



# FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday,  
November 17,  
2016**

**Sunday,  
November 20,  
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](http://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:**

Annika: (402) 942-1636 / Edward: (402) 302-2812

| Governing Council 2016  |                                      |                                      | Clergy and Staff   |   |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Joie Taylor, <i>President</i> • Rick Porter, <i>Vice President</i><br>Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i> • Terry Norris, <i>Treasurer</i> |                                      |                                      | Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope<br><i>Senior Pastor</i><br><a href="mailto:annika@federatedcolumbus.org">annika@federatedcolumbus.org</a>   | Jim Rains<br><i>Office Manager</i><br><a href="mailto:jrains@federatedcolumbus.org">jrains@federatedcolumbus.org</a>                        |
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| Mary Sharpe   | Heidi Klevemann                      | Sharon Kuncel                        | Bob Arp, <i>Chancel Choir Director</i>   | Ashli Porter, <i>Nursery Attendant</i>  |
| Mike Slizoski   | Dave Melick                          | Bill Royer                           | Stuart Gausman<br><i>Bell Choir Director</i>   | Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia<br><i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>   |
| Karen Whitney   | Nila Novotny                         |                                      |  |   |
| Kristi Wolfe  | Paul Sanderson                       |                                      |  |   |

## WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

*Fanfare for Thanksgiving*  
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

PELZ

BELLS OF JOY (Sun.)

*Simple Gifts*  
Stuart Gausman, Director

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.**

MOMENTS FOR MISSION: Alumni Mission Trip, Interchurch Ministries Katie Claus, Rev. Jerry Albright

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

One: May thanksgiving be more than a special day,

**All: may it be, for us, a way of life.**

One: We have been enriched in every way for great generosity.

**All: Thanksgiving be to God!**

One: Let us worship God.

**\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE** Sing the Faith Songbook # 2001 **We Sing to You, O God**

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

**All: O God, we know that we forget to love you, to help our neighbors, and to thank you. Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, courage to serve you. May our whole lives be thanksgiving to you.**

One: Let us offer silent prayers of confession.

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Amen. When we face God with the awareness of our needs,

**All: God gives us grace to grow and courage to continue the journey.**

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

**\*SONG OF PRAISE #2233** Sing the Faith Songbook (Sun.) **Where Children Belong** (sing twice)

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

Heidi Klevemann, Sunday School teacher and Chair of Christian Education Committee

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

**In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful** (sing twice)

Musical score for the song "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful". The score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 69. The key signature has one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-  
fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the". The score includes various musical notations such as chords (Dm, C, F, Bb, Am, Dm, Bb, C, Dm, C), rests, and a fermata over the final chord. The word "fine" is written above the final chord.

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

The Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope

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, Holy, Holy*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Trautwein, Liturgist (Sun.)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Gospel according to Luke 23: 32 - 43

PEW BIBLE OLD TESTAMENT PAGE 89

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN No. 555**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**\*DOXOLOGY ††**

A.L. STROOPE

*Thanksgiving is our song and prayer; O God we thank you for your care; These gifts are yours to bless and share; With them may we both dream and dare. Amen.*

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Committee: Lloyd Castner

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

All: Generous God, accept our thanksgiving and offerings that already belong to you. May we reflect in our words and deeds your fearless generosity. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 554**

*Let All Things Now Living*

**\*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

*Barcarolle*

BENDEL



***ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE***

All are welcome this evening, **November 20**  
**at 7:30 p.m.**

***AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

*Join with the ministers, members, and friends of Federated, First United Methodist, Grace Episcopal, St. Luke's UCC Churches to praise God and give thanks!*

**Please note: No Thursday evening worship service on Thanksgiving Day, November 24**

## 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 20

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed. Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at **First Methodist**

### Monday, November 21

- 12:00pm BIG PALS~LITTLE PALS, EC 8
- 1:00pm Mediation, EC 7/8
- 6:30pm Property & Finance Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Membership/Growth Meeting, EC 7
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, November 22

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC 8

### Wednesday, November 23

- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

### Saturday, November 26

No events scheduled

### Sunday, November 27

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed. Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Wednesday Afterschool & Youth Club are NOT meeting this week (11/23).**

### Advent Candle Lighting & Readings Begin Next

**Sunday!** Sign up with a pastor or usher today. Volunteers are needed for Sundays & Thursdays of Advent & three Christmas Eve Services.

**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.

**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!

### Stewardship 2017 Update - Fearless Generosity

Thank you to all who have made a 2017 pledge! 74 households have pledged, and 41% 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

Sunday Education Hour

Rev. Jerry Albright, Director of  
Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska (IMN)

Come learn how IMN works with farmers, ranchers, gold star families, & American Indian communities.  
Education Center Room 4-5 Coffee cups welcome!

## ADVENT WORSHIP AT FEDERATED

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27** - First Sunday of Advent  
Lighting of the first Advent candle.

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18** - Children's Christmas Program

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. Enjoy Mary's spiritually reflective writing, familiar places around Nebraska, and her research on the genealogy of her mother, who was an orphan train child. As a teenager, Mary entered a convent, and later married Ray Avidano. They are ministers in the United Church of Christ (UCC) around Elgin, NE.

**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 4341 or at rjtraut@yahoo.com for more information.

### IMPORTANT CHANGE! MEALS ON WHEELS!

Federated Church will be responsible for delivery **NEXT 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.

**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.

**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

**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).