



# FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday,  
December 1,  
2016**



**Sunday,  
December 4,  
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:**

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## WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

*O Little Town of Bethlehem  
People, Look East  
Lee Augustin, Organist*

(HYMN #43) ARR. MANZ  
(HYMN #12) ARR. SMITH

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MOMENT FOR MISSION

***Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.***  
Anita Hahn, Social Concerns & Missions Committee

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

FROM "PEOPLE LOOK EAST" BY E. FARJEON

One: Angels announce, with shouts of mirth, Christ who brings new life to earth!

**All: Set every peak and valley humming, with the word: the Lord is coming!**

One: People, look east and sing today:

**All: Love the Lord is on the way!**

One: Let us worship God.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 13**

***Prepare the Way***

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES** Paul & Barb Sanderson (Thurs.); Nicole, Matt, Lucas, Elizabeth, & Tessa Miller (Sun.)

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

FEASTING ON THE WORD

**All: Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths.**

One: Let us offer silent prayers of confession.

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

One: Amen. In Advent, we hear the prophet Isaiah: God extends comfort and pardoning.

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

**\*AFFIRMATION HYMN**

***Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. Glo - ria in excelsis Deo (2x)***

**CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)** *All children are invited forward during the Affirmation Hymn for a message.*

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Trautwein, Liturgist

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**The Gospels according to Luke 1: 7 - 19**

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGE 56 - 57

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

No Fear: Angels Reveal

The Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope

*First in an Advent Sermon & Study Series "No Fear: Angels Reveal, Angels Reassure, and Angels Announce"*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN NO. 27**

***Gentle Mary Laid Her Child***

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Congregants are served communion in the pews. Please hold the bread and cup to partake together. Federated celebrates an open table. All who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Children are welcome to receive communion at Federated. Parents and guardians may serve children as part of on-going conversations about faith. Though songs & prayers may refer to "wine," only grape juice is served. Gluten-free wafers are in the center of bread trays. Please place cups in pew holders.*

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

Communion Carol  
Bob Arp, Director

TICE & DENGLER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

(HYMN #36) ARR. WYRTZEN

\*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: Gracious God, you feed us with the bread of life, and renew us for your service. Help us to share Christ's invitation to be faithful disciples going forth from this table. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.**

\*AFFIRMATION HYMN

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?*

*What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song? Glo - ria in excelsis Deo (2x)*

\*BLESSING AND SENDING

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As our hour of worship together concludes, our time of service together begins again.  
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

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

ARR. CALLAHAN

### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT FEDERATED**

*This Week - Thursday, December 8*

*5:30pm Chili Supper hosted by Order of St. Andrew - all welcome*

**Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service at 6:30pm**

*A service of remembrance & consolation*

**Sunday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m.**

*Lighting of four Advent Candles and the story of Jesus' birth  
in story and song with Sunday School children and Color Bells*

**Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24**

**5 o' clock pm.** Family Service - lessons and carols with the young at heart

**7 o' clock p.m.** Choral Music, Communion, and Candles

**11 o' clock p.m.** Communion and Candles

**Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 - Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**

## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Prayers are requested for Phyllis Elliot as she rehabs from a colon infection.
- ◆ Please pray for healing with mental clarity for George Greenawalt as requested by his daughter, honorably retired pastor Irene (O'Brien) Dare.
- ◆ 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, December 4

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

### Monday, December 5

- 9:00am Monday Morning Bible Study, EC 8
- 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, Sanderson's
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30pm Children's Ministry Teachers Meeting, EC 8

### Tuesday, December 6

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Youth Teachers Meeting, AD 1
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Wednesday, December 7

- 10:30am Women's Fellowship Board Meeting, EC 8
- 3:00 pm Youth After School, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Puppet Ministry, EC 3 & 8
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room & Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

### Thursday, December 8

- 5:30pm Chili Supper, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Blue Christmas Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, December 9

- 9:00am MOPS Meeting, EC, Fellowship Hall, Gym
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

### Saturday, December 10

No events scheduled

### Sunday, December 11

- 8:00am YMAC Meeting, AD 1
- 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

## Advent Bible Study & Christian Education

**Sunday Morning Advent Adult Education** from **10:45a.m. to 11:30a.m.** - New Advent Bible Study Series! We take angels for granted in the Christmas story...but are their ancient messages meaningful today? We'll explore together in Room 4/5 (feel free to bring your coffee hour treats with you!).

**Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew** with Joie Taylor meets again 9:30-10:30a.m. on Monday, December 5, in Room **EC 8** to study chapters 24 & 25.

## UPCOMING AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

## Mission and Outreach

**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!

The Social Concerns & Missions Committee invites you to consider **Alternative Christmas Giving** again this year. Please visit the table in the Narthex to donate or in the white mailbox at the church office door.

**Partnership with Emerson Elementary** adult and teen volunteers needed for after-school tutoring Mondays 4pm-5pm). Background check is required. Please talk with Pastor Edward if you are interested.

**H.I.S. Puppeteers has many new things to be thankful for!!!** Look for the article in the Newsletter coming this December! If you or someone you know is wishing to join the puppeteers, please contact Julie, Cindy, or Katie. We meet on Wednesday evenings. You are always welcome to join our puppet ministry!

## Caring and Fellowship

**Chili Supper before Blue Christmas Service at 5:30p.m.** this **Thursday, December 8.** All are welcome to this meal and the Blue Christmas Service that follows at 6:30p.m. *Hosted by the Order of St. Andrew.*

**Grief Support Group** meets once more in 2016, on **Tuesday, Dec. 13** from **10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** and is open to the community.

Federated's **first annual All Church Book Read** has begun! Purchase a copy or request a loaner in the Narthex. You can learn more about the book, ***In the House of I Am***, a memoir by **Nebraska native Mary Avidano**, and the author at [www.maryavidano.com](http://www.maryavidano.com).

**Dec. 7, Make a Joyful Sound!** Women's Fellowship program by Peace Lutheran quartet. \$7 for lunch at noon. RSVP to Louise Moran (402-564-5745).

## Thank You!

A **heartfelt Thank You** to all who made **Cookies N More** a **tremendous success.** We sold out completely! Thanks to 91 cookie bakers, 39 candy makers, volunteers & cash donations. ~ Anita Hahn & Rogalyn Stevens Co-chairs

**Old Education Center table now for sale! \$10.00 each.** There are five 6 footers and four 8 footers available!!! Get them now, before they are gone!

## Stewardship 2017 Update - Fearless Generosity

Thank you to all who have made a 2017 pledge! **95** households have pledged, and **39%** of those have increased their pledge. Thank you for your prayerful support for Federated Church's mission & outreach.

~ The Stewardship Committee