



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, December 30, 2021 and Sunday, January 2, 2022
Second Sunday after Christmas

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	
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	Chrissy Ford, Office Administrator cford@federatedcolumbus.org	Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director brenda@federatedcolumbus.org
Gene Hahn	John McClure	Jesse Abrego	Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director	Kathy Zywiec, Office Assistant kathy@federatedcolumbus.org
Marv Zoucha	Renee Norris	Katie Claus	James Sharpe, Organist/Accompanist	Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director
Donna Augspurger	Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia, El Buen Pastor Fellowship	
Financial Administrators:	Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr	Betty Garcia Lopez, Nursery Attendant	
Terry Millard	Terry Norris	Marv Zoucha		

JOYS & CONCERNS

If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.

- ♦ Pray for Rebecca Timperley who will undergo a leg amputation in January. With a prosthetic, she is looking forward to relief from pain and resuming everyday activities. Pray also for God's strength and peace for Paula as she takes care of Rebecca.
- ♦ Pray for Carol Bennett as she prepares for knee replacement surgery.
- ♦ Pray for Leroy Kallweit as he awaits the results for the tests to find the source of infection.
- ♦ Pray for Bill Royer as he recovers from heart surgery and Jean as she cares for him while he heals.
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery: **Lyons**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lyons congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

• JANUARY 3RD - CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED

• JANUARY 9TH - INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF 2022 OFFICERS & EDUCATION HOUR RESUMES

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, January 2nd

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 3rd - Church Building Closed

5:00pm Order of St. Andrew, EC4

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 4th

No Afternoon Bible Study

7:00pm Cub Scouts 279 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 5th

No Evening Bible Study

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office

6:00pm PNC Meeting, EC8

6:30pm Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, January 6th

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym

6:00pm Scouts Round Table, Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:30pm Order of the Arrow, Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 7th

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, January 8th

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, January 9th

8:45am SALT (Adult Ed), EC4/5

9:00am Education Hour, EC Rooms

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

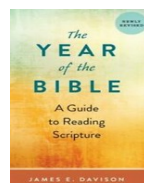
-Installation & Ordination of 2022 Officers

11:00am Puppets Practice, EC Rooms

11:00am Youth Ministry Committee, EC8

Bible Reading Questions

- Why does Nebuchadnezzar have Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego thrown into the fiery furnace? (Daniel 3)
- What is the name of Hosea's unfaithful wife? (Hosea 1)



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, January 24th from 3:00pm - 4:00pm, there is no meeting in December. 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!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021 & SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

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

PRELUDE

The Old Year Has Passed Away
Sarabande (Pour le Piano Suite)
James Sharpe, Organ/Piano

BACH
CLAUDE DEBUSSY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Sanctified Art

One: We come to this house,

All: Each of us on our own path.

One: The path is winding,

All: And the path is not always clear,

One: And the path changes,

All: But here we are.

One: God is walking us home.

All: What a gift it is to not walk alone.

One: Let us worship God.

OPENING SONG #66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

CALL TO CONFESSION

We imagine that, for the Magi, walking to Bethlehem was not easy. We imagine that following a star for navigation was definitely not easy. However, we imagine that the hardest part might have been not knowing where the road would lead. Friends, we are not always the best versions of ourselves when we are faced with uncertainty or changing plans. Facing the unknown pulls on every ounce of our anxiety and fear. It rings all our stress alarms and can erode our patience, our calm, our sense of perspective. Fortunately for us, we worship a God who is gracious beyond imagination and meets us on every twist and turn of the road home. So let us pray together, knowing that even in our worst moments, we are held by God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home – a different path, an untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way.

All: We wish that change could be easy for us. But more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter.

One: Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy.

All: Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home.

One: Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation.

All: Guide our steps to unfamiliar places. Gratefully we pray, amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, no matter how we choose, we cannot lose God's love. It is underserved, overwhelming, ever-present, and always with us. So may we accept God's grace, and use it as fuel for better days. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: No matter how many times we walk away, God always welcomes us home. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are invited. Thanks be to God. Amen

**As you are able, please rise in body or in spirit.*

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PASSING THE PEACE

One: Even as we each travel different paths through life, we know God's forgiveness and peace.
The 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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Long, Long Ago

KNOWLES

Chancel Choir, Recorded January 6, 2019

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julie Graham, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60 : 1 - 6

Pew Bible, OT, Page 690

Ephesians 3 : 1 - 12

Pew Bible, NT, Page 193

Gospel According to Matthew 2 : 1 - 12

Pew Bible, NT, Page 2

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Bob Arp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.

We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child but emptied himself,

We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.

We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

Song Without Words

MENDELSSOHN

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

***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**

God of new beginnings, we offer these gifts to you today because we love you. The world will tell us to keep our time, talents, and treasures to ourselves, to hold them tight, to tuck them away. But just as the Magi made a different choice, we make a different choice. Instead, we give what we have, trusting that when we live like we belong to one another, we will see a better world. So take our gifts and use them for your good. With hope we pray, amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #63**

*As with Gladness Men of Old
(verses 1 - 3)*

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

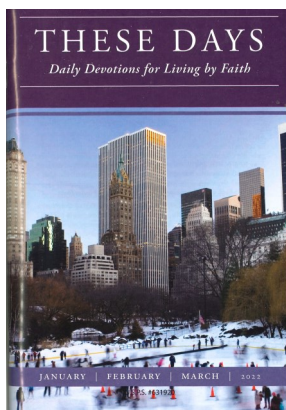
DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

***The Pastor Nominating Committee conducted 4 interviews either
in person or electronically.***

***On December 1, 2021 the PNC, by unanimous vote called
the Rev. Dr. Edward Yang to be our Solo Pastor.***

***The PNC was overjoyed when Pastor Yang accepted our call which
was announced to the congregation present and online at the
Sunday service on December 19, 2021.***

***Presbytery Commission on Ministry and Congregational
approvals are the next steps.***



1st Quarter 2022 ***These Days*** Now Available in Office & Narthex

Columbus Medical Mission Team

In the Church Narthex, there is a display of a stove, photos and information that has and is being developed and marketed internationally in developing countries, as an alternative way to cook in the native huts of the indigenous people living there. Many or even most cooking is done by open fire inside the huts. This leads to burns, breathing problems, and adds significantly to deforestation. The displayed stove would be, helps to reduce burns significantly and also significantly reduces lung disease and breathing problems. This is part of the mission of Nila and John Novotny as they travel worldwide with their group (Columbus Medical Mission Team). Federated Church and its members have been very supportive of these mission efforts, and the Novotny's would like to give thanks for all the support and prayer of these missions.

