



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, December 29th, 2022 & Sunday, January 1st, 2023
First 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.

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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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 Kuncl	Peg Meyer		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022 & SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

PRELUDE

Andante con expression (Sonata 8)
James Sharpe, Organist

MOZART

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to the Lord a new song

All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth

One: Sing to the Lord, praise his name

All: Proclaim his salvation day after day

One: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples

All: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

* OPENING HYMN #150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of All Beginnings, we confess our own despair and distrust. Our expectations have been tempered; our hopes subdued. We are afraid of being let down again by the world. Remind us that our hope is not in the things of this world, but in you, the creator of heaven and earth. Shape our hearts to love more deeply. Open our minds to accept what we cannot change but to transform our own lives to your ways. Mold our lives to live as you lived, in compassion and loving-kindness, in gratitude and peace. Lift our hearts, so we may enter this new year with your living hope. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: During all our distress, God is also distressed, so he sends a messenger who serves him to save us. In love and mercy God has redeemed us.

All: 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.

* SONG

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 (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)

The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth
Bob Arp & Steve Heinisch, Duet; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

SIMEONE & GROSSMAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julie Graham, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 2 : 13 - 23

Pew Bible, NT, page 2

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Doug Williams

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.

All: In its beauty and vastness,

One: in its sublimity and awfulness,

All: in its order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

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

Born in Bethlehem

HELMUT WALCHA

***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**

As the magi follow that star surely they wondered about the adequacy of their gifts for the newborn king. Teach us to follow you just as the magi followed that star faithfully and remind us that you have given us what we need to serve you and your kingdom. May these gifts serve to guide yet others to the manger of the savior as well. May the serve to build up community and heal our planet. Amen

*** CLOSING HYMN #63**

As With Gladness Men of Old (verses 1 - 3)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Presto, ma non troppo (Sonata 7)

F.J. HAYDN

Café LaFed will be hosted by the Stewardship Committee

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.

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**

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

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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, Jean & Bill Royer's sister, who passed away December 22, 2022. A memorial service will be held for the family 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.

◆ Congratulations to Aaron & Sami Scheffler on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Janie, born December 27, 2022. She is the granddaughter of Clint & Kelli Scheffler, and great-granddaughter of Bob Meyer, the late Janie Meyer and the late Aaron & Betty Scheffler.

◆ Congratulations to Logan Korus & Jase Llyod, on the birth of their son, Kyler Robert, born December 30, 2022. He is the grandson of Toni & Tom Gumm.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: North Bend

Prayers are requested for United Presbyterian Church, North Bend. May they continue to develop a family of Christians dedicated to expanding their faith through worship, education, prayer, evangelism, stewardship and fellowship by following the example of Jesus Christ.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Crofton UCC**
(Crofton, NE 68729)

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.

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!

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, January 1, 2023

11:00am Youth Ministry Committee, EC8

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 2, 2023

Church Office Closed

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

7:00pm Cub Scouts #279, Fellowship Hall

7:15pm Worship & Music Committee, EC8

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office

12:00pm The 70's Group, EC8

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, January 5, 2023

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym

6:00pm Round Table Meeting, FH

7:15pm Order of the Arrow Meeting, EC8

Friday, January 6, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, January 7, 2023

No events scheduled

Sunday, January 8, 2023

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:

- Jan. 2 - Church office closed
- Jan. 8 - Education Hour resumes

SALT (Adult Ed) Special Speaker, Jan 15th, 8:45am

We will have a special speaker who will share her story about dying and coming back to life on earth.

Her talk is entitled: **BLESSED BY A MIRACLE.**

This is a story you won't want to miss!

There will be coffee and goodies, too.

Katie Claus and Mark Weeder

Thanks to all of you who donated new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and more for the Angel tree. So many items were collected! These items were distributed to the Rescue Mission, The Center for Survivors, Emerson School and the Columbus Police Station.
Social Concerns and Mission Committee