

FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



God Gathers Us for a New Year

Thursday, December 29, 2016 and Sunday, January 1, 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.

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available. **Ushers are here to help you:** Don Anderson, John McPhail, Linda McPhail, Denny Vollbracht, Tim Warren.

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 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.

PRELUDE

*Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand
Adoration to the King
Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ*

HYMN NO. 265
ARR. WEATHERMAN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope

Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 60

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: and the glory of the Lord has risen around you.

One: God's glory will appear over you;

All: nations shall come to your light.

One: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 46

On This Day Earth Shall Ring (verses 1 & 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

GALATIANS 1 & PSALM 116

One: Congregation, what is your source of comfort and encouragement?

All: Our help comes in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and Earth.

One: With joy receive these words of greeting from God:

All: Grace and peace to you from God and our Lord Jesus Christ,

One: who gave himself to redeem the world. Praise, O children of the Lord,

All: we love you, Lord, for you hear our voices; you hear our cry for mercy.

One: How can we repay the Lord for all his goodness to us?

All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. We will fulfill our vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people.

One: All are invited to offer silent prayers.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Amen. Take heart, raise your heads and your hearts and trust in God.

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

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

We Are the Family of God

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'We Are the Family of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the word 'Yes,'. The second staff ends with a fermata over the words 'And he's'. The third staff ends with a fermata over the words 'one in him, that'. The fourth staff ends with a fermata over the words 'we might bring light to the world.' followed by a blank line.

We are the fam - ily of God. Yes,
We are the fam - ily of God. And he's
brought us to - ge - ther to be one in him, that
we might bring light to the world. _____

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy
Bob Arp and Steve Heinisch

BOWIE/CROSBY

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH 63: 7 - 9
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 2: 13 - 23

Marilyn Vrana, Liturgist
(pew Bible Old Testament page 692)
(pew Bible New Testament page 2)

Reflections on the 8th Day of Christmas: *Christmas Day Journal* from *¡Gracias!* by Fr. Henri Nouwen

* HYMN No. 46 **On This Day Earth Shall Ring** (verses 3 & 4)

“Incarnation” from *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN No. 2 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

All: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

A Christmas Memory

ARR. HELD

*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: Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. There is more we can become, and more we can do. We pray that our faith will increase, that our practice of generosity will be enlarged, and that our joy in believing will encourage others. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 8 **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As sisters and brothers in Christ, we are no longer strangers but friends.

Let us celebrate God's mercy by sharing a sign 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.

POSTLUDE

O How Joyfully

ARR. LEVITT

After Passing the Peace and praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday fellowship time with refreshments at Café La Fed, hosted this week by Circle 1 of Women's Fellowship.

Sunday School Resumes January 8th

Sunday School for Pre-school through 12th grade at 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship in the Narthex at 10:30 a.m.

All ADULTS are invited to Bible Study and Christian Education in Ed Center Room 4/5

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

† tune on page 592 of hymnal

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Rev. Lee and Barb Hicks send their Christmas blessings to all. For many years Lee has written a letter to their many friends and acquaintances the day after Thanksgiving. Lee is in good hands, but because he does not have access to a typewriter to write his annual letter, Lee's and Barb's greetings will be by email or Facebook.
- ◆ Bill Irby is home following surgery in Lincoln.
- ◆ Please hold Larry & Gloria West, parents of Jeremy and in-laws of Rev. Annika, in your prayers. Larry had heart bypass surgery Dec. 26 at Methodist Hospital in Omaha. He is recuperating at home in Council Bluffs.
- ◆ Please hold Dorsie Ivy in your prayers as he recovers and continues rehabilitation at home.
- ◆ Please pray for Lois Zoucha, Marv's mother, as she faces health challenges from cancer.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Pastor Edward is on vacation Dec. 26 to Jan. 6.

Sunday, January 1, New Years Day

9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 2 - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall

5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, Library

Wednesday, January 4

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, January 5

6:15pm Boy Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:15pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8

Friday, January 6

9:00am MOPS Steering Meeting, Room B23, Gym

6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, January 7 - No events scheduled

Sunday, January 8

9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room

10:45am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5

11:30am YMAC Meeting, Library

3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Bible Studies & Christian Education

Federated's first All Church Book Read has begun!

Purchase a copy or request a loaner of In the House of I Am in the Narthex. The author, **Nebraska native Mary Avidano**, will visit Federated Church on Wednesday, **February 1**, and will be happy to answer questions and visit about her book.

Tuesday Christian Book Discussion Group is viewing 30 minute lectures by Bible scholar Bart Ehrman, on the topic, "How Jesus Became God". All are welcome at 7a.m. for breakfast and discussion.

UPCOMING AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Mission and Outreach

Homemade Pizza made by the Mission Marauders on behalf of the alumni mission team—don't miss out! More information to come... Sale is Jan. 15th (Sunday)

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 Dec/Jan Newsletter! 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!

Special Events

January 21 - Doane College and Columbus Choirs Concert **HERE at Federated Church on Saturday, January 21 at 7 o'clock p.m.** Mark your calendar!

Taste of Federated will be **Sunday, Feb. 12** Share your cooking skills and support the Youth Summer Mission Team with this fun (and tasty) event. For more info, contact Max Porter: max.david.porter@gmail.com

Caring and Fellowship

Thank you to all who volunteered for the 2016 Christmas Dinner here at Federated Church and to those who delivered the Christmas poinsettias to homebound church members this past week!

Thank You!

Thank you to the Columbus Rescue Mission Meals Volunteers! On the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, Federated volunteers prepare a meal for the Columbus Rescue Mission. They are asked to prepare food for 25 to 30 people. In 2016, 48 Federated members did this community mission project. The Social Concerns and Missions Committee wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in this endeavor for their time, effort, and generosity. Thank you so very much.

A big thank you to folks who got to the church at a moment's notice when a frozen pipe burst last Sunday (12/18) afternoon over the ceiling of the church nursery. Volunteers and staff did a super job of cleaning up, and repairs have begun.

Stewardship 2017 Update - Fearless Generosity Thank you to all who have made a 2017 pledge! **112** households have pledged, and **41%** of those have increased their pledge. Thank you for your prayerful support for Federated Church's mission & outreach.

~ The Stewardship Committee