



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, November 30, & Sunday, December 3, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Advent; Service of Wholeness and Healing**

**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 30, & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; SERVICE OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING

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

PRELUDE

*Sonata in F Major for Violin*  
Megan Johnson, Violin

G. F. HANDEL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: HOPE

Presbyterian Outlook

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

**All: We can see a better world.**

One: When we close our eyes,

**All: We can dream a better dream.**

One: But when we open our eyes,

**All: We begin the work of faith.**

One: The power of worship is the same. When we enter this space,

**All: We can see a better world.**

One: When we enter this space,

**All: We dream a better dream.**

One: But when we leave this space,

**All: We begin the work of faith.**

One: So come in. Dream your dream.

**All: Find hope here.**

One: For in an hour,

**All: We will begin the work of faith.**

One: Let it be so.

**\* OPENING HYMN #9**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Original Dreamer, over and over again in Scripture, we hear your dream for a beautiful world. We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation. We hear your dream for harmony and togetherness. We hear your dream for community and hope. We hear your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes. We continue to live with the curtains drawn, the covers pulled tight, eyes shut to the realities of the world. Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest nights. Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world. With hope we pray.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

One: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.  
May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: You are invited to share Christ's peace with one another.

\* **HYMN # 37**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (verse 1)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Gesù Bambino*  
Megan Johnson, Violin

PIETRO YON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Sharpe, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

First Letter to the Corinthians 1 : 3 - 9

Pew Bible, NT, page 166

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: We believe in God.

**All: We believe that God has dreams for humanity.**

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

**All: We believe that the Holy Spirit comforts us when our dreams turn to nightmares.**

One: We believe in Jesus.

**All: We believe that Jesus walked this world to wake us up, inviting us to be the church in the world.**

One: We believe in dreams.

**All: We believe in the power that dreams have to show us a new way.**

One: So in this Advent season,

**All: We are those who dream and those who wake up. May it be so. Amen.**

\* **RESPONSIVE HYMN #1**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**ORDER FOR ANOINTING**

Book of Worship (United Church of Christ)

Thanksgiving over Oil

Invitation to Anointing

One: Those who desire to be anointed for spiritual healing may come forward. If you wish us to come to you, raise your hand or ask your neighbor to identify you for us. You may come for yourself, or you may come as a channel of God's healing power for someone else. During the anointing, we invite all present to make silent prayers for each one who is seeking God's healing.

Act of Anointing

\_\_\_\_\_, as I anoint you, so may God grant you healing through the Holy Spirit. With infinite mercy, may God forgive your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to strength. May God deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

### 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.**

Words of Institution

### 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 holder.)

**Communion Songs # 1 & 2 are displayed on the screen**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**You have torn open the heavens to come among us, O Lord, in Jesus the Christ. May we take the light you give into the all the world. All this we ask to the glory of your name we pray, even as we sing with the angelic proclamation of good news. 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.)*

### \* ADVENT DOXOLOGY

**Roger Lynn**

*Praise God for gifts of hope and peace  
Praise God for gifts of joy and love  
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell  
On earth for us - Emmanuel. Amen.*

### \* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.**

### \* CLOSING HYMN #31

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (verses 1 & 3)***

### \* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

**PAUL MANZ**

Café LaFed is hosted by the Christian Education Committee

### Volunteers are still needed for the following:

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

### **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.



## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for the family of Carol Marmo, mother-in-law of Wayne (& Jill) McCormick. Carol passed away on November 25th. Funeral services are planned to be held in Sioux City.

◆ Pray for the family of Marlyn Wurdeman. Marlyn passed away on November 29th. Funeral services will be at Federated Church on Wednesday, December 6th at 10:30am. Visitation will begin at 9am at the church and continue until the service.

◆ Pray for Calvin Wagner who has been placed on hospice care.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Panama

Panama Presbyterian craves your prayers for continued energy and creativity in service to our Lord! For even more Spirit-presence, more outreach, an even deeper sense of connection in community. We also continue to hold up the ministries of our Presbytery sisters and brothers!

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Center Congregational UCC (Center, NE 68724)

GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all the heavy lifters who assisted in moving all the furniture from the Southside to the Northside of the Education Center on Monday. God has certainly blessed our church family with folks who step up when they are needed. Thank you Bob Arp, Donna Augspurger, Jesse Abrego, Joe Chin, Larry Mares, John Petersen, Paul Sanderson, Beth Sharpe, Tim Warren, Marv Zoucha and Mark Baumann for your continued support in making a difference.

### Peace, Hope & Joy Columbus Area Vertical Voices

**Christmas 2023** Sunday, December 10th, 2:00pm  
Columbus High Auditorium Freewill donations accepted at the program for the Columbus Rescue Mission and Youth and Families for Christ.

### Poinsettias

If you want to place an order for a poinsettia please call the office by Dec. 4th. Order forms are available in the office, the Narthex and here in the bulletin.

For the months of October, 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**

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, December 3, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, December 4, 2023

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball/CHS Dancers

5:00pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting

7:00pm Troop 212 Meeting, FH

### Tuesday, December 5, 2023

1:30pm Cries of the Spirit, Library room

5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir Room

5:30pm Girl Scouts of America Meeting, Gym

6:30pm Christian Education Committee

### Wednesday, December 6, 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, December 7, 2023

6:00pm Petah La Shauro Roundtable Meeting

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:30pm Order of the Arrow Meeting

### Friday, December 8, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

### Saturday, December 9, 2023

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Office

9:00am Private Baby Shower, FH

### Sunday, December 10, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:15am Youth Ministry Committee

12:30pm Private Bridal Shower, FH

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 3 - Service of Wholeness & Healing Worship

Dec. 14, 6:30 pm - Ecumenical Blue Christmas

Dec. 17 - Children's Christmas Pageant

Dec. 21 - Lessons and Carols Service

#### Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

10 am : Lesson & Carols Service,

No Education Hour

5 pm : Family Christmas Service

8 pm : Choir, Communion and Candlelight Service

**Dec. 25 - Christmas Day,** Church office closed;  
Community Christmas Meal, delivery and take out begin at 11am

# Advent & Christmas Poinsettias



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:



To God's glory and in Honor of:



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.

