



# FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, January 4, & Sunday, January 7, 2024

**Baptism of the Lord; First Sunday after Epiphany (Year B)**

**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, JANUARY 4, & SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

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

PRELUDE

*'Twas the Birthday of a King*

ARR. WYRTZEN

*Christmas Memories*

MEDLEY

*Song for a New Year*

MARTIN

Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: God spoke the creative Word into the formless void.

**All: The cosmos cries, "Glory!" From the wilderness, God brought forth new life and liberation.**

One: The plants and animals that inhabit the wild places cry, "Glory!" A messenger in the wilderness brings good news.

**All: God's people cry, "Glory!" In baptism, we are united to God through Jesus Christ.**

One: With all of creation, we cry "Glory!" Let us worship God.

**\* OPENING HYMN #455**

***All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1, 3, 5)***

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: The One who was without sin received the baptism of repentance so that we who have sinned may be covered by his righteousness. The Spirit enables us to tell the truth of our brokenness, assured already of the grace we know in Jesus Christ. Let us confess together:

**All: Creating God, we cannot look at our lives, our communities, or the world around us without seeing the fractures and brokenness that reflect the reality of sin. You created the earth and called it good, but it now groans, awaiting redemption under the weight of our greed, abuse and carelessness. You created humanity in your image, and called us very good, but we have ignored the image of God in each other. We have created, maintained and benefitted from unjust systems built on divisions. You poured out your love in Jesus Christ, who showed us how to live and how to love, but we continue to make our own path and neglect to love others as Christ loves us. Lord, have mercy. Re-create us now.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The heavens part, the waters swirl and the dove descends, reminding us that we, too, are God's beloved children.

**All: We are covered by God's grace and forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen!**

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

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give." The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: Also with you.**

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

**\* SONG # 2056**

***God is So Good (verses 1 - 3)***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Noel from "Chris Tomlin - Adore"

TOMLIN, CASH, REDMAN

Bob & Wilma Arp

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wayne McCormick, Liturgist

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

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 1 : 4 - 11

Pew Bible, NT, pages 34 - 35

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \* RESPONSIVE HYMN # 316

*Breathe on Me, Breath of Life (verses 1, 2 & 4)*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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.**

## 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.)

## UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We are called in virtue of our baptism to a life of service. We are equipped through the gifts and grace of the Holy Spirit. Let us live into our baptismal calling, sharing from what we have received according to the measure of Christ's gift.

### \* 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

**Holy God, we trust in the provisions of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer bring glory to you in the ways they bear your love into the world. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

### \* CLOSING HYMN #492

*Baptized In Water*

### \* BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

KENDRICK

Café LaFed is hosted by the Stewardship Committee

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

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Bernie Moran, Louise Moran's husband, who passed away on December 24, 2023.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Gary Robertson, Gary passed away on December 24, 2023. Funeral services were held on January 4, 2024.

### ◆ Homestead Presbytery: Tekamah

Prayers for our church that God will lead us to the right person to fill our pulpit in the coming year. We are all praying daily this will happen for us soon. Only he knows how and when this will happen. We are anxiously awaiting their arrival!

### ◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Fremont First Congregational UCC (Fremont, NE 68025)

“ROLL”ing into  
January

Operation Education Nairobi  
fundraiser January 14<sup>th</sup>  
after service.  
Cinnamon rolls and more!



The **Social Concerns and Mission Committee** is asking for donations of peanut butter for the Backpack Program for the months of **January, February, and March**. A box is located in the northwest entryway off the Narthex. Thank you for your contributions to this program.

RESCUE MISSION MEALS for 2024 The Rescue Mission would like to have meat, potatoes or bread, and a vegetable. Dessert is fine, but not necessary. The Rescue Mission is now located at the former Mory's Haven, 1112 15th St., Columbus. Meals are served at 5:30 for women and 6:00 for men. Plan for 20-25 people, and since this is a large number, it is best if two or three folks go together. Some meal suggestions are: pizza, tacos, lasagna, pulled pork or other sandwiches, chicken or beef casseroles, sloppy joes, soup, etc. If you would like to provide dessert, ice cream is always good as well as brownies, cookies, cake, etc.. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.  
Social Concerns and Mission Committee

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, January 7, 2024

- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 1:00pm Private Eagle Scout Presentation, Sanct.
- 2:00pm Private Eagle Scout Ceremony, FH
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, January 8, 2024

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
- 5:00pm OSA Meeting
- 6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

- 1:30pm Cries of the Spirit, Library

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD2
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
- 6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service

### Friday, January 12, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, January 13, 2024

- 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Youth Ministry/Christian Ed Committees
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Benefit for Brian Marker  
(son of Steve & Jackie Marker)

There is no challenge that can't be beat!  
Please join us to Support and Celebrate Brian!  
Free Will Donation Luncheon to begin at 1 p.m.  
with Silent and Live Auction to follow.  
Sunday, January 28, 2024 at Henry's on 11th Street.  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/brian-marker-benefit>

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 21 - Per Capita Sunday
- Jan. 28 - Ordination and Installation of New Officers

### 2024 Contribution Statements

Are now available in the Narthex or the church office.  
Don't forget to pick yours up today!