



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 17th & Sunday, February 20th, 2022

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Recognition of New Members

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 2022- Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Wayne McCormick, President Julie Graham, 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 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	Chrissy Ford, Office Administrator cford@federatedcolumbus.org	Kathy Zywiec, Office Assistant kathy@federatedcolumbus.org
John McClure	Jesse Abrego	Donna Augspurger	Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director	Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director
Renee Norris	Katie Claus	John McPhail	James Sharpe, Organist/Accompanist	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia, El Buen Pastor Fellowship
Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst	Mark Weeder	Betty Garcia Lopez, Nursery Attendant	
Financial Administrators:	Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr		
Terry Millard	Terry Norris	Marv Zoucha		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2022 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

PRELUDE

Deep River

ARR. PHILLIP LEBAS

Prelude No 2

GEORGE GERSHWIN

James Sharpe, Organ/Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK

One: Trust in the LORD, take delight in the LORD, commit your way to the LORD.

All: We trust in God, who acts with justice and shines God's light.

One: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for God.

All: Our salvation comes from the LORD, who is our refuge and our strength.

One: You are welcome to singalong with the opening song. Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Playback Media

CALL TO CONFESSION

The world says that we get what we deserve. When we believe that, we hide our true selves from God and pretend to be without sin or deny the reality of falling short of our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. Grace is God's gift to us. God is merciful. God's love is the final word. Trusting in the grace, mercy, and love of God let us confess our sin together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us to your love freely given without expectation or strings attached. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make conditions for others. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return. We would rather love those who are easiest to love. Forgive us, redeeming God. So transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love that our relationships are transformed as we extend mercy and grace as an expression of the love we know in Jesus Christ.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's grace overflows and brings us new life. Friends, trust the good news:

All: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of God's peace.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BELLS OF JOY

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ARR. GESCHKE

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Williams, Liturgist

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

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Gospel According to Luke 6 : 27 - 38

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us" by Carolyn W. Gillette**

Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise,
for the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways.

How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies?

What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these?

Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts.

In each daily situation, love's the greatest of all gifts.

It's the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate.

Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.

Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free:

you don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity.

Lord, when others are demanding, may we know they matter more

than our money or possessions. May we share, not keeping score.

If we love just those who love us, where's the giving? Where's the grace?

Even sinners try to do this; they have friends that they embrace.

May we do, Lord, unto others as we'd have them also do.

You have shown us: Love is action. May we love, and make things new. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

***HYMN NO. 438**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (verses 1 & 2)

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS:

WAYNE MCCORMICK, CHURCH PRESIDENT

Carol Bottum, November 30, 2021

Carl Dreis, November 30, 2021

James Sharpe, November 9, 2021

Beth Sharpe, November 9, 2021

QUESTIONS TO NEW MEMBERS & CONGREGATION

***PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

Do you believe in God the Father?

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

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

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER

*** WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS**

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

***HYMN NO. 438**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (verses 3 & 4)

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

This is My Father's World

MICHAEL HELMAN

***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**

Generous God, receive our gifts offered in joy and gratitude and do more with them than we can ask or imagine. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN GLORY TO GOD # 543**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in B-Flat

J. S. BACH

Café La Fed is hosted by Endowment Committee



Did you know walking is mentioned over 200 times in the bible?

Name:	_____
Date:	_____
Miles:	_____

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

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God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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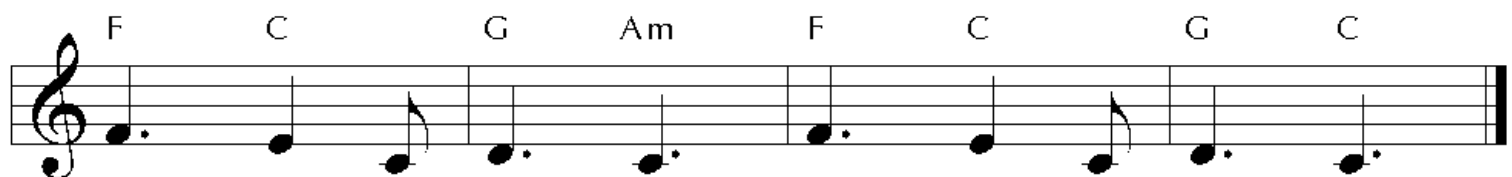
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

Small Groups by Membership and Growth

If you were in a group before (or would like to join) please contact the others in the group to initiate this!

- ◇ Federated Family Fellowship - Brenda Sand
- ◇ Bookworms Club - Nila Novotny
- ◇ YAFEDS (Young Adult FEDS) - Katie Claus & Julie Graham
- ◇ Art Connoisseurs- Kathy Leischner, Sharon Kuncel & Nell Burnham

Used Ink Jet Cartridges are Recyclable!!!

Bring your used ink jet cartridges to the church and help our youth programs!

Social Concerns and Mission Committee donations:

January, February, March - Peanut butter for the Backpack program. The Backpack program uses 16-ounce plastic jars of peanut butter in the food bags.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

♦ Please pray for Myla Bender, great granddaughter of Sharon Kuncel, who is currently at Children's Hospital with critical potassium numbers, is going through dialysis and being treated for pneumonia.

♦ Homestead Presbytery: **Pender**

The United Church of Pender thanks you for your prayers. We as a church, as everyone has, been challenged by the pandemic and its ongoing health concerns, financial concerns, and burdens on our members and community. We have weathered the storm pretty well with a strong ministry with the Covenant Church, the community food bank, located in our church, remains a strong resource for our local community, and soon we will be confirming five students as they continue on their church journey. Our glass is always half full and we care about each other and praise the Lord that we have been able to worship and grow together.

Bells of Joy!

Would you like to participate during service? Do you have an hour a week to participate?

Why not join the Bell Choir?!

We are always looking for new ringers. We practice one hour a week and play once a month. Rehearsals are Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. (We are wearing masks.) Show up to a rehearsal and Stuart will get you started!

All are welcome!

Calling all past and future singers!

If you love to sing, or if you have always had a hankering to learn how, consider joining the Chancel Choir! As a choir director for over 35 years, I have seen many people that said "I can't sing," only to find out that when they are surrounded by a group of other singers, they blossom! The one-hour rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm.

Give us a try!

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 20 - New Member Recognition; Walk to Jerusalem begins
- Feb. 24 & 27 - Rev. Stephen Earl preaching
- Feb. 27 - Annual Congregational Meeting
- March 2 - Ash Wednesday - Ecumenical worship at First United Methodist
- March 13 - Daylight Savings begins - clocks "Spring" forward!

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 20th

8:45am SALT (Adult Ed), EC4/5
9:00am Education Hour, EC Rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Puppets Practice, EC Rooms
11:00am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting, EC8

Monday, February 21st

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 22nd

All Day Scouts Pancake Feed, FH
1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8/Zoom
7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC8

Wednesday, February 23rd

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD2
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
6:30pm Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 24th

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, February 25th

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, February 26th

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, February 27th

8:45am SALT (Adult Ed), EC4/5
9:00am Education Hour, EC Rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Puppets Practice, EC Rooms
11:00am Annual Congregational Meeting

A sign up sheet to take a meal to **THE RESCUE MISSION** is on the table in the Narthex. Thanks to all who took nourishing meals to those in need in 2021. Let's fill up the sheet for 2022!

Please be patient with our phone systems, they are not currently working properly. The phone number is still the same, 402-564-2812, but it may take up to three times to get a hold of the office. Office hours are still 8am to 4:30pm, so, if you don't get through the first time you call OR you get a message saying the number is not in service, just hang up and keep trying! We are also having issues dialing out. Some calls work, some do not. If it is imperative we reach you, we may attempt on our personal cell phones.