



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, November 16 & Sunday, November 19, 2023
Twenty-Fifth 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 for videos of worship and bulletins.

In case of an emergency, Edward's cell phone number: 402-302-2812.

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Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Sonata in C Major (K545)
James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

W. A. MOZART

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING VIDEO

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place;

All: we come today to rest in you.

One: You have been the voice that guides us;

All: we come today to listen.

One: You have been the host who feeds us;

All: we come today to be filled.

One: You have been our joy and crown;

All: we come today to sing your praise!

* **OPENING HYMN # 391**

Take My Life and Let It Be (verses 1 - 3 & 6)

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: We know that our sins are too heavy for us to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. But we also know that you can lift that weight from us and transform our lives. So we lift our prayer of confession to you:

All: Merciful God, we confess that once again, we have done what is wrong in your sight. We've made mistakes. We've made missteps. We have hurt people, by action and inaction. We have chosen our ways over yours. And if the sum total of what we have done and what we have not done adds up to evil in your sight, then in your sight we ask you to turn us towards goodness. Forgive our past, and shape our future that we might build your kingdom here.

* **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news! Who is our God?

All: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: We are forgiven, rescued and redeemed. Alleluia! Amen.

* **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

BELLS OF JOY

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

KINYON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nicole Miller, Liturgist

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 25 : 14 - 30

Pew Bible, NT, page 28 - 29

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from PC(USA) "Confession of 1967"

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life.

It is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.

It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN #375

Lord of All Good

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.)*

When we give, we combat the lie that we do not matter in this world. So as we enter a time of giving, I invite you to reflect on how your life, your skills, your time, and your money matters to this congregation and to God's mission in the world.

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

Kinyon

* 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

Generous God, with Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we are reminded to give you thanks for the ministries of this congregation which you have entrusted us with. We are honored by the opportunity to be your holy body here. Bless these offerings, however they are given that our efforts may be ever more worthy of your name. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN # 413

All Who Love and Serve Your City (verses 1, 2 & 4)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

J. S. BACH

Café LaFed will be hosted by Personnel Committee

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Congratulations to Ethan, son of Clint and Kelli Scheffler & Abigail Fitzgerald who will be married on Nov. 18th in Sioux Center, Iowa.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: North Bend**

Our congregation is blessed to have many several generation families. We celebrated our 50 plus year members in September. We support Camp Calvin Crest and provided several baskets for their silent auction in August. Our Sunday School and Youth Group started up again this fall. We have about 20 active in the Youth Group. We have our annual Women's Banquet in October. We ask for prayers for our PNC who meet weekly as we continue to seek a new pastor. We appreciate prayers for our congregation as we strive to follow the example of Jesus Christ, who reaches out to all humanity with love.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Arlington Community UCC (Arlington, NE 68002)**

43rd Annual Columbus
Women's Club

FESTIVAL OF TREES

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

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, November 19, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:15am Pipe Organ Task Force Meeting

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

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

Monday, November 20, 2023

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball/CHS Dancers

7:00pm Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir Room

5:30pm Girl Scouts of America Meeting, Gym

6:30pm Finance & Property Committee

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

10:00am Staff meeting, AD2

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:30pm Puppet Rehearsal, Gym

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving, No Church Service

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24, 2023

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 25, 2023

No events scheduled

Sunday, November 26, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ◆ Liturgists (all Sundays!!!)
- ◆ Education Hour (Teachers/Helpers)
- ◆ Special Music on first and fifth Sundays

Pickle Ball nets are up in the gym and can be enjoyed by small groups.

Monday - Friday, 8am - 4:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 19 - Ecumenical Service 4 p.m.

St. John's - ELCA (Shell Creek)

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving;

Thursday Evening Service Cancelled,

Office Closed

Nov. 24 - Office Closed