



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Sunday, November 27th, 2022**  
**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](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org) for videos of worship and bulletins.**

**In case of an emergency, Edward's cell phone number: 402-302-2812.**

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Wayne McCormick, <i>President</i> Julie Graham, <i>Vice President</i> Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D., <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> <a href="mailto:edward@federatedcolumbus.org">edward@federatedcolumbus.org</a>	Brenda Sand, <i>Christian Education Director</i> <a href="mailto:brenda@federatedcolumbus.org">brenda@federatedcolumbus.org</a>
<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	Chrissy Ford, <i>Office Administrator</i> <a href="mailto:cford@federatedcolumbus.org">cford@federatedcolumbus.org</a>	Kathy Zywiec, <i>Office Assistant</i> <a href="mailto:kathy@federatedcolumbus.org">kathy@federatedcolumbus.org</a>
John McClure	Jesse Abrego	Donna Augspurger	Bob Arp, <i>Chancel Choir Director</i>	Stuart Gausman, <i>Bell Choir Director</i>
Renee Norris	Katie Claus	John McPhail	James Sharpe, <i>Organist</i>	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia, <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>
Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst	Mark Weeder	Betty Garcia Lopez, <i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Amanda Weeder, <i>Accompanist</i>
Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons			Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>	
Mimi Ernst, GC Rep.	Laura Porter, Ch.	Wilma Arp	Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>	
Kathy Leischner	Barb Olson	Ruth Erwin		
Jean Royer	Sharon Kuncel	Peg Meyer		

# Welcome to Worship at Federated!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, Piano & Organ

BACH  
MARK HAYES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY**

SANCTIFIED ART

Leader: Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, "What gives you hope?" From the voices of different generations, hear their answers:

Adults: **My two-year-old son.**

Children: **Dogs wagging their tails.**

Sr. Adults: **Talking with young people.**

Teens: **Kindness from strangers.**

Adults: **Spending time in the woods.**

Children: **Waffles.**

Sr. Adults: **Hands clasped in prayer.**

Teens: **Social progress.**

Adults: **The way my son calls everybody "buddy."**

Children: **The ringing of church bells.**

Sr. Adults: **Babies trying over and over to take their first step.**

Teens: **The turning of seasons.**

Adults: **Christian community.**

Children: **Books.**

Sr. Adults: **Friendship with my adult children.**

Teens: **Advocates for justice.**

Adults: **Hearing children in the pews sing the hymns.**

Children: **The sunrise every single morning.**

Sr. Adults: **What gives you hope?**

Leader: Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world.  
(*Leader lights the candle.*)

Leader: From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN #2**

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

In God's house, everyone is welcome— those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ONE:** God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

**All:** **But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**

**One:** You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

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

One License #711910-A

CCLI License #1160936 & 20180420

All: **But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.”**

One: You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers. There’s room for you here.”

All: **But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.”**

One: God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here.

All: **Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

One: Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

All: **There’s room for every story.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Family of faith, We who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, “There’s room for you here.” From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. Thanks be to God!

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** (You are welcome to share a handshake, fist bump or peace sign)

One: Forgiven and renewed, we extend God’s peace to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **The peace of Christ be with you.**

One: And also with you. Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

**\*HYMN**

*This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,*

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,*

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,*

*Let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)*

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Edward Yang

CHANCEL CHOIR

*Come My Light*

ARR. ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julie Graham, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2 : 1 - 5

Pew Bible, OT, page 631 - 632

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*From Generation to Generation, There’s Room for Every Story*

Brenda Sand

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a God

**who promised to Abraham,**

who wrestled with Jacob,

**who walked with Ruth,**

who spoke with Moses,

**who grieved with Bathsheba,**

who danced with David,

**who dreamed with Joseph,**

and who hoped like Mary.

**We believe in a God who has been**  
 loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us  
**from generation to generation.**  
 And we believe that same God  
**is here with us now,**  
 saying, “Come on in; there’s room for you here.”  
**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

*Of the Father’s Love Begotten*

LUDVIG LENEL

**\*DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Christ, all people here below;  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Almighty God, receive our offering for the sake of Christ our Lord. Make us worthy stewards of your gifts and generous citizens of the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN (INSERT)**

*Through the Ages*

ANNA STRICKLAND

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

PAUL MANZ

Café LaFed will be hosted by the Christian Education Committee.

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

One License #711910-A

CCLI License #1160936 & 20180420

Your Name:

Poinsettia Color	Quantity	Price (\$10.00)	Total
Red			
Pink			
White			

(Circle One)

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Please return this form by December 4th. Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome, please label the plant if you wish to collect it after Christmas Day service. All plants left after service will be donated to local retirement homes.



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

*There's room for every story*

# Through the Ages

MUELLER 11.11.11.11

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: James R. Murray (1887)

Oh down through the a - ges and gen - er - a - tions From God in the  
 From A - bra - ham, ls - aac, and ls - ra - el's line How Ra - hab and  
 And still through the a - ges our sto - ries will find Be - long - ing in

gar - den to Je - sus the son Each sto - ry was wo - ven, each one has a  
 Ruth and Bath she - ba sur - vived From ex - ile in Eg - ypt to Bab - y - lon  
 God's sto - ry of hu - man kind From God in the gar - den to e - ter - ni -

place With - in the great tap - es - try tell - ing God's grace  
 far Christ's lin - e - age shows how com - plex sto - ries are  
 - ty We're wo - ven to - geth - er as one tap - es - try

### Small Groups are starting up again!

**2x4s Dinner Group:** Contact Nila Novotny for more information. The schedule and participants documents are available on the Church's website.

**Arts & Music:** If you are interested in the fine arts, call or email Mimi Ernst if you would like to join!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are still looking to volunteers for Education Hour! Please contact Brenda at [brendajsand@gmail.com](mailto:brendajsand@gmail.com) or 402-276-2080 and let her know which you are interested in helping with!

**Substitute Teachers of All Ages, For All Ages;**  
**Youth Group Volunteers; Nursery Helpers & Subs**

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for two great-great-nieces (ages 5 months and 1.5 years) to Terry & Andree Hoeman, who are recovering from RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus).

◆ Pray for Ann Jeffrey who is recovering from a heart attack.

### ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Southern Heights**

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

### ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Blair Congregational UCC** (Blair NE 68008)

Advent/Christmas Poinsettia order forms are now available. **The price per plant is \$10.00 and due at time of ordering. Orders need to be in before by December 4th.** Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome as always, please label the poinsettia with your name if you wish to collect it after service. Any plants left after Christmas Service (10am) will be donated to local retirement homes and taken with Christmas Dinner meals.

The Federated Church Landscaping Committee has started the **Commemorative Tree Program, Rooted in Love.** The minimum donation to purchase a tree and plaque to be planted in memory or honor of a loved one is \$350.00. Any moneys less the tree/plaque will be used for the Landscaping Project for bushes, maintenance, etc.

Pick up your form today in the Narthex or Office.

### **Looking for Hospitality Specialists!!**

We are seeking a few more individuals who would be willing to assist in hosting and serving refreshments for the Columbus Symphonic Strings 2022 Christmas Concert. Concert times are **Friday, Dec. 2 at 7pm and Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2pm.** There are volunteers signed up from other local churches already, but a couple more from Federated are requested.

If you are available, please contact Jim Sharpe!

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### **Sunday, November 27th, First Sunday of Advent**

8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5

9:00am Education Hour

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **Monday, November 28th**

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

### **Tuesday, November 29th**

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8

7:00pm Cub Scouts #279, Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, November 30th**

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church office

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, ONLN-video

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### **Thursday, December 1st**

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym

5:30pm Stewardship Committee Mtg., EC8

6:00pm Round Table Meeting, FH

6:30pm Thursday evening Worship Service

7:30pm Order of the Arrow Meeting, EC8

### **Friday, December 2nd**

5:30pm Webelos Lock-in, FH, Gym

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC8

7:00pm Symphonic Strings Christmas Concert

### **Saturday, December 3rd**

8:00am Webelos Lock-in Continues, FH, Gym

2:00pm Symphonic Strings Christmas Concert

### **Sunday, December 4th**

8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5

9:00am Education Hour

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Youth Ministry Committee Mtng, EC8

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 27 - First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 2 & 3 - Symphonic Strings Christmas Concert
- Dec. 8 - Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service, 6:30pm
- Dec. 11 - Children's Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 15 - Staff & Committee Annual Reports Due
- Dec. 22 - Lessons & Carols Service
- Dec. 24 - 5pm - Family Service
- Dec. 24 - 8pm - Communion Choir & Candlelight Srv
- Dec. 25 - Lessons & Carols Service
- Dec. 25 - Annual Christmas Dinner after Service - Take Out or Delivery Only! Make your reservation before December 16th!

Social Concerns and Missions committee is collecting **NEW mittens, hats, scarves and socks.** October, November and December 2022