



FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday,
November 29,
2018**



**Sunday
December 2,
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.), Donna Augspurger, Georgia Behlen, Rod Behlen and Hunter Yang, 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 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 pray for the family of LaRene Busler and her family. Robert Busler passed away on Nov. 21. a memorial service will be held next summer.
- ◆ Both of our denominations are doing disaster relief including work in response to recent wildfires in California. Along with your prayers, please visit either denominations' websites to learn about disaster assistance efforts.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, December 2

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

Monday, December 3

- 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Study, EC 8
- 5:15pm OSA Committee Meeting, Library
- 5:15pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Children's Ministry Teachers Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 4

- 7:00am Tuesday Morning Book Discussion, EC 8
- 8:00am Bible Study with Rev. Annika
- 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 5

- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, Gym

Thursday, December 6

- 5:15pm Cookies N' More Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Youth Ministries Teachers Meeting, AD 1
- 6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm "Blue Christmas" Service, Sanctuary

Friday, December 7

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, December 8

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 9

- 9:00am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
- 9:00am Sunday School, Ed. Center/Upper Room
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 12:30pm New World Singers Holiday Concert, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

**See attached sheet for the schedule of:
2018 Advent services**

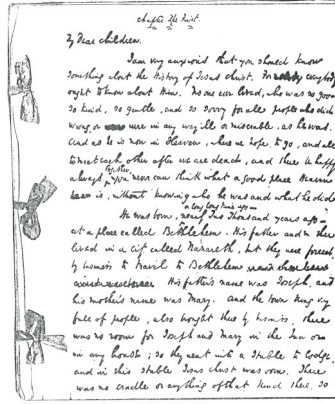
Christmas Pageant with Children

**Christmas Eve Services
at Federated Church**

Do you use Facebook? "Like" the Federated Church page to receive sermon snippets and event notices!

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**

**interpretations of Jesus' birth with a new film of
Dickens' classic Christmas tale, "The Man Who
Invented Christmas." All are welcome!**

**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**

Mission and Outreach

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!

2018 Poinsettias bring color and joy to the Sanctuary in the season of Advent. Poinsettias purchased elsewhere are welcome. **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

Communicate & Connect

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 3**.

Attention Committee Chairs and Group Leaders: Friday, **December 7th** is the Deadline for Reports for the **Annual Report** (unless your report is financial or you have made arrangements with the church office). Call **402-564-2812** with questions.

Miss a Worship Service? Did you know that **all** of Federated's worship services are video on the church website? Visit www.federatedcolumbus.org to view past sermons, choral & bell anthems, special music, and children's sermons - and to share with friends!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming
People, Look East!
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

ARR. MARTIN

ARR. SMITH

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM THE HYMN "COME THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS" BY CHARLES WESLEY

One: Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;

All: from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

One: You are our strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;

All: born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring!

One: Let us worship God.

* OPENING HYMN No. 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Vianne Stroope-West, Acolyte

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

One: God-with-us, Emmanuel, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away.

All: In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw close to you;

One: instead, we lash out — against you, against our neighbors, even against those whom we love.

All: Forgive us, we pray.

One: We belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new.

Let us offer silent prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Amen. God promises to all who trust in the Lord forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

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

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Forgiven and renewed, we extend God's peace to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

* SONG OF PRAISE

O Come, Little Children (verse 1)

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

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families

* SONG OF PRAISE

O Come, Little Children (verse 3)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

The Book of Luke 21: 25 - 33

Pew Bible New Testament page 86

SERMON

Uncooperative Jesus

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

* HYMN No. 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Choral Anthem (Sun.)

Communion Carol
Bob Arp, Director

TICE & DENGLER

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

If you are new to Federated: Congregants are served communion in the pews. Please hold the bread and cup to partake together. Federated celebrates an open table, meaning all who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Only grape juice is served for communion, though the service sometimes refers to "wine." Gluten-free wafers are at the center of bread trays. Children are welcome to receive communion with the permission of parents and guardians as part of the family's on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in pew holders.

Unison Prayer After Receiving

One: In this gifting season, O God,

All: we are grateful for the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace dwelling among us, showing compassion, mercy, love, and grace to all. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Alyse Wolfe, Youth Usher (Sun.)

ARR. HELD

* ADVENT 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

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Holy God, you always offer us a place at the table.

All: We pray that these resources be blessed to support ministries of welcome and compassion and justice. As we participate in your reign of grace, may we use our talents and treasures so that all your children have a place at all tables. Amen.

* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

* CLOSING HYMN No. 11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

POSTLUDE

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

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



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

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT FEDERATED CHURCH

THURSDAY, DEC. 6TH
BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE, 6:30PM

SUNDAY, DEC. 9TH
INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS

SUNDAY, DEC. 16TH
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WITH CHILDREN
CAROLING AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

THURSDAY, DEC. 20 AND SUNDAY, DEC. 23
LESSONS & CAROLS

CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DEC. 24TH
5:00 p.m. FAMILY SERVICE
8:00 p.m. CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
WITH COMMUNION & CHOIR

TUESDAY, DEC. 25TH
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
DINNER 1:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS NOT REQUIRED. IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO DINNER OR A MEAL DELIVERY, PLEASE CALL 402-564-2812 **BEFORE NOON DEC. 24TH**

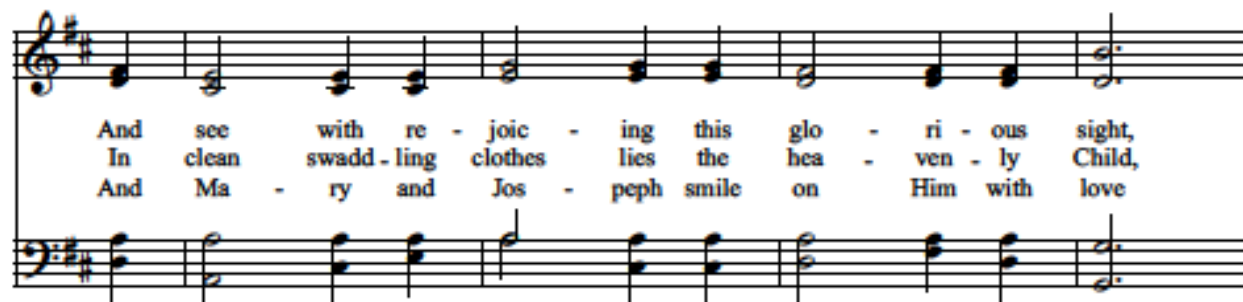
Oh, Come, Little Children



1. Oh, come, lit - tle chil - dren, oh, come, one and all,
2. Oh, see in the man - ger, in hal - low - ed light
3. Oh, there lies the Christ Child, on hay and on straw;



To Beth - le - hem's sta - ble, in Beth - le - hem's stall,
A star throws its beam on this ho - li - est sight.
The shep - herds are kneel - ing be - fore Him with awe.



And see with re - joic - ing this glo - ri - ous sight,
In clean swadd - ling clothes lies the hea - ven - ly Child,
And Ma - ry and Jos - peph smile on Him with love



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven has sent us this night.
More love - ly than an - gels, this Ba - by so mild.
While an - gels are sing - ing sweet songs from a - bove.

Text: Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747-1800
Tune: Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747-1800



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SCHULZ
www.hymnary.org/text/o_come_little_children_o_come_one_and

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