



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, January 9 & Sunday, January 12, 2025**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

***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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Bill Royer, Head Usher				

**Welcome to Worship at Federated!**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 & SUNDAY 12, 2025

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

PRELUDE

*Morning Has Broken*

ARR. HAYES

*Like a River Glorious*

ARR. HAM

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

**All: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**

**♦ OPENING HYMN #306**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: We belong to God. Nothing can break this covenant. Let us, then, with confidence approach God to honestly confess our sins in prayer.

**All: God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.

**\* HYMN STF #2056**

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

*River of Freedom*

BRAD NIX

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Luke 3 : 15 - 17, 21 - 22

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: "CREATOR OF THE WATER" BY CAROLYN W. GILLETTE**

One: Creator of the water that makes the world so green,  
That satisfies the thirsty, and keeps us cool and clean,

**All: We take from your creation this gift we use each day;  
You call us now to use it in this most holy way.**

One: As in the time of Noah, the sea engulfed the land,  
And through the Red Sea, Moses led Israel 'cross the sand,

**All: And to the Jordan waters, Christ went and was baptized —  
Your water has a power: it changes all our lives.**

One: May this your gift of water, long springing from the earth,  
Become for all new Christians their fountain of rebirth.

**All: Lord, wash away their sinning, and give them life anew —  
Pour out your Spirit on them, that they may follow you.**

One: God, through your gift of water, your family we become;  
You take away divisions; in Christ you make us one.

**All: Now send your Spirit on us and give us work to do.  
That we may share with others the love we have from you. Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN # 499                  *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed (verses 1, 2 & 4)***

**REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**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.**

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others. May whoever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them and our desire to serve. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN # 361                  *How Firm a Foundation (verses 1, 3 & 5)***

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

ARR. SPRUNGER

January 12 - Café LaFed is hosted by Bell Choir

January 19 - Café LaFed is Chancel Choir

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:45am SALT - Adult Education Class, EC4  
9:00am Education Hour  
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00am YM and CE Meeting  
1:00pm Private Birthday party, FH, Kitchen  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary  
4:00pm Fed@Fed, FH

### Monday, January 13, 2025

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2  
5:00pm Diamond Dancers, gym  
5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee, EC8  
7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

### Tuesday, January 14, 2025

11:30am Staff Meeting, AD4

### Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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, January 16, 2025

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

### Friday, January 17, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, January 18, 2025

*No scheduled events*

### Sunday, January 19, 2025

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

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Tim Warren who will be having heart surgery in January.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Barb Jennings, she passed away on 01/08/2025. Memorial services will be on Monday, January 13th at Dubas Funeral Home in Osceola, NE

### ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Auburn**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Auburn congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Jan. 9 & 12 - Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 19 - T-shirt sales begin

Jan. 26 - Ordination and Installation of New Officers

## **GOLDEN AGE PARKING**

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

## **T-SHIRTS FOR KENYA**

Julie Graham, Bill Royer and Katie Claus from Federated will be going to Kenya on March 6th, and we would like to make a craft with our students when we are there. We will need adult medium size T-shirts and would appreciate any that you may be willing to part with! Please bring them to the north Narthex entrance. There will be a box there to collect them. We only need size medium. Thanks in advance for your help!

## T-shirt & Sweatshirt Sales

You can order short-sleeve & long sleeve t-shirts and sweatshirts with the Federated Church logo. Orders are open from January 19th to February 2nd. This is not a fundraiser, but a way to promote Federated Church by increasing our presence and awareness in the community.

You can order online [https://inkedcolumbus.com/federated\\_church](https://inkedcolumbus.com/federated_church) or stop in the office.

Thank you for your support, Membership & Growth Committee.