



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, November 9 & Sunday, November 12, 2023**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**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](http://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, NOVEMBER 9 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

*Andante in G Major (K 311)*

W. A. MOZART

*Be Thou My Vision*

MAUREEN HOWELL

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“A Veterans Day Prayer”

Hyper Pixel Media

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word

One: Rejoice and be glad!

**All: For God is our salvation.**

One: Rejoice and be glad!

**All: For God is great.**

One: Let us worship God!

**\* OPENING HYMN #467**

***How Great Thou Art (verses 1, 3 & 4)***

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who pardons our offenses.

**All: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ.

**All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

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

One: We greet one another as a sign of God’s peace and Christ’s friendship by saying, ‘Christ’s peace be with you.’

**All: And also with you.**

One: You are invited to share the peace of Christ.

**\* SING THE FAITH #2036**

***Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart***

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Open the Eyes of my Heart*

PAUL BALOCHE & JACK SCHRADER

Chancel Choir; Reagan Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Sharpe, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Matthew 25 : 1 - 13

Pew Bible, NT, page 28

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

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

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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from PC(USA) "A Declaration of Faith"**

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises.

**All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over.**

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

**The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.**

In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

**This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish.

**We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way.**

We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives.

**But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end.**

He will judge all people and nations.

**Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation.**

There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new.

**The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN**

***"Ten Bridesmaids Waited for the Time"***

**CAROLYN W. GILLETTE**

*(see insert for music and words)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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 *(An offering plate and contribution box are available in the back of the church before and after each service, if you would like to make a donation. Thank you.)*

God is a gracious giver who opens the door to all who seek the wisdom of God's ways. Therefore, let us offer the gifts of our life and labor and come into God's courts with praise.

**\* 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**

**O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #293**

***This Is My Father's World***

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in F Major*

**DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE**

Café LaFed will be hosted by Finance & Property Committee

# Ten bridesmaids waited for the time

1. Ten brides-maids wait - ed for the time the par - ty would be -  
 2. The fool - ish brides-maids wait - ed, too, with lamps that lost their  
 3. O Lord, re - mind us that your day will come with great sur -

gin. They took their lamps to meet the groom, for  
 light. For, un - pre - pared, they'd left their fuel back  
 prise. So may we faith - ful - ly o - bey as

they ex - spect - ed him. The wise ones went out -  
 at the house that night. The bride - groom came with  
 peo - ple who are wise. For deeds of jus - tice,

side to wait, with oil and some to spare. They  
 fes - tive shout; the par - ty soon be - gan. The  
 words of prayer and acts of kind - ness, too, are

found the groom had been de - layed while he was trav - eling there.  
 fools had lamps that soon went out; the wise had lights at hand.  
 ways we dai - ly can pre - pare as we wait here for you.



## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for the family of Darrell Payne, brother to Donna Augspurger. Darrell passed away on Friday, Nov. 3rd. Funeral was Nov. 9th in Lakeville, Minnesota.

### ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Norfolk**

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 the health of the church as a whole and our youth ministries in particular would be very much welcome.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Albion**  
Congregational UCC (Albion, NE 68620)

### 2 x 4 Dinner Groups

We will be getting our groups together for 2024 - 2 x 4 dinners (rotating dinner group). If you are interested, please contact Membership & Growth Committee or leave your name at the office. Thank you.

For the months of November and December we will be collecting New Items - Gloves, Mittens, Scarves and Hats for the **Angel Tree**. There is a box by the west entrance off the north parking lot.

Thank you,

**Social Concerns and Missions Committee**

**BIG THANKS** goes out to the crew that helped with the landscaping fall clean-up. The crew included: Barb & Paul Sanderson, Joe Chin, Tim Warren, Steve McClure, and Bob Arp. God bless you all, Sue McClure, Wilma Arp, and Mother Nature!

### Boy Scout Troop 212 Annual Chili Feed

Tuesday 14, 2023 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Club, 2263 - 3rd Avenue  
(Free Will Offering)

Proceeds help the boys pay for Summer Camp

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, November 12, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:15am Youth Ministry Committee

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, November 13, 2023

9:00am Cookies 'n More, Kitchen

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball/CHS Dancers

5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee

6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee

7:00pm Troop 212 Meeting, FH

### Tuesday, November 14, 2023

5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir Room

5:30pm Girl Scouts of America Meeting, Gym

7:00pm Personnel Committee

### Wednesday, November 15, 2023

12:30pm All Staff meeting, AD2

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

6:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, FH

6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:30pm Puppet Rehearsal, Gym

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, November 16, 2023

5:00pm Cookies 'N More, FH, Kitchen, Narthex

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, November 17, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

### Saturday, November 18, 2023

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

### Sunday, November 19, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

4:00pm Thanksgiving Service, St. John's Shell Creek

This month's Men's Fellowship Breakfast has been rescheduled to November 18th.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 16 - Cookies 'N More, 5-7 p.m.  
November 18 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
November 19 - Ecumenical Service 4 p.m.  
St. Johns Shell Creek  
Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving;  
Thursday Evening Service Cancelled,  
Office Closed  
Nov. 24 - Office Closed

**Cookies N' More is Thursday, November 16th!**

Pick up trays by the office door. Bring candy (we will put it in tins) to the church on Nov. 15th from 3:30-5:30 or Thursday morning from 8:00-10:00. Yard signs can go up on Friday, Nov. 10th. Please put your name on the sheet in the Narthex if you are taking a sign. Workers, please come to the church to "take your positions" at 4:30 on the 16th. A HUGE THANK YOU for helping with this event---many hands make light work! It's fun to come together for a common cause.

43rd Annual Columbus  
Women's Club

**FESTIVAL OF TREES**

Friday, Nov. 17th - 11:30 am - 7 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 18th - 11:30 am - 4 pm  
Sunday, Nov. 19th - 11:30 am - 4 pm  
Located at 1C The Sanctuary south of Hy-Vee  
Please use entrance east of Broken Mug  
Admission: \$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 at the door  
Ages 6 - 12 - \$3.00, 5 and under FREE

**Advent & Christmas Poinsettias**



Donor(s) Name:

Poinsettia Color	Qty	Price (\$10.00 each)	Amount
Red			
Pink			
White			
Total:			

Poinsettias are given to God's glory, and may also be designated as a memorial and/or given in honor of special persons.

To God's glory and in Memory of:



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Please return this form and payment to church office by December 4th.  
Make checks payable to Federated Church.  
Please note 'Poinsettia' on the memo line.  
Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome.  
Please label it with your name if you wish to collect it after the service.  
All plants left after service will be donated to local retirement homes, or taken by attendees of the Christmas Meal.

