come, Holy Spirit, with us dwell, Born is the Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.*

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**All:** Giver of all gifts, whose holy season fills our hearts with wonder, we dedicate these gifts to you. Bless the offerings we bring, that they may show the world your peace. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN No. 12**

*People, Look East (verses 1-3)*

**\* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**\* CLOSING HYMN No. 12**

*People, Look East (verse 4)*

POSTLUDE

*The Snow Lay on the Ground*

ARR. SOWERBY

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

December 16

Christmas Pageant

Information Here

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

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# **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

**NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 16TH**  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WITH CHILDREN  
CAROLING AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

**THURSDAY, DEC. 20 AND  
SUNDAY, DEC. 23**  
LESSONS & CAROLS

**CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DEC. 24TH**  
5:00 p.m. FAMILY SERVICE  
8:00 p.m. CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
with COMMUNION & CHOIR

**TUESDAY, DEC. 25TH**  
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS  
DINNER 1:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS NOT REQUIRED. IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO DINNER  
OR A MEAL DELIVERY, PLEASE CALL 402-564-2812

**BEFORE NOON DEC. 24TH**