



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, December 5 & Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent; Wholeness & Healing Service

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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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE

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

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

ARR. CAROLYNE TAYLOR

Listen for His Coming

ARR. MARK HAYES

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: PEACE The Porter Family- Max, Ashli, Ellie & Cara

Sanctified Art

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: "Teacher," the crowd asked, "What should we do?"

All: If you have two shirts, give one away.

One: Hold onto hope. Live like we belong to one another.

All: Speak the truth. Look for God.

One: Do the good that is yours to do.

All: It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

One: Let us worship our present and active God.

*** OPENING HYMN # 2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Friends, there are times when the weight of the world can feel so heavy on us. Fortunately, when we come before God in confession, God removes that weight. God sees our shame, our guilt, our sin, and offers us grace. So join me in the prayer of confession. Come and allow yourself to be freed. Come and allow yourself to begin again. Let us pray:

All: Liberating God, there are days when the world can feel like it's crumbling. There are days when I doubt that I can make a difference. I ask myself, What could these two hands do? What could this one voice say? Shake me free of my own paralysis and self-doubt. Remind me that I am not called to fix everything. I am simply called to do the good that is mine to do. With hope in my heart and a fire in my bones, I pray.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Friends, no matter how many times we lose momentum, doubt our own ability, or tell ourselves that the problems of the world are simply too big, God sees what we cannot.

All: God calls us by name, surrounds us in grace, and invites us to begin again.

One: Trusting in this good news, join me in proclaiming these words of forgiveness:

All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are invited to do the good that is ours to do. Thanks be to God for this new beginning. Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Waiting for a King

Joseph M. Martin

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

Dana Augspurger, Flute

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anjel Garcia Lopez, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 3 : 7 - 16

Pew Bible, NT, page 60

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

John the Baptist's followers once asked him, "What shall we do?" Church, knowing the state of the world, what is your answer?

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we say: Do not be discouraged by the weight of the world.

Instead, hold fast to hope. Roll up your sleeves.

Feed the hungry. Tend the garden.

If you have two coats, give one away.

Do the good that is yours to do.

In doing so, you will see God.

For this we believe: small acts of love can make a difference. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

Do the Good That's Yours to Do (see insert for words and music)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.)

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, sometimes we tell ourselves that too much has taken place to begin again. We think the world is too far gone. We think we have made too many mistakes. We tell ourselves that we couldn't possibly begin again. But then we come to this Table and we get a glimpse of your kingdom. We come to this Table and all are welcomed, all are seen, all are fed. And just like that, we have hope. Just like that, we begin again. Thank you for the gift of this fresh start. Thank you for planting hope deep in our bones. Thank you for meeting us in ordinary bread and juice to remind us that it's never too late to build your kingdom here. We are grateful. We are so grateful. Amen.

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

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SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING

Invitation to Anointing

Thanksgiving over Oil

Act of Anointing

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*** 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**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, our coming Lord. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN # 13**

Prepare the Way (verses 1 & 2)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Wexford Carol

ARR. KENON RENFROW

Café LaFed is hosted by John & Deb Curry, Terry & Beth Millard
December 15 - Café LaFed is hosted by Social Concerns & Missions

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:45am SALT - Adult Sunday Class, EC4

9:00am Education Hour

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

12:30pm Private baby shower, FH

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

4:00pm Fed@Fed, FH

Monday, December 9, 2024

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

4:00pm Diamond Dancers, Gym

7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD4

5:30pm Consonaires Group, Choir Room

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

9:30am Circle 1 Meeting, Regina's Cafe

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, December 12, 2024

5:00pm Special Olympics, Gym

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, December 13, 2024

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, December 14, 2024

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:45am SALT - Adult Sunday Class, EC4

9:00am Education Hour, Education rooms

10:00am Worship Service

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Chancel Flowers are given by Gail Wurdeman in loving memory of her parents, Irene & Harold Wurdeman. Happy Birthday Mom!
- ◆ The family of Margaret Nyffeler is requesting a card shower honoring her birthday, December 21st. Please send cards to Margaret Nyffeler, 3000 - 39th Ave., # 300, Columbus, NE 68601.
- ◆ Congratulations to Parker & Jamie Hughes, along with big sister Madelyn, who welcomed son/brother Luke Zackery, born November 11th. Grandparents are Reuben & Denise Hughes. Great Grandmother is Donna Engquist.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Darlene (Prokopec) Volovsek who passed away on November 27th. Darlene was grandmother to Aaron & Carrie Prokopec and great-grandmother to Coden, Ryland and Bronwyn.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Wakefield**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Wakefield congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Columbus Federated UCC** (Columbus, NE 68601)

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Do the Good That's Yours to Do

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM 7.6.7.6 D

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music from the *Piae Cantiones*, 1582



Peo - ple came from all a - round just to see the tea - cher
"Tell me, John, what should I do as a tax col - lec - tor?"
Some are called to of - fer care, some to ex - hor - ta - tion



Liv - ing in the wil - der - ness, speak - ing to the see - kers
"Take on - ly what's yours to take; don't a - buse your debt - ors"
Some to hos - pi - tal - i - ty, some to ed - u - ca - tion



He had no pre - ten - tious - ness; he would tell you blunt - ly
Soldiers, shepherds, fish - er - men asked him the same ques - tion
All our gifts col - lec - tive - ly work to bring sal - va - tion



So they sought out his ad - vice on how to live just - ly
John re - spond - ed all the same, "Share all your pos - ses - sions"
Do the good that's yours to do with de - ter - min - a - tion

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Once again, everyone, young and old, is invited to the Columbus Community Christmas Dinner, which will be December 25th at the Federated Church.

If you (and your family) can help on Christmas Day please contact Stuart or Kristen Gausman.

Our Fellowship Hall will be open for **dine-in** from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. Deliveries will begin around 11:00 a.m. and take-out meals can be picked up starting at 11:30 a.m. Reserve your meal (dine-in, delivery or take-out) by calling the Church Office before December 20th (Friday) at 402-564-2812.

A full dinner with all the trimmings will be served.

Happy Holidays from Federated Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 12 - Blue Christmas, Communion

Dec. 14 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Dec. 15 - Children's Christmas Pageant

Dec. 19 & 22 - Lessons & Laughter Service

Dec. 24 - 5 pm - Family Service & 8 pm - Traditional Service

Dec. 25 - Community Christmas Meal, Church office closed

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

Membership & Growth Small Groups: Do you enjoy concerts, plays, or any upcoming arts and events in Columbus? However do you stay home because you do not want to attend alone and would rather go with others? Here is your chance to go with others. The Membership and Growth Committee is getting a group of people together to attend these events.

If you are interested, please contact Ruth Lind and leave your name, phone number and email address. I will add your name or names to the list and will contact you when the next event comes up. If there is something you would like to see or attend, please give us your ideas. Please contact the church office if you need Ruth's contact information.

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

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.