



FEDERATED CHURCH

**Saturday, December 24th, 2022
Christmas Eve, 5pm Young at Heart Service**

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.

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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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!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE, 5PM YOUNG AT HEART SERVICE

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

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

MARK HAYES

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

MARK HAYES

Noël X Grand Jeu, et duo

LOUIS-CLAUDE DAQUIN

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Klevemann Family

A SANCTIFIED ART

One: Hope is:

All: Trusting that there is light, even in the dark.

(Light the candle of hope)

One: Peace is:

All: The wolf lying down with the lamb.

(Light the candle of peace)

One: Joy is:

All: Contagious sounds of Alleluia.

(Light the candle of joy)

One: Love is:

All: Unquenchable, never-ending, born in a manger, here today.

(Light the candle of love)

One: Christmas is:

All: A love song to the world; the light that shines in the darkness.

Let us make a joyful noise! Let us worship God.

(Light the Christ candle)

***OPENING SONG #41**

O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1 & 3)

KINESTHETIC PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A SANCTIFIED ART

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

FIRST LESSON - *Light* | John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 23 |

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SECOND LESSON - *An angel appears to Mary* | Luke 1:26-38 |

SONG: #40

Joy to the World! (verse 1 & 2)

THIRD LESSON - *Travel* | Luke 2: 1 - 7 |

SONG: #25

Away in a Manger (verse 1 & 3)

FOURTH LESSON - *Shepherds* | Luke 2:8-16 |

SONG: #29

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (VERSE 1 - 3)

FIFTH LESSON - *Magi* | Matthew 2:1-12 |

SONG: #66

We Three Kings of Orient Are (verse 1 & 5)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesu Bambino

PIETRO YON

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

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***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**

God of hope, peace, love and joy - you have given us everything we have; from the magic of snowfall and tall strong evergreens, to the smell of home cooking and the sound of alleluias. You have given us everything, and yet when you were born into this world, all they gave you was a manger and some hay. Thus, God of light we pray - take and use these gifts. Use them for your good so that others may be strengthened like the roots of an evergreen, that they might feel the warmth of your light and hear the sound of Alleluia. In deep gratitude we pray, amen.

SIXTH LESSON — *The Word Became Flesh* | John 1:1-14 |

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 CANDLE LIGHTING

CLOSING HYMN # 60

Silent Night, Holy Night

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major (Symphony V)

Charles M. Widor

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Donna Taylor, sister of Jean & Bill Royer, who passed away December 22, 2022. A memorial service for the family will be held at a later date.
- ◆ Congratulations to Logan Carol Bennett, granddaughter of Pete & Carol Bennett, who graduated Dec. 17th from UNL with a Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Services with distinction. Logan will continue her studies in speech pathology.
- ◆ Thank you to Tammi Gotschall and Jeanne Johnson for all their time decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex with the Christmas poinsettias.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Norfolk**
Like many of our churches, First PC, Norfolk has struggled to fully recover from the effects of the pandemic, especially in terms of attendance. But we are optimistic about the prospects for the coming year. First PC continues a long-time mission interest in Malawi, supporting 3 different missions in the country: Norfolk Schools, Malawi, a private Christian school founded by one of our members, Joe Mtika; the ministry of Tyler and Rochelle Holms, who are building a capability for Malawians to drill their own water wells; and a sister church relationship with the Kaphuta Church in Mzimba. We are also involved in a number of local and ecumenical ministries that include youth. Prayers for all our youth ministries and the general health of the church would be very much welcome.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, December 25th,

- 7:00am Christmas Meal Prep begins
- 10:00am Lessons & Carols Service
- 12:00pm Community Christmas Meal Deliveries & Pick-ups begin
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 26th

Church Office Closed

- 6:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, December 27th

- 7:00pm Cub Scouts #279, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 28th

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, December 29th

- 6:30pm Worship Service

Friday, December 30th

- (am) Final Deposit for 2022
- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, December 31st

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, January 1st

- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

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Candy Cane Christmas Poem

Sharing Christmas with others can be easy - no pain.

Just tell them the story through the sweet candy cane.

Turn it to one side and the cane makes a "J"
That stands for Jesus whom we celebrate this day.

Now turn it around; it's the staff of the shepherd
Who listened to angels and believed what they heard.

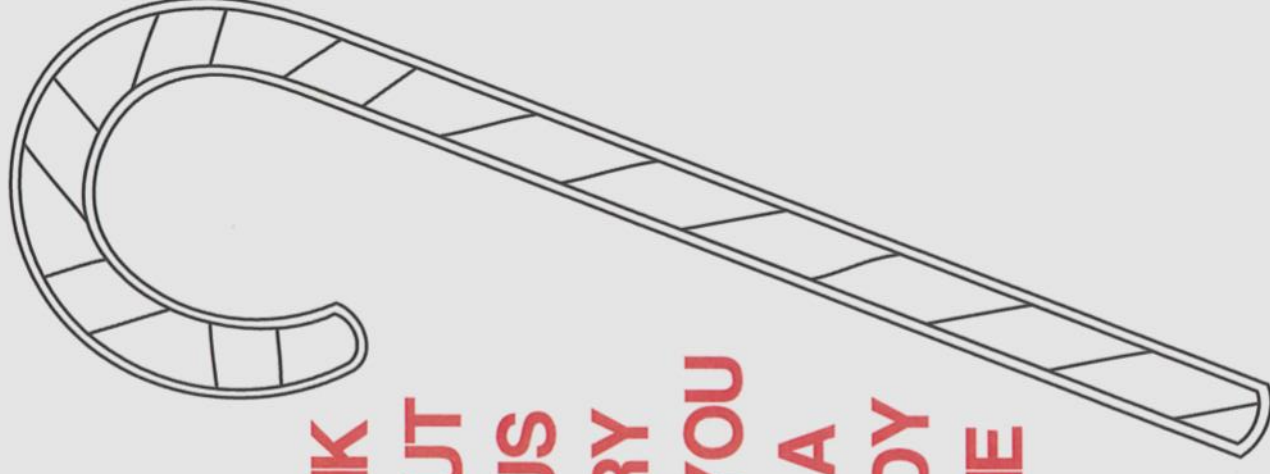
The cane starts out white, so solid so sure
To remind us that Jesus' life was so pure.

Then a red stripe is added in a long winding swirl

A symbol of the blood he would shed to save the world.

As you eat this sweet candy remember these things,

And the sweet gift of Jesus that each Christmas brings.



**THINK
ABOUT
JESUS
EVERY
TIME YOU
EAT A
CANDY
CANE**