

# FEDERATED CHURCH



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



**Thursday, November 12 & Sunday, November 15, 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](http://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	
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Financial Administrators:	Donna Augspurger Terry Millard	Robin Lehr Terry Norris	Stuart Gausman Bell Choir Director	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship

## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ♦ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Charles "Chuck" Elliott, who passed away Sunday, November 1. The funeral was Saturday, November 14th, 10:30am at Federated Church.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Sharon Caley (Rod Behlen's sister), who passed away, Friday, November 6, 2020. The funeral service will be held on November 24, at 11:00 AM, at Gass Haney Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Edward Yang officiating. Visitation will be on November 24, from 10:00 AM until service time at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Columbus Cemetery. The funeral service will be broadcast live on the Gass Haney Funeral Home Facebook page.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ To be closer to family, Lloyd and Kay Castner will be moving in mid-November to: Legacy Suites, 7200 Van Dorn Street, Apt 232, Lincoln, NE 68506.
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery: **HICKMAN**  
We at Hickman Presbyterian Church are working hard to continue to serve the needs of the congregation and the community. We are still worshipping via Zoom, but we are putting in place a safety plan and the ability to livestream our services for the time when the session deems it appropriate to hold in-person worship. We are doing take-out meals every other Wednesday, and most of our education programs have resumed virtually. We are reading through the Bible this year together, and we have a virtual mid-week gathering in which we are studying Richard Foster's book, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*. We are currently making decisions about how to hold a safe and meaningful Christmas Eve service. Please pray for wisdom, energy, and love to navigate the strange territory in which we all find ourselves.

**CANCELLED**

**COOKIES N' MORE  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER  
WOMEN'S CLUB FESTIVAL OF TREES**

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, November 15

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, November 16

- 6:30pm Finance & Property Meeting, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, November 17

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8 & Zoom
- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC 8 & Zoom
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Meeting, FH

### Wednesday, November 18

- 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 2:00pm Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom Meeting
- 6:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room
- 7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, November 19

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, November 20 No events

### Saturday, November 21 No events

### Sunday, November 22

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

**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.



**Lifetouch Directories have arrived. People who had pictures taken or submitted a photo can pick up their hardcopy from the church office starting next week. For all church members, please contact the church office if you would like access to the mobile directory.**

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

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

## PRELUDE

*Duetto*

MENDELSSOHN

*Is There Anybody Here That Loves My Jesus?*

TROUTMAN

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ARR. HAYES

Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Timothy M. Slemmons

One: Search the heavens for the mercy of God.

**All: As servants look to their master, we will look to the Lord.**

One: Search the horizons for the coming of Christ.

**All: As servants desire to please their master, we will seek to please the Lord.**

One: Search your lives for the gifts of the Spirit.

**All: As servants wait upon the word of the Lord, we will serve and hope to hear the words,  
“Well done, good and faithful servant.”**

One: Let us worship God.

## OPENING SONG

***Let Your Light Shine***

MCDONALD

Recorded on May 20, 2018

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living, loving Lord, we know that we should first trust that your love for us is behind every gift and every challenge that comes our way. You know, better than we do, what is best for us. Yet our instinct is not to trust but to fear you, to hide from your judgments, and to hoard what we might lose. Forgive and reform us, remake us in the image of Jesus Christ, who is your image and who, as your Son, withholds nothing from you.

## MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: The assurance of Scripture is that God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: It is not only our will, but it is God’s will and the will of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, that we should be saved; and the Word of the Lord will not return to God empty.**

One: Friends, it is by the gracious goodness of our saving Lord that we are forgiven. Trust that this is true, and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## 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 (Sun.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marv Zoucha, Liturgist (Sun.)

## SCRIPTURE READING

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25 : 14 - 30

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM PC(USA) "BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH"**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God's condemnation.

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**Amen.**

**BELLS OF JOY ANTHEM**

*Song of Thanks and Praise*  
RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 17, 2019

ARR. ROGERS

**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**

**To you we owe all our gifts, O Lord, all our gratitude, all our love. Of all that you have given us, we set these gifts apart, and offer you our humble prayers that they might increase, produce a harvest, and yield good fruit worthy of your Spirit, who alone can bring them to life, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG**

*O Perfect Love*  
Visual Worship DVD

ISAIAH 61

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Postlude in D*

RINCK