

FEDERATED CHURCH

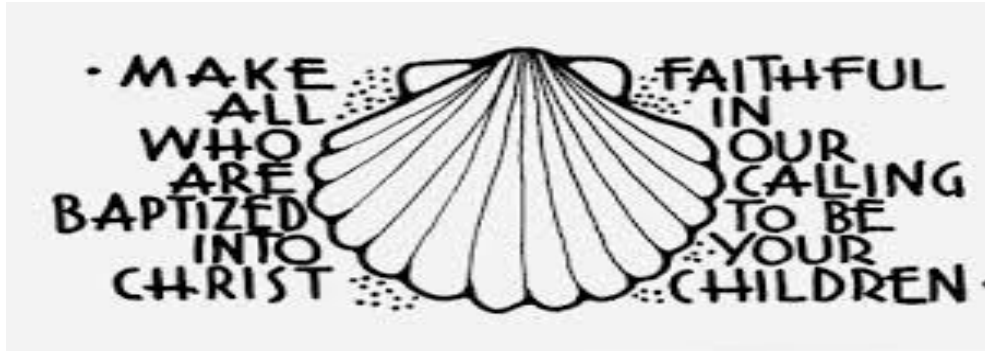


INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



Celebration of the Baptism of the Lord

**Thursday,
January
12**



**Sunday,
January
15**

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: Janet Lyon, Connie Spohn and Denny Vollbracht.

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) Mondays and Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings 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.

PRELUDE

Medley of Traditional Spirituals
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

ARR. DIGGLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **(Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.)**

READING OF SCRIPTURE The Gospel according to Matthew 3: 13 - 17

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, today we recall: Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

All: In baptism, our Creator claims and frees us.

One: In baptism, we are joined to Christ and we are joined together.

All: Let us remember, let us celebrate!

One: Let us worship God.

* OPENING HYMN NO. 57

The Snow Lay on the Ground (verses 1 & 2)

The hymn refrain "Venite adoremus Dominum" means "Come let us adore God"

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION

All: Gracious God, help us understand the ways of your commandments and we will meditate on your wondrous works. Strengthen us according to your word. May we turn from false ways and have understanding of your ways. (All are invited to offer silent prayers.)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ROMANS & 2 CORINTHIANS 5

One: Amen. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. Friends, hear the good news:

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

* RESPONSIVE SONG

Raise a Song of Gladness

Musical notation for the responsive song "Raise a Song of Gladness". The score is written on four staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth.
Christ has come, bring-ing peace, joy to ev - ery heart.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!

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

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

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.

BELLS OF JOY (SUN.)

Holy God We Praise Your Name
Stuart Gausman, Director

ARR. PAGE

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Trautwein, Liturgist

READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Gospel according to Mark 1: 1 - 11
The Gospel according to John 1: 29 - 34

Pew Bible New Testament pages 34-35
Pew Bible New Testament page 92

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 57

The Snow Lay on the Ground (verses 3 & 4)

* RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

One: Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith,

All: with all who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism,

One: that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith,

All: that we may be rooted and grounded in love, and reflect the fruits of the Spirit.

*AFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT

RESPONSIVE HYMNS: NO. 492 *Baptized in Water* (Thurs. & Sun.)
 NO. 499 *Wonder of Wonders* (Sun.)

During the hymns, all are welcome to remember your baptisms by coming forward to the baptismal font for prayer and a baptismal remembrance.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God of Wonders

ARR. COTA

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

P.M. TESTERMAN

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Holy God, give us such awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show you praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving of ourselves and our resources to your service. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: The Gospel according to Luke 3: 21 - 22

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Let us celebrate God's mercy 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.

All are invited to rise as you are able in body or in spirit to greet those around you.

POSTLUDE

Postlude in B Flat

FAULKES

After Passing the Peace and praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday fellowship time with refreshments at Café La Fed, hosted this week by the Chancel Choir.

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

‡ tune on page 592 of hymnal

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please hold the family of Irene Christiansen in your prayers. Irene died on January 10. Funeral services and reception were here at Federated on Jan. 13 with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.
- ◆ Please pray for Jeannie Kiser Jensen as she recovers following surgery at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha.
- ◆ Doris Van Diest and family in your prayers. Doris is at Columbus Care Center.
- ◆ Visit the Columbus Telegram's Jan. 10 issue to read a great article about Federated members and Teammates Michael Mohr and Brady Hanks. Michael learned about Teammates in the Federated bulletin!
- ◆ Please pray for Lois Zoucha, Marv's mother, as she faces health challenges from cancer.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, January 15

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, **Sanctuary**
- 11:30am Youth Ministries Committee, Library
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 16

- 12:00pm BIG PALS~LITTLE PALS, EC 8
- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 6:00pm Worship & Music Committee, Library
- 6:30pm Property & Finance Committee, EC 8
- 7:00pm Membership & Growth Committee EC 7
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 17

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm MOPs Moms Night Out, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 18

- 1:00pm Circle 2 Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm Wed. Youth After School, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 6:30pm Puppet Ministry, EC 3/8
- 7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, January 19

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

- 5:30pm Doane Choir Supper, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Doane & Columbus Choir Concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, January 22

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

Thank you Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Volunteers!

In 2016, 48 Federated members prepared a meal on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month for 25-30 people at the Columbus Rescue Mission. Social Concerns & Missions Committee wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to all for their time, effort, and generosity!

UPCOMING AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Mission and Outreach

TODAY - Sunday, Jan. 15 - Homemade Pizza made by the Mission Marauders on behalf of the alumni mission team—don't miss out!

Book Exchange Youth Mission Fundraiser - we are looking for book donations. Please drop them off in the office or with a member of the summer youth mission team. Book exchange in Narthex coming soon!

H.I.S. Puppeteers has many new things to be thankful for!!! If you or someone you know is wishing to join the puppeteers, please contact Julie, Cindy, or Katie. We meet on Wednesday evenings.

Caring and Fellowship

Meals On Wheels - Federated will be responsible for delivery February 13-17. Renee Bellum (402-563-2441) will coordinate.

Upcoming Special Events

NEXT SATURDAY, January 21 - Doane College and Columbus Middle & High School Choirs Concert **HERE at Federated on Saturday, January 21 at 7 o'clock p.m.**

Taste of Federated will be **Sunday, Feb. 12** Share your cooking skills and support the Youth Summer Mission Team with this fun (and tasty) event. For more info, contact Max Porter: max.david.porter@gmail.com

Bible Studies & Christian Education

Nursery Update Repairs are on-going in the Nursery following a pipe burst on Dec. 18. Thanks to Zach Nickolite, Custodian, for getting so much cleaned up and moved to Ed Center Room 4 for a fully-functioning temporary Nursery space. Thanks to Ashli Porter, Nursery Attendant, for her flexibility during this time.

Federated's **first annual All Church Book Read** continues through January! Buy your copy or request a loan of ***In the House of I Am***, a memoir by **Nebraska native Mary Avidano**, in the Narthex. Enjoy Mary's spiritually reflective writing, familiar places around Nebraska, and her research on her mother, who was an orphan train child. The PBS documentary "The Orphan Trains" will show in the sanctuary after worship on Sundays in January for Adult Education.

Tuesday Christian Book Discussion Group is viewing 30 minute lectures by Bible scholar Bart Ehrman, on the topic, "How Jesus Became God". All are welcome at 7a.m. for breakfast and discussion.

Stewardship 2017 Update - Fearless Generosity
Thank you to all who have pledged for 2017! **112** households have pledged, and **41%** of those have increased their pledge to support Federated Church's mission & outreach.

~ The Stewardship Committee