



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, December 1st & Sunday, December 4th, 2022
Second 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.

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

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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

J. S. BACH
MARK HAYES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

UCC Christmas Fund Video

***CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY**

A SANCTIFIED ART

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

Group 1: Not being enough.

Group 2: Not making enough of a difference.

Group 3: Falling down.

Group 4: That we will forget we belong to one another.

Group 1: Climate change.

Group 2: My child having to learn gun violence drills at school.

Group 3: Spiders.

Group 4: Not having someone to take care of me; not having someone who knows my stories.

Group 1: My mental health slipping.

Group 2: Ending up alone.

Group 3: Nightmares.

Group 4: Stopping short of following God all the way.

One: Today we light the candle of peace, because we so desperately need God's peace in the midst of all we fear.

(Advent candles are lit.)

All: May this light be a reminder that Christ is coming. God was with generations before, God is with us today, and God will be with us tomorrow. Even now, God is on the way. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Fear can be a good thing. It can help us be attentive while driving down the highway. It can alert us to possible accidents. It can motivate us to do our best. However, fear can also be harmful. For so many of us, fear of the other, fear of failure, or fear of the unknown has led us to make sinful choices in our lives—choices such as building walls or tearing others down. Today, in confession, we ask for mercy and pray for guidance. As we confess, we come before an entirely merciful and loving God who says to us, "Do not be afraid." Let us pray:

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Patient God, you know just how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love. You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. You know just how often we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid" on dusty shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto our own point of view. Forgive us for giving fear the microphone. Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love. With hope we pray, amen.

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

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*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Family of faith, even when we forget God's words, God does not forget us. Even when we lose our way, God does not lose us. Even when we fall short or make mistakes, God forgives and holds onto us. We are known, forgiven, and loved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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: And also with you.

One: 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, (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

Communion Carol
Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director

TICE & DENGLER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nicole Miller, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11 : 1 - 10

Pew Bible, OT, page 640 - 641

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

VIDEO

Christmas Truce

SHIFT WORSHIP

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Five Affirmations to Guide the Peacemaking Witness of the PC(USA)

We affirm that peacemaking is essential to our faith in God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ, **whose love and justice challenge evil and hatred, and whose call gives our church a mission to present alternatives to violence.**

We confess that we have sinned by participating in acts of violence, both structural and physical, **or by our failure to respond to acts and threats of violence with ministries of justice, healing, and reconciliation.**

We follow Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Reconciler, **and reclaim the power of nonviolent love evident in his life and teaching, his healings and reversals of evil, his cross and resurrection.**

Learning from nonviolent struggles and counting the costs of war, we draw upon the traditions of Just War, Christian pacifism, and Just Peacemaking to cultivate moral imagination and discern God's redemptive work in history. **We commit ourselves to studying and practicing nonviolent means of conflict resolution, nonviolent methods for social change, and nonviolent opposition to war.** Even as we actively engage in a peace discernment process, we commit ourselves to continuing the long tradition of support by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) [and the United Church of Christ] for our sisters and brothers who serve in the United States military, veterans, and their families. **We promise to support materially and socially veterans of war who suffer injury in body, mind, or spirit, even as we work toward the day when they will need to fight no more.**

We place our faith, hope, and trust in God alone. **We renounce violence as a means to further selfish national interests, to procure wealth, or to dominate others.** We will practice boldly the things that make for peace and look for the day when **'they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'** Amen.

RESPONSIVE HYMN #48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(Communion is served in the pews. Please hold bread and cup to partake together. Federated Church celebrates an open table, meaning all who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Children are welcome to receive communion with the permission of parents/guardians as part of the family's on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in the pew holders.)

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Praise be to You, Jesus Christ (BWV 604)

J. S. BACH

***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 #9**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Lord Christ, the Only Son of God (BWV 601)

J. S. BACH

Café LaFed will be hosted **by Marilyn Vrana & Toni Gumm**

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Don't forget to sign up and share your talents with the church! **Bells of Joy and Chancel Choir** meet weekly on Wednesdays for an hour! If you are interested, contact Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director or Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are still looking to volunteers for Education Hour! Please contact Brenda at 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**

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50%

of your gifts assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.



Rev. Sunjae Jung was living in Korea with his family when he was called to serve the Athens Korean Presbyterian Church near Atlanta. Shortly after the family arrived, COVID struck, leading to a severe financial impact on both his congregation and his family. The family found itself struggling to make ends meet. They applied for and received an Emergency Grant split evenly between the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and the Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

“I truly believe these programs have met Rev. Jung at a time of real need, and I’m hopeful good momentum is on his horizon so he can continue to lend his gifts towards ministry.”

— Lucas McCool, Assistance Program Operations Manager,
PC(USA) Board of Pensions



50%

of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Samual Polanco credits his experience at the Menaul School as being instrumental in breaking down life’s many barriers. That Jesus broke down dividing walls and welcomed everyone is very much a reality on the Menaul campus, especially during mission week. Samual and his classmates spent five days on the U.S.-Mexico border with the goal of building understanding and relationships.

“We teach that faith is to be lived out in the world. Because so many young people today see the church as building walls to isolate and separate, we at Menaul are all about opening doors to the richness of God’s creation.”

— John Stitler, Teacher, Menaul School

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for the family of Velva Smejkal, sister of Charlotte & Ron Lambert's who passed away on Nov. 24th, 2022.

◆ Prayers for Roberta Saalfeld and her family as she settles into her new residence. Please contact the office if you would like her contact information.

◆ Pray for Kristi Wilch, sister of Alison Wagner, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Surgery will be in the new year after chemotherapy treatment is completed.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: First Presbyterian of 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.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Center Congregational UCC** (Center, NE 68724)

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

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 Community Christmas Meals.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers for this year's Community Christmas Meal. Meal preparation volunteers are needed that morning, and drivers will be needed around Noon! Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex or Office!

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.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, December 4th, Second Sunday of Advent

8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
9:00am Education Hour
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15am Organ Task Force Meeting, EC8
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 5th

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
5:15pm OSA Meeting, EC4
6:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, December 6th

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
7:00pm Cub Scouts #279, Fellowship Hall
7:15pm Worship & Music Committee, EC4

Wednesday, December 7th

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church office
12:30pm The 70's Group Meeting, EC8
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, ZOOM
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 8th

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
6:30pm Ecumenical Blue Christmas Worship Service

Friday, December 9th

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, December 10th

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH
10:00am Children's Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 11th

8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
9:00am Education Hour
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 - Columbus Community Christmas Meal - Carry Out or Delivery Only! **Volunteers Needed.**

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!