



FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, January 8th, 2023
Baptism of the Lord

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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Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons			Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i> Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>	
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Kathy Leischner	Barb Olson	Ruth Erwin		
Jean Royer	Sharon Kuncel	Peg Meyer		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

PRELUDE

Adagio (Sonata 1, Op 2)
James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

PC (USA) Book of Common Worship

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

All: and in the temple God's people say: Glory!

One: The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

All: and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.

One: Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

All: I have called you by name; you are mine.

One: Let us worship God.

* OPENING HYMN #306

Fairest Lord Jesus

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

All: Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

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

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give."

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: Also with you.

One: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

* SONG #2056

God is So Good (verses 1 - 3)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

Joy in Judea

DAVENPORT

Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nicole Miller, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 3 : 13 - 17

Pew Bible, NT, page 3

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

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus" by John Ylvisaker**

One: We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;

All: that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.

One: And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,

All: we will all be reunited, for he lives.

One: In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,

All: in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,

One: we have found a new beginning.

All: In the ashes of our past, in the losing and the winning, we hold fast.

One: Glory be to our creator, glory be to Christ, the Son;

All: glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one.

One: As it was in the beginning,

All: glory now resounds again in a song that has no ending. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #494**

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 ongoing conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in the pew holders.)

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Quem Pastores

HEALY WILLAN

***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 heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you, bringing the offering of our very selves. As you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism, so you claimed our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin and be raised with him to new life. By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord. Accept all we have and are, in the service of Jesus Christ, and strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever. Amen.

* **CLOSING HYMN #326**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (verses 1, 2 & 4)

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

BENEDETTO MARCELLO

Café LaFed will be hosted by the Bell Choir

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Chancel Flowers are donated by the Gausman family in honor of Reece Gausman's 16th birthday! Happy heavenly birthday Reece.
- ◆ Prayers for the family of Gordon & Joan Specht. Gordon had a stroke on Tuesday and is recovering at Madonna. The stroke affected mainly his left side.
- ◆ Prayers for the family of Don Love, father of Robin and Clark Lehr, who passed away on January 3rd.
- ◆ 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 Lloyd, on the birth of their son, Kyler Robert, born December 30, 2022. He is the grandson of Toni & Tom Gumm.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Palmyra**
We praise God for the way he is working through our congregation as we seek new ways to serve one another and our community. We ask for his guidance as we continue on into the future he has planned for us. We ask that God empower us to reflect the self-giving love of Jesus in the way we treat other human beings.
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Elgin Park Congregational UCC (Elgin, NE 68636)**

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

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, January 8, 2023

- 8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
- 9:00am Education Hour, Education rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Youth Ministry & Christian Education Committee, EC8
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 9, 2023

- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
- 4:00pm Prairie Village Pastor Edward visit, PV
- 5:15pm OSA meeting, EC8
- 6:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee, EC8
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts #279, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Comm., EC8

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

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

Thursday, January 12, 2023

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

Friday, January 13, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, January 14, 2023

- 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

Sunday, January 15, 2023

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 8 - Education Hour resumes
- Jan. 14 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Jan. 12 & 15 - Ordination & Installation of new Officers

Circle 2 will be Jan. 18 at Rogalyn's at 1:15pm