

# FEDERATED CHURCH



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



**Thursday December 17 and Sunday, December 20, 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.
- ♦ Chancel Flowers are provided by Rae & David Fulton in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ Pray for Marlyn Wurdeman (father of Jackie Marker, grandfather of Allison Hast and great-grandfather of Caleb Hast-Curtis & Bennett Curtis) who had a health scare this week in the emergency room. Thankfully, he was stabilized and now recovering.
- ♦ Pray for the Kallweit family. Leroy and Brenda have been dealing with several physical ailments. Their son, Jason has been experiencing painful blood clots.
- ♦ Please pray for Rosie Heinisch, who has been diagnosed with ALL (*Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia*) and is currently receiving chemotherapy treatment.
- ♦ Pray for Enrique Abrego (brother of Jesse and Marilyn Abrego) who is in serious condition with brain injury.
- ♦ Pray for Josh Winig who had surgery on his broken hand on Monday, Dec. 14th and is doing well.
- ♦ Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.
- ♦ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

### Dear Federated Church Friends,

I wish to share with you all "Merry Christmas" greetings and hopefully normal days we will see again.

I have appreciated all the "visits" and "get well" wishes you have expressed to me with visits and calls to my home, hospital, Brookstone and now Prairie Village. Your friendships, kindness and thoughtfulness means more than you will ever know.

I also appreciate all the tasty food, flower arrangements, and your special calls and cards! I wish to attend church services again after the virus is gone.

Thank you all again, my "Church Family", for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Also, thank you Rev. Yang and Sunnie for your visits. Merry Christmas and Blessings to you all!

~Donna Shreve

**ADULT COAT DRIVE** - Social Concerns and Missions Committee will be holding an adult coat drive until **December 20th**. They are requesting gently used, recently cleaned adult coats which will be distributed by the Rescue Mission. There is a coat rack available in the Narthex to place coats there.

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

- Sunday, December 20** (4th Sunday of Advent)  
9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room  
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- Monday, December 21** No events
- Tuesday, December 22**  
10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2  
7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, December 23**
- Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
5:00pm Family Worship Service, Fellowship Hall  
8:00pm Communion & Candlelight Worship Service, Sanctuary
- Friday, December 25** Christmas Day  
Church Office Closed
- Saturday, December 26** No events
- Sunday, December 27** (1st Sunday of Christmas)  
9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room  
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Pastor Nominating Committee

Now that the Staff Planning Committee 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.

**Federated Church members donated 87 pounds of food which was collected and delivered to the Platte County Food Pantry last week!**

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

**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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

PRELUDE

*Once in Royal David's City*  
*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
*Good King Wenceslaus*  
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ENGLISH CAROL  
POLISH CAROL  
BOHEMIAN CAROL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: An angel spoke to Mary: "Do not be afraid!"

**All: The child she carries will be God's son, and the world will never be the same.**

One: An angel spoke to Mary: "Do not be afraid!"

**All: God was with her, and God is with us, drawing us into worship and praise.**

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING SONG

***Emmanuel***

MICHAEL V. SMITH

Bob Arp, soloist, Lee Augustin, piano, previously recorded

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**An angel spoke to Mary: "Do not be afraid!" And yet, O Lord, we find ourselves paralyzed by fear of what we do not know. Forgive us of our sins, O Lord, and give us the faith of Mary to respond to your grace with lives of grateful praise. Let us hear the good news that she first heard: Light is breaking. Love is coming. The world is about to turn!**

## MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low.

**All: Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

One: 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

LESSONS & CAROLS

Lesson 1: Isaiah 9 : 2, 6 - 7

Ellie Porter

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

Carol: *For Unto Us A Child Is Born*

HANDEL

Lesson 2: Luke 1 : 46 - 55

Heidi Klevemann

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

Carol: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

ARR. MACMILLAN

Lesson 3: Luke 1 : 67 - 80

Meg Weeder

*(Zechariah's Song about his son, John the Baptist)*

Carol:	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	SEARS/WILLIS
Lesson 4:	Luke 2 : 8 - 16 (Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah)	Riley Gausman
Carol:	<i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i>	WILEY
Lesson 5:	Matthew 2 : 1 - 11 (Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus)	Anita Hahn
Carol:	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	HOPKINS
Lesson 6:	"The Secrets of the Gifts" by Paul Flucke	Edward Yang
Carol:	<i>Offering (Christmas Version)</i>	
Lesson 7:	John 1 : 1 - 14 (The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth)	Bill Irby
Carol:	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice!</i>	LIVINGSTON

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)**

Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child,  
**descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
 born of Mary, a virgin.

**He lived as a Jew among Jews.**

He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.

**We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child,**  
 yet born of God's power as was no other child.

**In the person and work of Jesus,**

God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated.

**The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule.**

Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,

**he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Alleluia. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, your love is magnified in the gift of your Son, whom you so freely share with us.  
**Bless these gifts that we offer to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry in your coming reign of justice and peace; in Christ's name. Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG**

**Oh Holy Night**  
 The Gausmans

DWIGHT

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

FRENCH CAROL