



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, January 23 & Sunday, January 26, 2025**  
**3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Ordination & Installation of Ordered Ministers**

***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.**

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> <a href="mailto:edward@federatedcolumbus.org">edward@federatedcolumbus.org</a>	Stuart Gausman <i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
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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, <i>Co-Historians</i>				
Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

**Welcome to Worship at Federated!**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 & SUNDAY 26, 2025

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ORDERED MINISTERS

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

PRELUDE

*He Leadeth Me*

ARR. HAYES

*Blessed Assurance*

ARR. HAM

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Book of Common Worship

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

One: Let us worship God.

**\* OPENING HYMN # 276**

***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through him. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

**All: Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Lead a life worthy of your calling—with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: You are invited to greet one another with a sign of peace.

**\* HYMN STF # 2056**

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Do Not Be Afraid For You Are Mine*

LARSON

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist

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

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 4 : 14 - 21

Pew Bible, NT, page 61

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

### \* PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

Do you believe in God the Father?

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*RESPONSIVE HYMN

*Live Into Hope (see bulletin insert for words and music)*

### ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Statement on Ordination & Installation

Georgia Behlen, Church President

Questions to new Ordered Ministers:

New Deacons: (Order of St. Andrew):

Brenda Wardman (Class of 2027)

Joe Chin (Class of 2027)

Returning Deacon:

Peg Meyer (Class of 2027)

New Elder: (Governing Council)

Marilyn Vrana (Class of 2027)

Returning Elders:

Linda Wheatley (Class of 2027)

Terry Norris (Class of 2027)

Bob Arp (Vice-President)

### Questions to the Congregation

Laying on of Hands

Pastoral Prayer

Declaration of Ordination & Installation

### Welcome

\* HYMN # 525

*Here I Am, Lord (verses 1 & 3)*

### 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 (Contributions can be placed in box/plate by sanctuary entrance)

**\*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**

**Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received. Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May these offerings bear witness to your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN # 434      *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (verses 1,2, & 4)***

**\* BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Trust and Obey

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January 26 - Café LaFed is hosted by Worship & Music Committee

February 2- Café LaFed is hosted by Foundation Board of Directors

**THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

**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

**Monday, January 27, 2025**

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

4:00pm Diamond Dancers

7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

11:30am Staff Meeting, AD4

7:00pm Governing Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 29, 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 30, 2025**

5:00pm Special Olympics, Gym

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Friday, January 31, 2025**

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

**Saturday, February 1, 2025**

*No scheduled events*

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

8:45am SALT - Adult Education Class, EC4

9:00am Education Hour

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

4:00pm Fed @ Fed

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

- ◆ 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 passed away.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Jane Ellefson. Jane passed away on January 20th. Celebration of Life will be in March.
- ◆ Pray for Doug Johnson, father of Stephanie Johnson. He is having a heart procedure at Lincoln Heart Institute.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Nancy Lyman, sister of Steve Heinisch. Nancy passed on January 3, 2025.
  
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Beatrice**  
First Presbyterian Church in Beatrice is thankful for the support it has received for the Sweet Dreams Bed Ministry. During the past four years 59 children now have their own bed, new bedding, a blanket, and a book. Many individuals, including the Presbyterian Foundation support this ministry. As a member describes us, "We are small but mighty." We would appreciate prayers for several of our members that have experienced significant medical issues during the last year.
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Norfolk Congregational UCC (Norfolk, NE 68701)**

Donate to the UCC's California Wildfires 2025 Appeal. Your gifts will support the community's immediate needs and long-term recovery efforts as they work with local communities to ensure an equitable approach to their long-term recovery. You can also mail a check payable to the United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "California Wildfires 2025" in the memo section of your check. Our EIN: 34-1927041 For more information you can go to the UCC website at <https://www.ucc.org> or call (216) 736-2100.

Pray for those who have been impacted.

"A Prayer for Those in the Path of Fire" by Rev. Shari Prestemon

"Steadfast God, we watch in horror as fires rage in Southern California, and we pause to raise these humble petitions to you. For all those forced to evacuate, who leave so much that is precious behind and know not what the future holds, surround them with your gentle presence in these hours of tortured worry and waiting. For each beloved one who has already realized the unfathomable loss of everything familiar, of homes and schools and places of worship and so much more that was their anchor and community, receive their shock and overwhelming grief and hold them close in love. For those called out to fight the flames, to rescue and to help, for those tasked with leading through the crisis, for hospitals that receive the wounded, and for all those extending care even while they themselves have suffered loss, grant the capacity to withstand all that overwhelms and wearies. And in the uncertain days to come, draw near to all who weep and rage as they begin to sift through the rubble and ash left behind. Stir bits of hope amid despair. Lend strength when exhaustion overtakes them. May they be wrapped in a blanket of grace and healing woven by each act of compassion and generosity we now extend. O God, in your wide and tender mercy, hear our fervent prayers. Amen."

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Jan 26 - Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Jan 30 and Feb 2 - Hymn Sing and Communion

Feb 1 - Mt. Crescent Ski / Snowboard Trip

Feb 2 - T-shirt sales end

Feb 8 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Feb 9 - Souper Bowl of Caring

Feb 23 - Annual Congregational Meeting

### **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!

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op - pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.