



FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

Mission Statement:

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

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's cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2021 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Tim Warren, President Wayne McCormick, Vice President Louise Moran, Secretary			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D., Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director brenda@federatedcolumbus.org
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	Chrissy Ford, Office Administrator cford@federatedcolumbus.org	Kathy Zywiec, Office Assistant kathy@federatedcolumbus.org
Gene Hahn	John McClure	Jesse Abrego		
Marv Zoucha	Renee Norris	Katie Claus		
Donna Augspurger	Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst		
Financial Administrators:	Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr	Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director	Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director
Terry Millard	Terry Norris	Marv Zoucha	James Sharpe, Organist/Accompanist	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 Rebecca Timperley who is experiencing setbacks with leg bone not regenerating. Please lift Rebecca and Paula up in your prayers.
- ♦ Pray for Leroy Kallweit who is currently hospitalized due to an infection.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Irene O'Brien Dare who died November 21, 2021. A public visitation was held on Friday, November 26th at Gass Haney. A private family funeral will be held due to COVID concerns.

Calling all past and future singers!

Choir rehearsals are scheduled Wednesday evenings, at 7:30 pm. They will be meeting the sanctuary for the time being. Masks are optional but they will be observing social distancing.
Please consider giving this fun group a try!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Please contact Brenda Sand if you are available to do the Children's Sermon on December 5th!

Social Concerns & Missions:

Donations for Oct., Nov. & Dec.: New gloves, hats & scarves of all sizes for the Angel Tree!

Delivery of **Meals on Wheels** for Federated Church -Nov. 29 - Dec. 3. Renee Bellum will coordinate 403- 563-2441 or 402-276-2454. All volunteers need to have their COVID vaccine cards verified by the Columbus Hospital. Questions call Angie at Columbus Hospital. (402)562-3365.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact the office staff if you are available to be Liturgist for any of the following Sundays in December: 5th, 12th, 24th

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, November 28th

8:45am SALT (Adult Education), EC4
9:00am Education Hour, EC & Upper Rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am H.I.S. Puppeteers, EC rooms

Monday, November 29th

3:00pm Bible Reading Discussion, EC8
4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting, EC8
7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 30th

1:00pm Afternoon Bible Study, EC8/Online
5:30pm Stewardship Meeting, EC7
7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC8
7:00pm Cub Scouts 279 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 1st

10:00am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Evening Bible Study, Online
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 2nd

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC8

Friday, December 3rd

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, December 4th

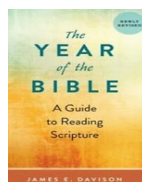
No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 5th

8:45am SALT (Adult Education), EC4
9:00am Education Hour, EC & Upper Rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am H.I.S. Puppeteers, EC rooms

Bible Reading Questions

- Who is the Babylonian king at the time Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, is carried off into captivity? (Jeremiah 52)
- Who helps Joseph of Arimathea bury Jesus? (John 19)



Bible Reading Sharing & Discussion:

there will be a monthly meeting to share insights and discuss questions related to each month's Bible reading. All are invited to the hybrid meeting (**in-person and online via Zoom**) which is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, November 29th from 3:00pm - 4:00pm**. If you are interested in joining this meeting but the time does not work well for you, please inform Pastor Edward.

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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

PRELUDE

*Savior of the Nations, Come
Of the Father's Love Begotten
James Sharpe, Organ/Piano*

BACH
MARK HAYES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

MILLER FAMILY

One: O Holy One, we light this first candle,
a candle of grief,
in the midst of the stories of the last year;
Let it burn through these weeks as a beacon to become
The light of Hope.
Let it guide us to your presence in our midst,
Leading us to your Justice and Joy in the service of Peace .

All: God be with us in this Light of Hope.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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: 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

Will We Know Him?

BESIG & PRICE

Chancel Choir, Recorded December 3, 2017

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Come into our midst, O Holy One,
Rider of the Clouds of Heaven,
Surprising answer to heartfelt prayer.
In whatever way you choose -
Come. Shake us up.
Help us find you at work in our lives
Showing the way to make all things new.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Moment for Silent Prayer

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, even when we throw in the towel, even when we give up on hope, God does not give up on us. We are loved. We are claimed. We are invited closer to God's home. So hear and trust this good news:

All: **There is room for us in God's house, and nothing can separate us from that love. We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are welcomed home. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **Also with you.**

One: Let us share that 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

Psalm 25: 1-10; I Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"What Are We Waiting For?"

Rev. Kenn Leischner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

In struggle and in joy, God is faithful to us. We bring forth our offerings
- our tithes, our treasures, our least coins -
to demonstrate our faithfulness to God.

Financial gifts can be dropped off in the contribution box, located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

Blessed Lord, Take My Hand

THOMAS A. DORSEY, ARR. JACK

DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: **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 HYMN #2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

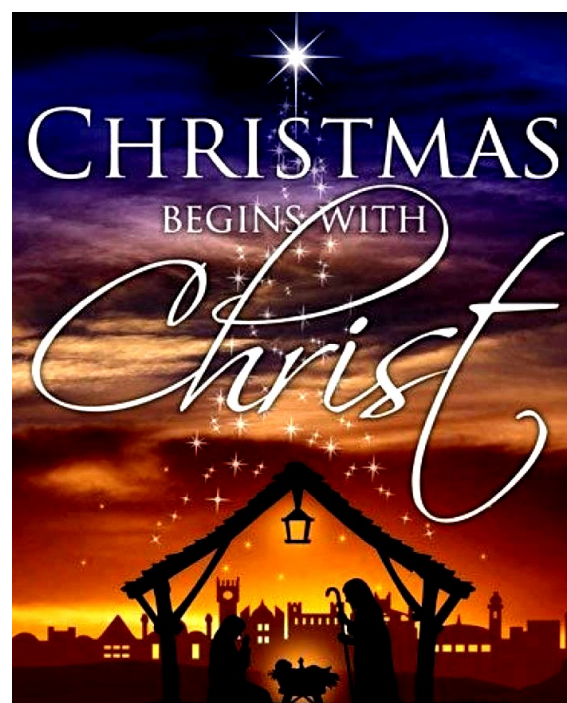
Savior of the Nations, Come

PAUL MANZ



Upcoming Events:

- NOVEMBER 29TH - BIBLE READING SHARING & DISCUSSION, 3PM
- ★ • NOVEMBER 30TH - GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING, 7PM
- DECEMBER 10TH - POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE
- DECEMBER 12TH - CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
- DECEMBER 16TH - ECUMENICAL BLUE
CHRISTMAS SERVICE
- DECEMBER 19TH - LESSONS & CAROLS
SERVICE
- DECEMBER 23RD - NO SERVICE
- DECEMBER 24TH - **CHRISTMAS EVE**
5pm Family Service
8pm Candlelight, Communion & Carols Service
- DECEMBER 25TH - **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- DECEMBER 27TH - OFFICE CLOSED
- DECEMBER 31ST - END OF YEAR DEPOSITS DUE BY 11AM &
ANNUAL COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS DUE





Advent and Christmas POINSETTIAS

Please **order poinsettias** by December 10th.

Poinsettias are given to God's glory, and may also be designated as a memorial and/or given in honor of special persons.

	Quantity (\$9.00 ea.)	Total
No Color Preference		\$
Red		\$
White		\$
Pink		\$
Grand Total - due to church office by Dec. 10th		\$

Your Name(s) _____

To God's glory and in memory of _____

To God's glory and in honor of _____



*Please return this form and payment to church office
or in the white mailbox by the church office door by December 10.*

Thank you!

Make checks payable to Federated Church.

Please note 'Poinsettia' on the memo line.

Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome.

Please label it with your name if you wish to collect it after the service.