

# FEDERATED CHURCH



*Into Our New Century in the Spirit of Christ*  
**Thursday, December 19 and Sunday, December 22, 2019**



## **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 week are John & Linda McPhail and Tim & Chris Warren.

**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.

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, and on TV at Noon on Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays and Sunday at 8pm.

**In case of an emergency, the pastor’s cell phone number is:** Edward (402) 302-2812.

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ♦ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office staff/pastor.
- ♦ Jacob Johnson, son of Jeanne Johnson and nephew of Barb Olson, is receiving his Master of Arts degree in Counseling from Doane University on December 15th.
- ♦ Please pray for Diane Bower who is recovering from a fall with a broken shoulder.
- ♦ Please pray for Josh Winig who was in a serious car accident this week.

**Volunteer & Engagement Opportunities**  
(if you would like more information, contact the person mentioned in the ad)

**NEEDED: Story Tellers for Children's Sermon** - please talk to Brenda Sand

**Open Prayer Times** - second Tuesday of every month at 11:30am - please contact the Church Office or Barb Sanderson

**Tuesday Morning Book Discussion** - Tuesdays at 7am with coffee and a light breakfast - contact Bob Trautwein

**Lectionary Bible Studies** - Tues. @1:00pm and Weds. @4:30pm - please contact the Pastor Edward (NO Bible Studies on Christmas & New Year's weeks; restart Jan. 7th & 8th)

**Meals on Wheels** - Dec. 23, 26, 27 - Cec Bartholomew coordinating 402-564-0264

**Small Group/Lunch Bunches** will meet again in January

### **Christmas Eve Services:**

**5pm Family Service**

**8pm Choir and Communion Service**

### **Christmas Day**

**46th Annual Community**

**Christmas Dinner @ 1pm**

**Volunteers are welcome**

**after 7am Dec. 25th**

**Office Closed Dec. 25th**

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### **Sunday, December 22**

9:00am Education Hour, EC, Upper Rooms

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm El Buen Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **Monday, December 23**

5:00pm Special Olympics Practice, Gym

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

5:00pm **Christmas Eve Family Service, Sanctuary**

8:00pm **Christmas Eve Service with Choir and Communion, Sanctuary**

### **Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day**

1:00pm **46th Annual Christmas Dinner, Fellowship Hall**

### **Thursday, December 26**

**NO Worship Service**

### **Friday, December 27**

6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC6

**Saturday, December 28** No events scheduled

### **Sunday, December 29**

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

**No Education Hour on Dec. 29th & Jan. 5th.**

**9:00 AM Education Hour for children, confirmands, youth and adults will resume on Jan. 12, 2020.**

**COOKIES 'N MORE** – Thank you for all your support to Cookies 'N More. This project brought in over \$2,700 in profit. Please refer to the January newsletter for more details.

### **DONUTS FOR DANDORA, SUNDAY, DEC. 22ND**

– Baked donuts will be sold to help Operation Education Nairobi support students in the Dandora slum. Thank you for your help with Operation Education! Merry Christmas!

### **TUESDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION**

– The group is adding another book to their reading list! “Sapiens, A Brief History of Humankind” by Yuval Noah Harari is the next book to be reviewed. For more information, please refer to the January newsletter.

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

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

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

MENDELSSOHN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MOMENT FOR MISSION VIDEO

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

UCC CHRISTMAS FUND

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

PC(USA) CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

One: The Holy One has given us a sign,

**All: and his name is Emmanuel, God-with-us.**

One: The Son of God has come to be our Savior,

**All: and his name is Emmanuel, God-with-us.**

One: The Holy Spirit has given Mary a child,

**All: and his name is Emmanuel, God-with-us.**

One: Let us worship God.

**\* OPENING HYMN No. 8**

***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Weeder Family

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you alone are holy, the perfection of goodness and glory. We confess that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory— afraid to trust your promise, failing to share your gifts. Forgive us, O God. Deliver us from sin and death and restore us to life and grace through the one you sent to save us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

One: Hear the good news. Jesus has indeed come into the world to save us from our sins.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\* PASSING 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.

**\* SING THE FAITH # 2092 (SUN.)**

***Like a Child***

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS & CAROLS

Lesson 1: Isaiah 9 : 2, 6 - 7

Hunter Yang (Sun.)

*(The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah)*

Image: Fritz von Uhde, *Difficult Journey – Transition to Bethlehem*, 1890

**\* Carol: No. 2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Lesson 2: Luke 1 : 46 - 55

Tessa Klevemann (Sun.)

*(Mary's Song of Praise, also called "The Magnificat")*

Image: Giotto di Bondone, *Visitation [of Mary and Elizabeth]*, 1306

**Carol: No. 27 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

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

- Lesson 3: Luke 1 : 67 - 80 Riley Gausman (Sun.)  
*(Zechariah's Song about his son, John the Baptist)*  
 Image: Domenico Ghirlandaio, *Zechariah Writes Down the Name of His Son*, 1490  
 \* Carol: **No. 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**
- Lesson 4: Luke 2 : 8 - 16 Jane Ellefson (Sun.)  
*(Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah)*  
 Image: Matthias Stomer, *Adoration of the Shepherds*, 1632  
 (Sun.) Choral Anthem: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*
- Lesson 5: Matthew 2 : 1 - 11 Bill Royer (Sun.)  
*(Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus)*  
 Image: James Tissot, *The Magi Journeying*, ca. 1890  
 \* Carol: **No. 53 What Child is This?**
- Lesson 6: Poem: "In the bleak midwinter" by Christina Rossetti Heidi Klevemann (Sun.)  
 Image: He Qi, *The Nativity*, 2013  
 Carol: **No. 37 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**
- Lesson 7: John 1 : 1 - 14 John McPhail (Sun.)  
*(The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth)*  
 Image: Jules Chadel, *Nativity*, 1920  
 \* Carol: **A Savior Born, A Gift of Joy (see attached music)**

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### 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.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*

14<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY GERMAN

#### \* 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.*

#### \* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, giver of every good and perfect gift, receive the gifts we offer you this day—our resources, our time, our hearts, our lives. Use these gifts and use our lives to proclaim the good news that you are with us always; through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

#### \* CLOSING HYMN No. 29

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY SWEDISH

*All are welcome to Sunday fellowship, at Café LaFed, hosted by Circle 1.*

### **Christmas Eve Services:**

**5:00 pm Family Service      8:00 pm Choir and Communion Service**

### **Christmas Day**

**46th Annual Community Christmas Dinner @ 1:00 pm**  
**Volunteers are welcome after 7:00 am, Dec. 25th**

A Hymn for Christmas Offering

# A Savior Born, a Gift of Joy

O WALY WALY LM ("Though I May Speak")

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of 16 measures. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: D7 (measures 1-2), G (measures 3-4), C (measures 5-6), G (measures 7-8), Em (measures 9-10), Am7 (measures 11-12), D (measures 13-14), D7 (measures 15-16), G (measures 17-18), D7 (measures 19-20), and G (measures 21-22). The lyrics are arranged in five lines, each corresponding to a measure of the melody. The lyrics are: 1. A Sav - ior for born— a gift of 2. A life for all— our hope re - 3. An an - swered call, a pas - tor's 4. A stu - dent's hope, a goal and 5. O God of love, your joy up - joy! A man - ger of bed, a star of stored! God's Word of love, a heal - ing love, a work - er's toil, a church well - plan, a dream de - ferred, a fam - ily's lifts— the poor now laugh and know their light, a moth - er's laugh, a ti - ny touch, a cross and grave, the Ri - en blessed! A cry for help— eyes turned a - need, God's jus - tice lived, a lov - ing worth. May we your church give Christ-mas boy, a fath - er's prayer— such gifts that night! Lord— God's end - less joy, now shared with us. bove— a gift of joy: a need ad - dressed! hand— a gift of joy: "You can suc - ceed!" gifts that bring your joy to all the earth.

Tune: English folk melody.

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## *Christmas poinsettias given by...*

**BOB & WILMA ARP**

IN HONOR OF LOUISE STOPAK AND JIM BALL

**DONNA AUGSPURGER**

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

**ROD & GEORGIA BEHLEN**

IN MEMORY OF JACOB & BENJAMIN, AND  
HUGH & DOROTHY GROSZ, GIB & IRENE BEHLEN

**FRED & RENEE BELLUM**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

**CHRIS & GARY BOCK, TRAVIS & JOLENE BOCK & FAMILY,  
AND MIKE & TIFFANY SMITH & FAMILY**

IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR LOSHBAUGH

**LARENE BUSLER, BRAD & DONNA, GREG & SHERRY & FAMILIES**

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT BUSLER

**LLOYD & KAY CASTNER**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

**JOHN & KATIE CLAUS,**

IN MEMORY OF HENRY & JESSE CLAUS,  
AND MAURICE & ETHYL SUHUMSKIE

**JOHN & DEB CURRY & FAMILY,**

IN MEMORY OF J.R. CURRY AND LAURA ANDREWS

**CHRIS & LAURETTA DIXON**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS, AND  
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN &  
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

**DAVID & RAE FULTON,**

IN HONOR OF OUR PARENTS,  
GERTRIDE & WILSON FULTON  
AND RAYMOND & ALVENA HENRY

**BILL IRBY**

IN MEMORY OF CAROLYN IRBY  
AND CYNTHIA IRBY

**JERRY & CYNDI JARECKE**

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

**SHARON KUNCL**

IN MEMORY OF LARRY KUNCL; MY PARENTS,  
MY BROTHER, WAYNE,  
AND NIECES, REVA AND SHARON LEE

**STEVE & SUE MCCLURE**

IN HONOR OF OUR FAMILY

**JOHN & LINDA MCPHAIL**

IN MEMORY OF JACK & GAY MCPHAIL,  
AND DR. DONALD JACKSON & LILLIAN JACKSON

**THE MILLER FAMILY**

IN MEMORY OF LEON MILLER

**SHERRY MILLER & FAMILY**

IN MEMORY OF DR. LEON MILLER, HAROLD &  
MILDRED BUSCH AND JOE & GLADYS MILLER

**JIM & KATHY MORRIS**

IN MEMORY OF JIM'S PARENTS,  
R. DEAN & NELLE MORRIS  
AND KATHY'S FATHER, E. BRUCE MEIER

**MARY AND PAIGE NORTON, AND BRETT & KIM SWIERCZEK**

IN MEMORY OF SPENCER NORTON, IVAN &  
THERESA SCHMID, KAREN COOK,  
AND CPT. PETE PHILBRICK  
IN HONOR OF OUR MILITARY

**KEVIN, LISA, CELINE AND ELYENA PERRIN**

IN MEMORY OF KAY PFEIFFER

**JAN PICKREL**

IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND, ROGER PICKREL

**EILEEN ROSEKRANS,**

IN MEMORY OF JAMES C. ROSEKRANS

**DEANNA SCHEIDEGGER,**

IN MEMORY OF SAM SCHEIDEGGER  
AND OUR PARENTS

**JUDY TEMME**

IN MEMORY OF DICK TEMME

**BOBBI UHLMANN & FAMILY**

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

**BEN & MARILYN VRANA**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

**CALVIN & ALISON WAGNER**

IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES IN HEAVEN  
AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS!

**DREW & KRISTI WOLFE & FAMILY**

IN MEMORY TRISH WOLFE AND MARY PARSONS

**ARDELL & MARCENE WURDEMAN,**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN  
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

**GAIL WURDEMAN**

IN MEMORY OF MY PARENTS,  
IRENE & HAROLD WURDEMAN



## Sunday | ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul connects all the dots in these first seven verses of Romans. He defines himself, his identity and his purpose in relation to God: a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle. Paul knows who and whose he is, as well as his ultimate “why.” He has been set apart to bear witness to the grace of God made known through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then he details the “what” of the gospel. Paul knows the message he is to proclaim and it is not his own. As he says often, he preaches Christ and him crucified. This gospel of God transforms and shapes, creates and reveals. As Karl Barth notes in his commentary on Romans, “It demands participation, comprehension, co-operation; for it is a communication which presumes faith in the living God, and which creates that which it presumes.” This message is all consuming and stunningly impacting. As it convicted and converted Paul, is still does today.

This gospel of God resounds from the beginning and becomes incarnate in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit testifies to this Word and the resurrection of Jesus Christ beckons us to belief, faithfulness and obedience. The gospel of God is good news of great joy for all people, all nations. There is no end to its scope. No one, nothing is outside of the purview of God’s power and God’s concern and God’s love. We all belong to God. God still speaks, to us and through us. The gospel of God, revealed in Jesus Christ, does not return to God empty. Do you feel its power this Advent?

*God of good news, infant Savior, still-speaking Spirit, come over us again with your living, light-filled Word that humbles our certainty, quiets our opinions, chastens our self-righteousness and makes of us servants of Jesus Christ, apostles who bear witness to your love. As the birth of Jesus draws close, we yield to your power, made flesh, full of grace and truth, the glory of the one and only Son who comes to save. Amen.*

# The purple of divine power

ADVENT DEVOTIONS – WEEK 4

DECEMBER 22–28, 2019

by Jill Duffield,  
*Presbyterian Outlook* editor

## Monday | MATTHEW 10:24–25

Today, examine how power works in your life and in the circles you inhabit. Where do you have power and how do you use it? What or who has power over you? If we are not to be above our Master and Teacher, how do we place ourselves under his tutelage and teachings?

*Lord, our Master and Teacher, we often profess to be your disciples but act as if we are above you, your guidance, your commands. The power of this world tempts us, we seek control that is not ours and fail to emulate you. Help us to be lifelong learners of the faith, eager to sit at your feet. Amen.*

## Tuesday, Christmas Eve

PHILIPPIANS 2:4–7

Today, remember that Jesus, Lord of all, Son of Man, who is able to calm the sea, heal the sick, defeat evil and even death, looked to the interest of others and poured himself out for our sake. How can you use your power, talents and resources to look to the interest of others in Jesus’ name?

*Dear God, on this Christmas Eve, we wait with hope and eager longing for the birth of Jesus. We cease our busyness and rest with the holy family in the stable, knowing that the pain, present and yet to come, culminates in life, birth and redemption. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.*



# The purple of *divine power*

## Wednesday, Christmas Day

HEBREWS 3:1-2

Today, celebrate that Jesus Christ is born. Give thanks for your unique faith journey. What is your first memory of knowing Jesus? Where in your life have you felt Jesus incarnate, present and close with you? Mentally review your Christian story and make note of those times of birth, change and new chapters.

*Lord Jesus, heralded by angels, visited by shepherds, held in the arms of your mother, we praise you like the heavenly host, seek you like those interrupted while tending their flocks and delight in your birth like Mary and Joseph. Today we celebrate and rejoice in your arrival, knowing that soon we will leave and proclaim your name. Amen.*

## Thursday | 1 CORINTHIANS 15:24

Today as any anxieties or fears arise, return to this verse from 1 Corinthians. Practice a breath prayer. As you breathe in remember: Jesus is Lord of all. As you breathe out trust that: Nothing now separates us from God. Repeat this prayer throughout the day and notice how doing so makes you feel.

*Gracious God, when we see the opened presents and the remnants of yesterday's festivities, we trust that you are with us not only on high holy days, but in the mundane and the messy. We know the babe born in a manger is Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord of all. Help us to live without fear in the certain promise of Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.*

## Friday | 2 CORINTHIANS 13:4

Today be gentle with yourself and others, knowing that everyone is struggling with something. Remember that we worship one whose power was made perfect in weakness, therefore we are confident that God can use and work through our weaknesses, too. What weaknesses or struggles of yours is God using?

*Lord, when we struggle and feel vulnerable, we do not want others to see and know for fear of being hurt or exploited or ridiculed. But you know a word before we speak it, you know all our days and every thought. We need not hide from you, but can rest in your power and love and be renewed. Amen.*

## Saturday | COLOSSIANS 1:28-29

Today reflect on your Advent journey. Write down what you discovered and make note of those places in your discipleship where you want to dig deeper, reflect further, do better. Choose one area on which to focus for the rest of the Christmas season, or maybe for the next year.

*Emmanuel, you are with us. You know our human frailty, our finitude and our failings, and yet, you love us, meet us where we are and invite us to follow you. We praise you for your compassionate power, your overflowing mercy, your amazing grace. We ask to be the light of the world you call us to be in this season and every day. Amen.*