



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, November 23 & Sunday, November 26, 2023**  
**Christ the King**

**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 23 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

CHRIST THE KING

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

PRELUDE

*Christ the King*

MEDLEY

*Cantabile*

SALOME

*All Creatures of our God and King*

ARR. HUGHES

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 95, NRSV

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**All: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

One: For the Lord is a great God

**All: and a great King above all gods.**

**\* OPENING HYMN # 551**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and peace.

**All: In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news!

**All: Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

**\* 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

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Anthem of Gratitude*

JOSEPH M MARTIN

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Abrego, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1 : 15 - 23

Pew Bible, NT, page 192

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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

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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH****A Brief Statement of Faith**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

**to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,**

**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,**

**praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN #559*****We Gather Together*****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.)*

Paul said to the church at Ephesus, "I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." Let us do likewise for the Church of Jesus Christ, for our particular church, and for our community, friends, and family. Let us dedicate the gifts of our hearts and hands praying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

**\* 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**

**Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.**

**Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN # 554*****Let All Things Now Living*****\* BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

ARR. SMITH

Café LaFed will be hosted by Peg Rupprecht

**A HUGE COOKIES 'N MORE THANK YOU!**

So many people came together to make this event happen! Thank you to the folks who placed the yard signs, the people who posted flyers, the callers, the many people who worked the event, the office staff, the Yangs, the people who donated money, and of course the bakers, who brought beautiful cookies and candy. Special thanks to the Baking Day Crew: Sue Mares, under the direction of Sue Mares, Barb Olson, Linda Wheatley, Linda McPhail, Peg Rupprecht, Marilyn Peterson, and Barb Sanderson, the tree decorators Tim Warren and Cyndi Jarecke, and the overall decorators Tammi Gotschall and Jeanne Johnson. It was wonderful to work together for a common cause!

Chris Warren and Katie Claus

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

### ◆ Homestead Presbytery: Palmyra

We praise God for his many blessings in our community of faith, both individually and corporately. We ask for his active presence among us and that he would empower us by his Spirit to be ambassadors of his peace in a world that is in dire need of peace. May our Lord put his words in our mouths and his love in our hearts, and may he make us wise as he is wise.

### ◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Blair Congregational UCC (Blair, NE 68008)

POINSETTA ORDERS DUE  
DECEMBER 4, 2023

Pickle Ball nets are up in the gym and can be enjoyed by small groups.  
Monday - Friday, 8am - 4:30pm

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

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

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 26, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, November 27, 2023

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2  
4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball/CHS Dancers  
7:00pm Troop 212 Meeting, FH

### Tuesday, November 28, 2023

5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir Room  
5:30pm Girl Scouts of America Rehearsal, Gym  
7:00pm Governing Council Meeting

### Wednesday, November 29, 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 30, 2023

12:30pm The 70's Group  
6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, December 1, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

### Saturday, December 2, 2023

No events scheduled

### Sunday, December 3, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 3 - Wholeness & Healing Worship Service  
Dec. 14, 6:30 pm - Ecumenical Blue Christmas  
Dec. 17 - Children's Christmas Pageant  
Dec. 21 - Lessons and Carols Service,  
**Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve**  
10am: Lessons and Carols Service,  
no Education Hour  
5pm: Family Christmas Service  
8pm: Choir, Communion and Candlelight Service  
**Dec. 25 - Christmas Day**, Church office closed  
Dec. 28, 31 - no Education Hour  
Jan. 1 - New Years' Day, Church office closed  
Jan. 7 - Reaffirmation of Baptism  
Jan. 14 - Ordination and Installation of new  
Elders / Deacons  
Jan. 21 - Per Capita Sunday