



# FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



## Thursday, May 11 and Sunday, May 14, 2017

### 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.

**Ushers are here to help you:** Rick Porter (Thurs.); Jeanne Johnson, Rodger Grisham, Tim Warren, Dennis Vollbracht (Sun.), Toby Sand (Youth).  
Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available.

**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 to call the Order of St. Andrew. 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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## PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

*The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please observe this time in silent meditation.*

PRELUDE

Songs My Mother Taught Me  
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

MEDLEY

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

RECOGNITION OF CHANCEL CHOIR

Bob Arp, Director

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 31

One: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me be put to shame.

**All: Incline your ear to us; rescue us speedily.**

One: Be a rock of refuge for us,

**All: A strong fortress to save us!**

\* OPENING HYMN NO. 260 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Ryland Prokopec, Acolyte

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

*Feasting on the Word*

One: Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin,

**All: but we confess that we have not obeyed your word.**

One: We have harbored malice toward others;

**All: we have been deceitful in our relationships;**

One: we have been insincere in our commitments.

**All: Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance.**

One: Help your children to long for your pure, spiritual milk

**All: that we may grow into the joy of your salvation.**

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

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

1 Peter 2:10

One: Amen. Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people but now you are God's people.

**All: Once we had not received mercy but now we have received God's mercy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

### \* 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.

\* SONG #2056 from *Sing the Faith Songbook* *God is So Good*

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

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

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

### READING OF SCRIPTURE

Judy Trautwein, Liturgist

The Gospel According to John 14: 1 - 12

(*Pew Bible New Testament, pages 108 - 109*)

SERMON

"Being Present: Here, Now & Gift"

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

\* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 457 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (verses 1 - 2)*

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

## COMMISSIONING OF THE ALUMNI CUBA MISSION TEAM (SUN.)

### COMMISSIONING LITANY

Presbytery of Western North Carolina

One: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

**All: There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.**

One: There are different kinds of working, but the same God works in all of them in all people.

**All: Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.**

One: Today we commission the Alumni Mission Team to use their special gifts in Cuba.

**All: May God's Spirit work in the Alumni Mission Team for the common good.**

One: Today we also commit to you, God, the Church in Cuba and those who are preparing for the coming of the mission team.

**All: May God's Spirit work in all of them for the common good.**

One: God has called us all, those who live in Cuba, those who go as the mission team, and those of us who offer prayer and financial support, each one of us, as partners in service.

**All: That all may come to know the abundance of life God has offered through Jesus Christ.**

### QUESTIONS FOR ALUMNI MISSION TEAM MEMBERS & CONGREGATION

Katie Claus, Julie Graham, Chris Warren (Leaders); Janae Graham, Emily Grant, Mia Grant, Parker Grant, Garrett Hahn, Jana Lyon, Nolan Rine, Regan Rine

### \* COMMISSIONING PRAYER

**All: Gracious God, we present our hopes for these specially commissioned this day. In every age you have chosen servants to speak your word in unique and various ways. We thank you for these people whom you have called to serve you. Give them each special gifts to do their special work. Fill them with the Holy Spirit so they may accept all they confront, and be faithful and joyful in their task. Bring them safely home and let their experience further enrich us so that we, too, may better serve you.**

Mission Team: Creator God, now give us strength, wisdom and love to work for our Lord Jesus Christ as we serve others in distant places. Amen.

### \* COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 525 *Here I Am, Lord*

### 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.

### CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

*Stand By Me*

ARR. SHACKLEY

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*The Gift of Love*

FROM HYMN 335

### \* DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 591)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

### \* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness.  
Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

### \* CLOSING HYMN NO. 457

***I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (verses 3 - 5)***

### \* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

### POSTLUDE

*Sortie in A*

LEMMENS

***After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday Fellowship time  
with refreshments, hosted this week by Café LaFed Committee.***

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

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please hold Kenn & Kathy Leischner in your prayers. Kenn is back at home.
- ◆ Please hold Carolyn, Cynthia, and Bill Irby in your prayers. Carolyn is residing at Brookestone. Cynthia continue to have cancer treatments.
- ◆ We rejoice with Paula Timperley & Rebecca Williams as they celebrate their marriage May 12 in Schuyler.

From Lu Krepel ' I want to thank the Order of St. Andrew and the people of Federated Church for all of their help. Many of you may remember my wife, Nina, who was active in this church and the Columbus community. I have moved to the Norfolk Veterans Home. My address is 600 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701-0830. Thanks again and take care!

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, May 14

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Education Center
- 10:45am Adult Education, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, May 15

- 12:00pm BIG PALS~LITTLE PALS, EC 8
- 4:00pm Emerson Tutoring, Emerson School
- 6:30pm Property & Finance Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Membership & Growth Meeting, EC 7
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, May 16

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 12:00pm Noon All Staff Meeting, EC 7
- 5:30pm Youth Ministry Teachers Meeting, AD 1
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 6:30pm BIG PALS~LITTLE PALS Youth Training, FH

### Wednesday, May 17

- 3:00pm Wed. Youth after School, Fellowship Hall/Gym
- 6:00pm Chancel Choir Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Gym, Upper Room
- 7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

### Thursday, May 18

- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, May 19

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

### Saturday, May 20

No events scheduled

### Sunday, May 21

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Education Center
- 10:45am Adult Education, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

## Phil Wilson Scholarship Renewals

**Federated Church Foundation Scholarship Renewal Applications** were mailed this week. Please contact **Jim in the church office** if you do not receive yours. Applications are **due back** to the church office **with an official transcript** (or copy) **no later than June 23**. Late applications are subject to a reduction penalty.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, visit [www.federatedcolumbus.org](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org), or contact the church office (402)564-2812.

## This Week & Next Week at Federated

Support the **High School Youth Summer Mission Team** with the Mother's Day Flower Sale. Single roses will be available after worship today.



### Adult Education This Week and Next Week:

Rev. Annika will share details about her upcoming Study Leave. She will visit nearly two dozen congregations in seven states. Take this opportunity to hear about her itinerary and to ask questions!



**Fish Banks for One Great Hour of Sharing** will be received this week and next week during Education Hour.

**May 21 is Graduation Sunday!** We will give thanks to God with Federated's local high school graduates in worship. If you have a post-high school graduate in your family, please email the church office with information, and the church office will share your graduate's information in the worship bulletin.

## Day Camp & Vacation Bible School

**Vacation Bible School is June 5 - 9**

at First United Methodist Church. Federated, First Methodist, and St. Luke's churches collaborate for this fun week of learning and serving! Children from age 3 through 4th grade are welcome. Registration forms are in the Narthex. Invite friends, neighbors, extended family! Requesting **ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND TEENAGE HELPERS!** Please contact Pastor Edward if you can help.



**5th and 6th Grade Day Camp** is Thursday, June 1 from 9am to 4pm at Camp Luther with Pastor Edward and leaders from First Methodist. Cost is \$5. Friends of Federated and First Methodist students are welcome! What to expect: swimming, canoeing, bonfire lunch, Bible lesson, and loads of FUN! RSVP to (402) 564-8463 or [sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com](mailto:sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com).

## Mission and Outreach

Mark your calendar for Federated's **Habitat for Humanity** build day: **June 10**. More info to come!

## Preachers in May & June

While Rev. Annika is on summer Study Leave, Pastor Edward and Pulpit Supply preachers. Upcoming preachers are:

- Thursday, May 25** - Pastor Adam Lassen of St. Luke's
- Sunday, May 28** - Rev. Jim Splitt, retired, from Wahoo
- Thursday, June 1** - Rev. Cindi Stewart of First Methodist
- Sunday, June 4** - Pastor Linda Newman, Fremont UCC
- Thursday, June 8** - Alumni Cuba Mission Trip Report
- Sunday, June 11** - Alumni Cuba Mission Trip Report