



# FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday,  
December 13,  
2018**



**Sunday  
December 16,  
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.), Gene Hahn, John McPhail, Linda McPhail, Peg Rupprecht, Tim Warren and Brinlee Klevemann, 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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## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please hold Jeremy West in your prayers. He will have surgery on his jaw on Dec. 19.
- ◆ Please hold Marcia Veach in your prayers while she is at Columbus Community Hospital.
- ◆ Both of our denominations are doing disaster relief including work around the country and around the world. Along with your prayers, please visit either denominations' websites to learn about disaster assistance efforts.

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, December 16

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

### Monday, December 17

- 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Study, EC 8
- 5:15pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, December 18

- 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 6:30pm Property & Finance Committee Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, December 19

- 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:30pm Youth White Elephant Gift Exchange, Upper R

### Thursday, December 20

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, December 21

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

### Saturday, December 22

No events scheduled

### Sunday, December 23

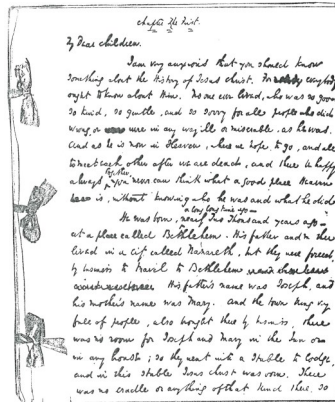
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### Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- 5:00pm Family Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 8:00pm Candlelight Service with Communion and Choir, Sanctuary

## 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!**

## Mission and Outreach

**Christmas Dinner volunteers are needed and appreciated!** Please contact the church office if you can volunteer at the Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day and/or you can help with home meal delivery (402) 564-2812

**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

## 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.**

**See attached sheet the schedule of Upcoming Advent services and activities, and of Christmas Eve Services!**

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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

*O Christmas Tree*  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

ARR. THOMPSON  
ARR. TORNQUIST

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

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

FEASTING ON THE WORD

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

**All: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.**

One: Trust and do not be afraid.

**All: With joy we will draw water from the wells of peace.**

One: Let us worship God.

### \* OPENING HYMN NO. 2

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Toby Sand, Acolyte

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

**All: In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world.**

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

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, you are forgiven.

**All: The Lord has taken away the judgments against us. Alleluia! Amen.**

BELLS OF JOY (SUN.)

*Ding! Dong! Merrily on High*  
Stuart Gausman, Director

ARR. WAGNER

### \* 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.

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

youth, Liturgist (Sun.)

### SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel According to Luke 2 : 1 - 14

*Pew Bible New Testament, page 58*

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT—CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (SUN.)

*SILENT NIGHT*

*READING OF 'T WAS THE EVENING OF CHRISTMAS*

*GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN*

SERMON

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

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

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

**\* HYMN NO. 25**

*Away in a Manger*

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Sun.)**

Presentation of Baptisand

*Cooper M. Luedtke*

Dave Melick, Church President

**\* Questions to the Parents & Congregation**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church. In life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

**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.**

**BAPTISM AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sun.)**

**All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in one ministry, for we are one in Christ. Amen.**

**One: See what love God has for us that we should all be called children of God. And so we are. Amen.**

**\* BAPTISMAL SONG #2051 (SUN.)**

**I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Mary, Did You Know (Bells)*

ARR. PAGE

Brinlee Klevemann, Youth Usher (Sun.)

**\* 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)**

**Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN No. 50**

***Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow***

**\* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

ARR. WOLAVER

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

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

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