



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, August 28 & Sunday, August 31, 2025**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

## ***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	
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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>	
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, AUGUST 28 AND SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025

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

PRELUDE

*Lord, I Want to be a Christian*  
*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*  
Lee Augustin, Piano

ARR. GLYNCANNON

ARR. SCHRADER

WEBB, 1850'S

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Gathered to worship God, we are all right where we belong.

**All: We approach God with joy in our hearts.**

One: We will proclaim God's glory.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\* OPENING HYMN # 386**

*O for a World*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Our God is a generous God, loving us beyond what we can imagine, and forgiving us before we know to ask. Let us confess our sins so that we may be healed.

**All: Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than they are. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. Through the Holy Spirit, inspire in us acts of hospitality and kindness to those we meet. Make us a blessing to others as we serve you in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God alone has the authority to judge,

**All: By God's grace we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give."

Peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

**\* HYMN STF #2215**

*Cares Chorus*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO

*God So Loved*  
Playback Media

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anjel Garcia, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Luke 14 : 7 - 14

Pew Bible, NT, page 77

Letter to the Hebrews 13 : 1 - 8, 15 - 16

Pew Bible, NT, 227 - 228

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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

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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God with us, easing the burdens of all people,**

Loving all of God's children.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the body of Christ in the world.**

Reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN #316**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God (verses 1 - 4)*

**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)

Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

**\* 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**

**We honor you, O God, by presenting these offerings of our money. Please bless them, multiply them, and use them to bring your love to the world.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #369**

*I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Pass It On*

KAISER, 1960's

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, August 31, 2025

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, September 1, 2025

8:00am Labor Day, office closed

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

### Tuesday, September 2, 2025

11:30am Staff Meeting, AD2

1:30pm Cries of the Spirit, Library

6:30pm Christian Ed & Youth Ministry Committee

7:15pm Worship & Music Committee

### Wednesday, September 3, 2025

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

### Thursday, September 4, 2025

12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

6:30pm Teacher Meeting, EC8

### Friday, September 5, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, September 6, 2025

8:00am Private Brunch, FH, Kitchen

### Sunday, September 7, 2025

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Potluck, FH

4:00pm Fed@Fed, Kitchen

The **Social Concerns and Mission Committee** is asking for donations of **Pine Sol, bleach and leashes** for the months of **July, August & September** for the **Paws & Claws**. A box is located in the north-west entryway off the Narthex. Thank you for your contributions to this program.

**Are you interested in working in the nursery each Sunday during our service hour?**  
**Please contact the office if you know of anyone.**  
**(This is a paid position.)**

The choir room is in need of a **file cabinet**. If you have one you are looking to get rid of, please let the office or Stuart know, thank you!

Are you not receiving our weekly MailChimp email but you would like to? Please let the office know and we will get that set up for you!

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

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Pray for Jason Daro, cousin to Stephanie Johnson, who was just diagnosed with cancer.
- ♦ Pray for Darin Brandt, cousin to Stephanie Johnson, who was just diagnosed with cancer.

### ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Schuyler**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Schuyler 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:** Plainview First Congregational UCC (Plainview, NE 68796)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

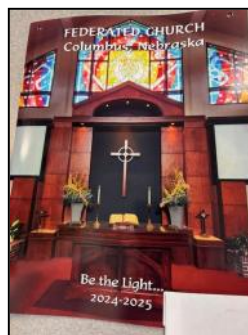
September 1 - Labor Day, office closed

September 7 - Communion,  
Service of Wholeness & Healing,  
Hymn Sing, Education Hour Kick-off with Potluck,  
Commissioning of Teachers and Students  
September 14 - Commissioning of Chancel Choir;  
Commissioning of Acolytes and Youth Ushers  
September 21 - Commissioning of Bell Choir;  
Bibles for 3 year olds and 3rd graders

### BELL CHOIR & CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Begin Wednesday, Sept. 3rd  
Bell Choir at 6:30 pm Sanctuary  
Chancel Choir at 7:30 pm Choir room

Our Potluck will be September 7th, right after Sunday morning service. We are hosting this event along with the Kickoff of our Education Classes.  
Please plan to attend and bring your favorite dish!!!  
See you there!!



### Photo Directory Books are here!

You may pick your book up in the Narthex before or after service.  
Or stop in the office.  
Each book has a label on the front cover, lower right corner - please make sure you are taking only your book.  
We have a limited supply.