



FEDERATED CHURCH

Tuesday, December 24th, 2024

Christmas Eve; 5 pm Family Service & 8 pm Traditional 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!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024, CHRISTMAS EVE

5 PM FAMILY SERVICE & 8 PM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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

NARTHEX MUSIC

Variety of Christmas Carols

Riley Gausman, Trumpet & Stuart Gausman, Saxophone

PRELUDE

Away in the Manger

ARR. MARTIN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ARR. DIEMER

Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“This Light” (Hyper Pixels Media)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

5 pm - Ty & Megan McHugh and family

8 pm - Byron & Peg Meyer and family

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: In those days, in the beginning, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem. He was to be registered, and she was expecting a child. The time came for Mary to give birth, so she delivered her child, wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.

All: And the angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to all whom God favors.”

One: Let us worship our with-us God.

All: Let us sing songs of praise!

*** OPENING HYMN #40**

Joy to the World

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Christmas Eve is one of the most joyful and hopeful days of the year. The candles are lit!

The children are antsy with anticipation. The music is joyful. It is a good night!

All: But even here, on this good night, we know that we are works in progress.

Even here, on this good night, we know that we could love more deeply.

One: So join me in the prayer of confession, not because we have to, but because naming that truth out loud allows us to receive God’s grace. And God’s grace only makes a good night better.

So let us pray:

All: Loving Christ, when the shepherds heard that you were born, they dropped their things and ran. They trusted the angels’ invitation. They believed that your love existed for them. We wish that we were more like that. Instead, somewhere between the angels’ song and the manger, we tend to lose our way. We doubt ourselves. We doubt the invitation. We doubt that love could know our names. Remind us that your love is personal and specific. Remind us that the good news of this day is for us. With hope we sing, we pray, and we run. Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of faith, the angels are singing: unto you a child is born.

All: It is a love that is personal. It is a love that knows your name.

One: So hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: You are seen. You are claimed. You are forgiven. You are loved.

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven! Glory to God here and now. Alleluia! Amen.

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

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*** 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

SPECIAL MUSIC (5 PM)

Pat-a-Pan

ARR. SCHOLES

Kristen, Riley & Stuart Gausman, Ashli Porter
Handbell Quartet

CHORAL ANTHEM (8 pm)

When I Kneel at the Manger Tonight

MARY KAY BEALL

Chancel Choir, Stuart Gausman, Director; Lee Augustin, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

5 pm Nicole Miller, Liturgist
8 pm Daryl Smith, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 2 : 1 - 20

Pew Bible, NT, pages 58

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 that on a night like this one, a baby was born and placed in a manger.

All: We believe that baby was God's love in the flesh, who grew up to love the outcast and change the world.

One: We believe that Jesus' love was so big and so personal that the world will never be the same.

All: So despite the mystery of this holy night, we believe that a star shone, that the shepherds ran, that the angels sang, and that love was born.

One: Yes, we believe it when the prophets say that unto you, unto us, a savior is born.

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven! We believe. We believe in hope. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #23**

Angels We Have Heard on High

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

(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 on-going conversations about faith.)

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

* ADVENT DOXOLOGY

*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

Emmanuel, in gratitude for the gift of your presence with and among us, we present these offerings to you. Accept and bless these gifts so that they might spread the joy of Christmas to others. Amen.

VIDEO

“History of Silent Night” (Skit Guys Studio)

* CLOSING HYMN #60

Silent Night, Holy Night

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Holy Night

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THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Wednesday, December 25th

Church Office Closed

11:00am Community Christmas Dinner Deliveries,
Pick-ups and Dine in meal starts

Thursday, December 26th

5:00pm Special Olympics, gym
6:30pm Worship Service, Narthex, Sanctuary

Friday, December 27th

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, December 28th

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 29th

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day,

Church office closed;

Community Christmas Dinner,

delivery and take out begin at 11am

Dec. 26 & 29 - 1st Sunday of Christmas services

Dec. 31st - Last day for contributions

Jan. 1 - New Years Day

Church office closed

Jan. 2 - Hymn Sing, Communion