# FEDERATED CHURCH



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





## Christ the King Sunday Thursday, November 19 & Sunday, November 22, 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	
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#### **JOYS & CONCERNS**

If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
Pray for Gail Mead, who has been put on hospice care at home.

• 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 323, 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

#### CANCELLED

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

#### THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, November 22 (Christ the King/Reign of Christ) 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary Monday, November 23 No events Tuesday, November 24 No events Wednesday, November 25 No events Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed - NO WORSHIP SERVICE Friday, November 27 Church Office Closed Saturday, November 28 No events Sunday, November 29 (First Sunday of Advent) 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

**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.



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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020 Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation** 

Prelude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come! Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing We Gather Together Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano St. George's Windsor arr. Lau Netherland Folksong

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

PC(USA) Matthew 25 Worship & UCC Worship Ways

One: Know that the Holy One is God.

All: We are God's people.

One: Worship the Holy One with gladness;

- All: Come into God's presence with singing.
- One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.
- All: Make a joyful noise!
- One: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.
- All: Let us worship with thanks and joy! Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!

**OPENING SONG** 

Come Ye Thankful for the Beauty

ARR. CHOPLIN

From Worship Service on February 9, 2020

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life. You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread. You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin. You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear so that we may serve you with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Moment for Silent Prayer

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Hear the good news:

- All: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- One: I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
- 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.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25 : 31 - 46 One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

Nicole Miller, Liturgist (Sun.)

#### Sermon

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH" (11.4)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

#### 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**

We give you thanks and praise, O Lord: You have created us in your own image. You have claimed us as your beloved people. You have called us to be a blessing for others. Use the gifts of your good creation and the works of our hands to lift up the oppressed, break down dividing walls, and build up your church; all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING SONG Jesus, Be with Us (Matthew 25 Hymn) Text and Tune by David Gambrell; Musical arrangement by Phillip Morgan

BENEDICTION

Postlude

Now Let Us All Praise the Lord

PACHELBEL