

# FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday, December 28, and Sunday, December 31, 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 — please ask them if you need hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals — ushering this month are Rick Porter (Thurs.), Gene Hahn, John McPhail, Linda McPhail, Peg Rupprecht, Tim Warren and Dennis Vollbracht and Brielle Wolfe, 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 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 1304 (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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Nila Novotny				
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## ***JOYS & CONCERNS***

- ◆ Please hold Janet Lyon in your prayers as she recuperates from leg surgery at Columbus Hospital.
- ◆ We give thanks to God with Hailey Rathje and family for the graduation on Dec. 15. She received her Bachelor's in Social Work summa cum laude from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
- ◆ To help those affected by disasters, visit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org) and United Church of Christ is [ww.ucc.org/disaster](http://ww.ucc.org/disaster).

### **THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

*Rev. Annika is out of the office Dec. 26-31 but reachable by cell phone. Rev. Edward is on vacation Dec. 26-Jan. 2*

**The Church Office is closed Monday, Jan. 1**

#### **Sunday, December 31**

9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Monday, January 1** - Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 2** - No events scheduled

**Wednesday, January 3** - No events scheduled

#### **Thursday, January 4**

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

#### **Friday, January 5**

6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, Sanctuary

**Saturday, January 6** - No events scheduled

#### **Sunday, January 7**

9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Please note:** December 31 is a Sunday this year. The final deposit for 2017 pledges, contributions, and donations to Federated Church will be **Friday, December 29**. All pledges, contributions, and donations received after Dec. 29th cannot be deposited until 2018, and therefore cannot be credited to 2017. We appreciate your understanding. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Learning & Fellowship**

**2018 All Church Book Read** has TWO options this year! Option One: 100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation by Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Wondering what you missed years ago in confirmation class? This book can help! Option Two: Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving. This book may challenge you, but it is worth it. Read one book or both! Books on sale now in the Narthex. Contact Rev. Annika with questions.

**Tuesday Christian Discussion Group** has started "Jesus, A Pilgrimage" by James Martin, SJ Tuesday mornings with breakfast at 7 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The book takes the reader on a pilgrimage to places in the Holy Land where Jesus lived and ministered.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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

### **COMING UP AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

Thursday, December 28 and Sunday, December 31

Rev. Kenn Leischner preaching

Thursday, January 4 & Sunday, January 7

Epiphany Sunday with Communion

Sunday, January 14

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Chaplain Ted from the Rescue Mission will

speak during Education Hour

**SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR**

No Education Hour Today, Dec. 24

**Education Hour Resumes January 7th**

Pre-K through high school are welcome to Christian formation and fellowship at **10:30 a.m.** in the Education Center and Upstairs Youth Rooms  
Adult Education at 10:45 a.m.

### **Mission and Outreach**

**The Spirit of Christmas Giving** (previously called Alternative Christmas Giving), sponsored by the Social Concerns and Missions Committee, are Platte County Food Pantry and Dr. Margie Heier's Zambia Medical Missionary (Gospelink). Committee members are available after worship services with information. Your gifts may also be deposited in the office drop box.

**Disaster Clean Up Buckets to Arkansas** If you or someone you know is travelling near the Little Rock, Arkansas area, please let Rev. Annika know [annika@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:annika@federatedcolumbus.org). Disaster Clean Up Buckets need to go to a warehouse there.

**Needlecraft Prayer Ministry** is knitting or crocheting Red Baby Hats for babies born in American Heart Month (February). Congenital heart defects are the most common type of birth defect in the country. If you would like to help in this project, please contact Louise Moran for more information. Hats must be completed by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>!

**Emerson Elementary After-school Tutoring**—we are on break and will restart on Jan. 9th.

**Wednesday Youth Club Resumes January 10!**

### **Caring & Connecting**

**From the Order of St. Andrew:** Thank you to all who helped decorate the sanctuary. Poinsettia plants remaining in the sanctuary were delivered on December 28th to area nursing homes.

**If you use Facebook** - be sure to "Like" Federated's Facebook page to get quick and easy information about upcoming worship services and special events!

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

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**

*Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow  
The Birthday of a King  
Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ*

ARR. SCHNEIDER  
ARR. WYRTZEN

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**\* GATHERING HYMN NO. 40**

*Joy to the World*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

**All: God is there.**

One: When Jesus is presented at the temple,

**All: God is there.**

One: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

**All: God is there.**

One: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

**All: God is there.**

One: This very morning,

**All: God is here.**

One: In the future we cannot see,

**All: God is there.**

One: Let us worship God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**All: Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Yet often we don't live as if we know that. You ask no more of us than what we can provide.**

**PARENTS:** As Jesus' parents were asked to give within their means at the temple, you ask us to give of our means. We often fail to do this.

**MEN:** As Simeon recognized in Jesus the salvation of his people, we recognize in Jesus' Way our own wholeness and health, yet we often fail to follow.

**WOMEN:** As Anna recognized in Jesus the redemption of her people, we recognize in Jesus God's saving grace for us, yet we often fail to rejoice and to share this good news.

**All: Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong so that we live in the understanding of your never ending love. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Children (All):** The scriptures promise that God will make all things new. As God makes the year new, may we also be made new by God's love and forgiveness in Jesus. Amen.

**\* HYMN NO. 53**

*What Child is This*

**SCRIPTURE**

LUKE: 2:22-40

*pew Bible New Testament page 59*

**\* HYMN REPRISE NO. 53**

*What Child is This (Chorus Only)*

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

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Do You Hear What I Hear*

ARR. CROCKER

Bob Arp, Soloist

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

*All children are invited to come forward during the hymn for a special message.*

### SERMON

Rev. Kenn Leischner

### 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.**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Patapan*

ARR. SMITH

**\*DOXOLOGY** (*tune page 592 of the hymnal*)

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.***

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of Vision, Take these offerings of money and turn them into vision; vision of all people fed, vision of all people safe, vision of all people housed, vision of all people educated. Amen.

### \*CLOSING HYMN NO. 31

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

### \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We celebrate the Prince 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.***

### \* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

### POSTLUDE

*Come, Shepherds, Rise*

ARR. HELD