



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, January 16 & Sunday, January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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.

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Georgia Behlen, <i>President</i> Bob Arp, <i>Vice President</i> Barb Sanderson, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Stuart Gausman <i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	Brenda Sand <i>Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	Lee Augustin <i>Organist</i>
Pat Anderson	Chris Dixon	Terry Norris	Kathy Zywiec <i>Co-office Administrator, Social Media Coordinator</i>	Amanda Weeder <i>Accompanist</i>
John Lohr	Nila Novotny	Linda Wheatley	Antoneea Kriewald <i>Co-office Administrator</i>	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>
Brenda Sand	Max Porter	Marilyn Vrana	Mark Baumann <i>Custodian</i>	Beatriz Garcia Lopez <i>Nursery Attendant</i>
Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons				
Kathy Leischner	Tammi Gotschall	Peg Meyer		
Barb Olson	Steve McClure	Joe Chin		
Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego	Brenda Wardman		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 & SUNDAY 19, 2025

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

PRELUDE

Medley of Spirituals Honoring MLK Day

TRADITIONAL

A Song of Joy

STEBBINS

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.

One: For with you is the fountain of life;

All: In your light we see light.

*** OPENING HYMN # 142 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (verses 1, 3 & 4)***

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

All: You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. 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

BELLS OF JOY

BY STREAMS OF LIVING WATERS

AKERS

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Alison Wagner

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to John 2 : 1 - 11

Pew Bible, NT, page 93

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Brenda Sand

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH)**

One: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**All: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives**

One: Teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

All: Healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

One: Eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

**All: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,**

One: Suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

**All: God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
Breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1, 4 & 5)***

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**

**Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings.
Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your
abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.**

*** CLOSING HYMN # 438 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

◆ * BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

TRADITIONAL

January 19 - Café LaFed is Chancel Choir
January 26- Café LaFed is Worship & Music Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, January 20, 2025

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
4:30pm New Deacon Training
5:00pm Special Olympics
7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH
7:00pm Personnel Committee

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

11:30am Staff Meeting, AD4
2:30pm Caregiver Support Group
6:00pm GC Agenda Meeting
6:30pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 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 23, 2025

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

Friday, January 24, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, January 25, 2025

No scheduled events

Sunday, January 26, 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.

- ◆ Chancel Flowers are provided by the Gausman family in honor of Reece Gausman.
- ◆ Pray for Tim Warren who is recovering from heart surgery.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Daniel Rathje, brother of Tim & Val Rathje. Daniel lived in Minneapolis and recently passed away.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Bancroft**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Bancroft 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: Newcastle Congregational UCC** (Newcastle, NE 68757)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 19 - T-shirt sales begin

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Jan. 19 - Education Nairobi Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser

Jan. 26 - Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Feb 1 - Mt. Crescent Ski / Snowboard Trip

GOLDEN AGE PARKING

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

The **Social Concerns and Mission Committee** is asking for donations of peanut butter 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.

Contribution Statements are available. Stop in the office during the week to pick yours up or they will be set out in the Narthex after service on Sundays.

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!

God who creates scenes of beauty and wonder,
 We call upon your mercy and grace to protect the people,
 the creatures, and all your creation
 from the fires that rage in Southern California and beyond.
 In the face of destruction, remind us that hope cannot be extinguished.
 Surround the people, creatures, and creation with your grace and peace.
 Comfort all who mourn the death of loved ones.

Stand with those who grieve the loss of beloved pets or dreams and hopes.
 Hold close in your care those who are evacuating,
 unsure of what awaits them. Accompany all who have been displaced,
 and sustain those whose homes, businesses,
 and communities have been consumed by flames.
 Strengthen the firefighters, first responders,
 and volunteers working tirelessly to control the fires.



California Wildfires



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in response to the devastating fires in California, which authorities are calling a historic and deadly wildfire event. PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate care. The magnitude of this event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by these catastrophic wildfires? — **Give. Act. Pray.**

GIVE: Gifts can be made **online** at pcusa.org/CAfires25, by **phone** at 800-728-7228, ext. 5885, or by **check** made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "PDA-CF25-BI" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



ACT: Assemble Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas. For more information, go to pcusa.org/GOHkits.

PRAY: *God, our refuge and strength, you are an ever-present help in trouble. You see the devastation caused by the California wildfires. You hear the cries of loss and know the exhaustion of those waiting and helping. For those forced to flee, grant rest. For those fighting fires, grant strength. For those mourning, grant comfort. For those still in danger, grant protection. May your Church be a presence of hope. In Christ's name, Amen.*

\$500 \$125 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church, or mail with your check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



“Rolling Into Winter” fundraiser will be held January 19th after service. All proceeds will go to Operation Education Nairobi to help pay for scholarships for students to go to school. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please see Katie or Julie.



The book sale is back January 19th! Support the Youth of Federated Church on their Summer Mission Trip by donating or “purchasing” books with a free-will donation.



All unsold books will be donated or sold at the garage sale.



T-shirt and sweatshirt sale is here! 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 or stop in the office. Someone will be in the Narthex after Sunday services to assist if you have questions.