



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 9, & Sunday, February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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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			Mark Baumann, <i>Custodian</i>	
			Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i> Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>	

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

PRELUDE

Nocturne (op 9 No 2)

FREDERICK CHOPIN

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION - PRAYER CHAIN

Peg Meyer, Order of St. Andrew Chair

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Timothy M. Slemmons

One: The God of the covenant has set before us either life and prosperity, or death and adversity.

All: We choose life, so that we, and our children, may live long in the blessed provision of the Lord our God.

One: Therefore, worship the Lord; obey and hold fast to God.

All: For in the Lord we have life and length of days.

***OPENING HYMN (Sing the Faith) #2165 Cry of My Heart**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess we have been quick to judge others in anger but slow to judge ourselves by the same standards; we have received forgiveness but denied it to others; and we have broken your commandments, if not by outright disobedience, then by failing to keep them in our hearts. Forgive our sins, O Lord, and bless us with the freedom that is ours when we do the work of forgiveness well. Refresh us with the joy of your Spirit, that we might be led and inspired by the breezes that flow from your gracious presence, from the ancient gardens to the eternal mansions; in the name of Christ we pray.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: All of us have a common purpose in Christ, yet each of us will receive wages according to our labors.

All: For we are God's servants, working together in worship and mission. Therefore, let us be reconciled to one another in accordance with the love of Jesus Christ, by whose sacrifice we have been reconciled to God.

One: Truly, in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven; therefore, be at peace with God, with one another, and with yourself.

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

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

***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.

Everywhere I go, 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

The Power and the Glory

JOYCE ELAINE EILERS

Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director

Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

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

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heidi Klevemann, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30 : 11 - 20

Pew Bible, OT, page 186

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "O God, Who Gives Us Life" by Carl Daw Jr.**

O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.

Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.

O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,
refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.

O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,
as on our hearts you write anew the covenant of love. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE HYMN #333**

Seek Ye First

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

Air (Water Music Suite)

G. F. HANDEL

***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**

What joy it is, O God, to be united in Christ in your common purpose; what a delight to participate in your fruitful ways! Though our part is small and our gifts are humble, you are able to unite and grow them and bring about a new and glorious result. Do so, we pray, with this offering, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #344**

Christ of the Upward Way

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost
Café LaFed will be hosted by Circle 2

J. S. BACH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Kathy in the church office to offer your time and be a **Liturgist** during Sunday Worship Services! There are many dates still available, so call or email Kathy today!

NEEDED: Property and Finance is looking for a Chair person to organize the annual Kitchen Clean-up. Please contact Julie Graham 531-218-4375 or juliegraham@frontier.com for information.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Congratulations to Thomas & Lindsey Bowman, who welcomed daughter, Ramona Fione, born February 1, 2023. Grandparents are Susan Dixon & Dave Bowman, Great-Grandparents are Chris & Laretta Dixon.

◆ Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Carolyn Irby from her husband, Bill Irby.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Schuyler

The First Presbyterian Church of Schuyler requests prayers that God continues to care for our members; physical and spiritual needs as well as the needs of those in the community who we strive to serve in Christ's name. We recently had our 67th Annual Pancake Supper on January 25th that raises funds to pay for our children to go to camp at Calvin Crest.

◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Norfolk First Congregational UCC (Norfolk, NE 68701)

Pipe Organ Task Force Town Hall Meeting

Today at 11:15 am in the Choir Loft

You have recently received a document describing challenges we face in the use of our 1922 Möller pipe organ. Join us today and we will discuss and learn how they might be resolved.

- ◆ Learn how our pipe organ works.
- ◆ Learn how it is designed and what it can do.
- ◆ Learn how age has affected its functionality.
- ◆ Understand options available for improvement.
- ◆ Learn about your part in the decision process.
- ◆ Enjoy an optional tour of the pipe organ chamber.

Syria/Turkey Earthquake Disaster Relief Appeals

In the aftermath of the 7.8 magnitude and multiple aftershocks, many parts of Syria and Turkey are reduced to rubble. Thousands are injured, missing and dead. Buildings, roads and bridges are no longer safe. Please consider donating to help!

Send Check with code DR999999-ST to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PO Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Or by Phone: 800-872-3283

Send Check with Turkey & Syria in memo to:

United Church of Christ

PO Box 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194

Or you may text UCCDISASTER to 41444

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 12, 2023

- 8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
- 9:00am Education Hour, Education Center rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Youth Ministry Committee
- 11:00am Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drop-off
- 11:15am Pipe Organ Task Force Town Hall Meeting
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, February 13, 2023

- 8:00am Mediation Private, EC3, EC8
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
- 6:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 6:30pm Membership & Growth Meeting, EC8
- 7:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Meeting, EC7
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
- 5:30pm Consonaires Group, Choir room
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

- 12:30pm All-Staff Meeting, EC8
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 16, 2023

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

Friday, February 17, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, February 18, 2023

No events scheduled

Sunday, February 19, 2023

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

Upcoming Events...

Feb. 19 - Youth FUNday in Lincoln

**Feb. 22 - Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service,
7pm at St. Luke's UCC**

Feb. 26 - Annual Congregational Meeting

THE POWER OF PRAYER: The Order of St. Andrew is revising the prayer chain and would like to reach out to all members of Federated to join us in praying. The ONLY requirement is to pray when you receive a notice from the church. This notice can be in the form of a text or email. There is no recording or reporting involved. Just pray. Please let the church office know if you would like to pray with us or simply fill out the form. Forms can be found in the Narthex.

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