



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, November 14, & Sunday, November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (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 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, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B)

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

PRELUDE

Voluntary in C

BOYCE

Thanks Be To God

HANDEL

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

BELLS OF JOY

For the Beauty of the Earth

ARR. KINYON

Bell Choir, Stuart Gausman, Director

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO "Gratitude" (Shift Worship)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Church of Canada

One: The days shorten. The summer sun fades. The fields are golden.

All: Look. God is present.

One: The birds prepare for flight. Leaves crackle under footsteps. The wind whistles.

All: Listen. God is present.

One: The air cools. The fruit falls. We lift our hearts in gratitude.

All: Know. God is present here.

One: Let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN # 555**

Now Thank We All Our God

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

United Church of Canada

Generous God, from sowing to harvest, you are there. You have invited us to be farmers, tending to the fields, and tending to each other. And yet we too often ignore your invitation and think only of ourselves. If we look in our cupboards, and they are full, we assume our blessings are for us alone. We prepare meal after meal for ourselves, forgetting your invitation to tend to others. Or perhaps we look in our cupboards and find less. Things feel scarce and we find ourselves turning inward, letting anxiety mount, feeding on fear, navel gazing, or scrolling social media as a balm for our dissatisfaction. We know this is not your hope for us. We ask for your forgiveness. We are grateful for this opportunity to pray, confess to our small-thinking, and remember the fields and neighbors you have invited us to tend. We pray this as people on the Way of Jesus.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: All are invited to God's banquet, where we will be fed and feed each other. God wants abundant life and love for all.

All: Merciful God, like a farmer waiting for seeds to sprout, you are endlessly patient with us. Guide us as we turn away from scarcity and fear, towards actions that feed ourselves and others. We give thanks for your love and all the ways you fill our lives. Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of God's peace.

*** SONG STF #2036**

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BELLS OF JOY

A Song of Thanksgiving

HELMAN

Bell Choir, Stuart Gausman, Director

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

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deuteronomy 8 : 7 - 18

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Nicole Miller, Liturgist
Pew Bible, OT, page 165

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH : “Litany of Thanksgiving: Christ With Us”** by Bruce Prewer

We delight, most loving God,
in the continuing influence of Christ Jesus in this third millennium:

**Wonderful is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.**

In every stimulating advance we make, God is there,
well ahead of us, asking us to go on in faith.

**What eye has not seen, or the ear heard, or the mind conceived,
God has in store for those who love.**

Where we take a wrong turn and end up in a maze of contemporary doubts and anxieties, Christ is there to lead us through.

“You have not chosen me. I have chosen you.

By grace you are saved, through faith; not by your efforts but as a gift of God.”

If we become disheartened by the ability of evil to adopt new forms and corrupt new achievements, Christ speaks with us.

“I will not leave you all alone; I will come to you.

Cheer up, for I have overcome the evil of this world.”

When we are disgusted with our own folly and sin,
in the name of God, Christ forgives us and lifts us up.

“I did not come to condemn but to save.

Daughter, son, your sins are forgiven you. Go in peace.”

Whenever we are confused by the tough ethical decisions to be made
by a citizen of this twenty first century, Christ is with us.

“Seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all that you need will be given to you.

Love one another as I have loved you.”

We delight, most loving God, in all that Christ once was,
is now, and ever shall be.

**“Neither life nor death, things present nor things to come,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen.**

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 551**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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

*** 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.**

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

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*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we dedicate these gifts to the work of your church. May they bring hope where there is despair, joy where there is sorrow, and peace where there is worry or destruction. For we pray in the name of Christ, Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN # 554**

Let All Things Now Living

*** BENEDICTION**

May the peace of God go with us. May the grace of God inspire us.

May the love of God comfort us. May the joy of God dwell within us.

May our lives be filled with gratitude to the God who gives us every good and perfect gift. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Count Your Blessings

TRADITIONAL

Café LaFed is hosted by Order of St. Andrew

November 24 - Café LaFed is hosted by Stewardship Committee

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, November 17, 2024

- 8:00am Cookies 'N More Prep, Kitchen
- 8:45am SALT - Adult Sunday Class, EC4
- 9:00am Education Hour
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, November 18, 2024

- 8:00am Cookies 'N More Prep, Kitchen
- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee, EC8
- 7:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, Library
- 7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

- 8:00am Cookies 'N More Prep, Kitchen
- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD4
- 1:30pm Caregiver Support Group, Library
- 5:30pm Girl Scouts Theater Club, Gym
- 5:30pm Consonaires Group, Choir Room

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

- 8:00am Cookies 'N More Prep, Kitchen
- 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting, FH
- 1:00pm Circle 2 Meeting, EC8
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
- 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppeteers, EC1
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, November 21, 2024

- 8:00am Cookies 'N More Prep, Kitchen
- 5:00pm Cookies 'N More SALE, FH, Kitchen, Narthex
- 6:30pm Worship Service

Friday, November 22, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, 23, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, November 24, 2024

- 8:45am SALT - Adult Sunday Class, EC4
- 9:00am Education Hour, Education rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

◆ Please pray for the family of Ron Novak who passed away November 7, 2024. Funeral service was Tuesday, November 12th.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Thurston

The John Huss Church in Thurston appreciates prayers for our general ministry. We're a tiny but faithful group. Thank you for your prayers.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 20 - Homestead Presbyterian Women luncheon, 12:30 pm, FH

November 21 - Cookies 'N More

November 24 - Ecumenical Service, 4 pm, St. John's Shell Creek

November 28 - No church service

November 28 & 29 - Church office closed

Dec. 5 & 8 - Communion with Service for Wholeness & Healing

Social Concerns and Missions Committee is collecting **NEW mittens, gloves, socks, scarves and hats** the months of **October, November & December 2024**. Please place your donations in the North entrance lobby. Thank you.

COOKIES 'N MORE **Let's BAKE!!!**
Pick up your cookie tray and/or pie plate now, located near the office.

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

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2 x 4 Gatherings - Meeting fellow congregants

Remember, you don't have to be a couple. You can sign up as a single and bring a friend or come alone if that doesn't work for you.

If you've requested to not be a host or only host a particular time of the year, please just arrange the dinner at a restaurant or set your date whenever you want and don't feel obligated to have it during the exact dates — please, just follow through and let your people know the plan. Please don't just skip it completely. And if you haven't heard from you host, don't be afraid to contact them and ask what they have in mind so you can plan in advance.

ALSO we are concocting a progressive dinner. It will be a separate thing from 2x4s. We would need 3 hosts for one dinner - appetizer & drinks, main course, dessert at 3 different homes in one evening. A co-host would be good and participants may be asked to bring something, (e.g. appetizer, etc, etc.) to help out with the meal. We'll see how many people are interested and go from there. I already have 2 of the 3 homes lined up.

Please reach out if you are interested or have questions.
Thank you, Membership & Growth, Nila Novotny

GOLDEN AGE PARKING

The first three parking stalls facing the west in the north parking lot are reserved for mobility challenged congregants. Thank you.

COOKIES 'N MORE INFORMATION

1. Cookie trays and pie plates will be available on Sunday, November 10th. Candy can be put in a disposable container with your name on it and we will place it in the kitchen for you to pick up if you wish.

2. Yard signs will be available, so please take one for your yard! Several of you have signed up, but we still have more signs, so please put your name on the sheet in the Narthex and take one! These can be put up on Friday, November 15th.

3. Cookies, candy, pies can be brought to church on Wednesday, November 20th from 3:30 to 6:00. You may also drop them off Thursday, November 21st from 9:00-12:00.

4. The work schedule will be sent out as soon as all the slots are filled.

Any questions? Please email, text or call Chris or Katie.
Chris: 402-910-0223 or email: warncj@gmail.com
Katie: 402-910-479 or email: kayclaus50@gmail.com

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS FUN EVENT! Many hands make light work!

Road Trip

HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Officers of the Presbytery would like to bring lunch and conversation to the women of your congregation on Wednesday, November 20 at 12:30 at your church. We will give you an update on things going on in the Presbytery, Synod and Churchwide including future plans. All are welcome. We would like to have an approximate idea of how many will attend but walk-ins are always welcome. Please let us know by November 17th. RSVP to Joan Berglund joanlberglund@gmail.com.

Christmas on the Hill

Handmade crafts by over fifty vendors will be for sale at St. Benedict Center, 4 miles north of Schuyler on Highway 15, from December 1 - 15, 2024. Shop in a peaceful atmosphere for unique gifts like wall hangings, quilts, Christmas decorations, woodworking, blown glass, homemade honey products, jewelry, and homemade bakery! Opening times are Monday through Friday, 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Final Sunday, Dec. 11, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The gift shop will be open. In addition, there will be an opportunity to view a colorful display of beautiful nativity scenes from all over the world!

There is no admission fee for the craft show and the exhibit.

Rescue Mission Meals

Federated Church delivers meals to the Rescue Mission the second Friday of each month. The new Rescue Mission is located in the old Mory's Haven, on 15th Street and 12th Avenue. Meals should consist of a main dish, a salad or vegetable and bread or rolls. Dessert is not necessary but always appreciated. Suggestions include tacos, soup, sloppy joes, casseroles, spaghetti, lasagna, pizza, burritos, enchiladas, or whatever you'd like to take. Because you need to plan for 25 people, it is a good idea to pair up with someone. The meal should be there by 5:00 p.m. **Sign up for 2025 now.** Please be a part of this important ministry and sign up in the Narthex!

Social Concerns and Missions Committee

Advent & Christmas Poinsettias

Donor(s) Name: _____

Poinsettia Color	Qty	Price (\$1.00 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.



grateful and thankful

What is your favorite part of each day?

What was the last prayer that the Lord answered for you?

What do you like about your job?

List 5 things that you love about your home.

What scriptures and promises of God are you most thankful for?

What went right today?

What physical ability are you most grateful for?
