

FEDERATED CHURCH



Mission Statement:
*We are called to nurture a growing relationship with God
 by following the example of Jesus Christ.*



1st Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 29, 2020

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

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 with the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to initiate a Prayer Chain with the Order of St. Andrew. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org for videos of worship and bulletins, and on TV: Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD) Mondays 11:55am, Saturdays 11:55am and Sundays 7:55pm.

In case of an emergency, Pastor Edward's cell phone is (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2020 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Marcia Grant, <i>President</i> (402-276-1428) Tim Warren, <i>Vice President</i> Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	
<i>Class of 2020</i> <i>Class of 2021</i> <i>Class of 2022</i>			Brenda Sand <i>Temp. Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	
Linda Wheatley	Gene Hahn	John McClure	Chrissy Ford <i>Bookkeeper & Publications Coord.</i> cford@federatedcolumbus.org	
Doug Williams	Marv Zoucha	Renee Norris	Lee Augustin, <i>Organist</i>	
Steve McClure		Alison Wagner	Bob Arp, <i>Chancel Choir Director</i>	
<i>Financial Administrators:</i>			Stuart Gausman <i>Bell Choir Director</i>	
	Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>	
	Terry Millard	Terry Norris		

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Gail Mead, who passed away, Friday, November 20, 2020.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Sharon Caley (Rod Behlen's sister), who passed away, Friday, November 6, 2020.
- ◆ Pray for the Staff Planning Committee as they finalize their work. Members are listed in announcement below.
- ◆ Please pray for Rosie Heinisch, who has been diagnosed with ALL (*Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia*) and is currently receiving chemotherapy treatment.
- ◆ Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.
- ◆ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

With the Mission Study Committee completing their work, the next phase (which has already started) is the Staff Planning Committee. The members of this committee, who include Doug Williams (Chair), Bob Arp, Deb Curry, Cola Hahn, Tim Warren, Linda Wheatley and Marv Zoucha, agree their work should be finalized quickly. Once the staffing plan is done, the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) will be elected at the February 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the PNC, please contact Marcia Grant or Tim Warren.

OPERATION EDUCATION -DONUTS FOR DANDORA - Once again this year, we are making homemade BAKED donuts to help educate those children in poverty who would not otherwise be able to go to school. The donuts will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, December 6th. We will gladly accept a free will offering, or if you wish, just help yourself to a box as a thank you for your generous donations for the sack lunch we made in October. If you would like donuts but do not feel safe coming to church, just email Julie or Katie and we will happily deliver them to you.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

- Sunday, November 29** (1st Sunday of Advent)
9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- Monday, November 30** No events
- Tuesday, December 1**
1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8 & Zoom
- Wednesday, December 2**
10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
2:00pm Worship Planning Meeting, EC 8
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom Meeting
6:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room
- Thursday, December 3**
6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8
- Friday, December 4** No events
- Saturday, December 5** No events
- Sunday, December 6**
9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

**CANCELLED - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER
— FESTIVAL OF TREES**

Our 2021 Stewardship Drive wraps up December 1. We are at 82 percent of our goal, so we are in need of a strong finish. If you have not done so already, please send your pledge/contribution card to the Church Office as soon as possible. Thank you for everything you do for Federated Church!
Stewardship Committee

Meals on Wheels - Dec. 7-11. Cec Bartholomew will coordinate - 402-564-0264 or 402-276-8193

The following motions were made and recognized by Governing Council during the October 2020 meeting:

- ◆ The Governing Council recognizes with serious concern the COVID pandemic and will continue to follow the safety precautions that have been established for this church. The Governing Council will continue to monitor and follow recommendations of state and local health professionals as well as our denominations, regarding in person services. We will continue to offer a choice of in person or online participation as long as conditions permit.
- ◆ A motion was made, seconded and adopted to open the east narthex doors on Sunday for parking convenience. Ushers will move rope and have hand sanitizer available. In addition, a bulletin containing activities, announcements and Joys and Concerns will be available as you exit the Sanctuary.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

ADVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

PRELUDE

*Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming
In the Bleak Mid-Winter
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ARR. KROGSTAD

ARR. WYRTZEN

ARR. HUSTAD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Wolfe Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Worship Ways

One: After such suffering, We go searching for a sign, any sign. The sun seems to dim, the moon fails, the stars fall. We need a sign, any sign.

All: Be aware, stay awake, change is coming.

One: Worship the Holy One with gladness; We hope that the Human One is on the way, gathering the faithful from the four winds, into a place of peace – We need a sign, any sign.

All: Be aware, stay awake, change is coming.

One: Nature once offered signs to depend on: The fig tree put out tender leaves, and we knew summer was near—but climate today is hurting, and unpredictable. We need a sign, any sign.

All: Be aware, stay awake, change is coming.

One: So together we search for a sign of the One who is coming-- clarity in confusion, green shoot in a barren landscape, song arising in a weary soul.

All: Be aware, stay awake, change is coming.

One: Come, let us worship!

OPENING SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High
iWorship DVD

TRADITIONAL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: This has been a year to lament—Grief and loss, Crisis when social structures have failed the common good. Complicity when age-old prejudices found new and cruel expression:

All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: This has been a year to wake up—to read the “signs of the times”. To wake up to painful truths, and give them voice. To ponder the changes needed for a just world for all:

All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: This has been a year to call God into our sorry midst—Show us your face! Encourage us in the face of brutal realities, Empower us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you on the way in which you make all things new.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is faithful, and gives us grace in Christ Jesus. In this fellowship we can count on being in enriched In speech, in knowledge, in every spiritual gift. Let us give thanks, in Christ, we are forgiven and sent forth to work for God’s reign among us.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: With forgiveness, we have peace with God and one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lucas Miller, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 13 : 24 - 37

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastor Irene Dare

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Faithful One, accept these gifts of our hearts and hands. May they be multiplied and magnified as the living presence of Christ in the world. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Two Carols for Advent

BECK

From Worship Service on December 10, 2017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

ARR. HELD