



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, January 22 & Sunday, January 25, 2026
3rd 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	
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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 & SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

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

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer with I Need Thee Every Hour

ARR. LABENSKE

My Jesus I Love Thee

ARR. HAYES

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ARR. HAYES

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

One: One thing we have asked of the Lord, this is what we seek:

All: That we may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.

One: We come to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the holy temple.

All: Our hearts say, "Seek God's face!" Your face, O Lord, we seek.

One: Do not hide your face from us; you have been our help.

All: Do not cast us off or forsake us, O God of our salvation.

Let us worship God with joy and take courage, for the Lord is our light!

* OPENING HYMN #276

Great is Thy Faithfulness

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of our light and our salvation, we confess that we often prefer the safety and anonymity of the shadows to the brightness of your glory. We have seen your great light, yet we sometimes fail to hear your call because we are overwhelmed by our own failures or comfortable in our set routines.

All: In your mercy, cleanse us of our pride and forgive our sins. Help us to leave our nets—the things that hold us back—and follow where you lead. Amen.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. In Jesus Christ, that light has come into the world, and the darkness has not—and will not—overcome it.

All: Hear the good news: through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

* HYMN # 179

God is My Strong Salvation

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

By the Sea of Galilee

OLMOS

Chancel Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist; Dana Augspurger, Flute

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kristen Gausman, Liturgist

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27 : 1, 4 - 9

Pew Bible, OT, pages 503 - 504

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Katie Claus

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who brings light to those walking in darkness.

We believe in the Light that shines on all who dwell in the shadow of death.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who calls us from our daily routines to follow him.

We follow him, trusting he will make us fishers of people.

We believe in the kingdom of heaven, which has come near.

We repent of our divisions and turn to God, seeking unity in the cross.

With courage and hope, we affirm our faith in God, our light and our salvation.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN #341

Blessed Assurance

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)

And now, let us return to God what is ours to share. Let us give joyfully.

*** 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, accept these gifts we bring in response to your great love. May they be used to mend what is broken, to feed what is hungry, and to shine your light in every dark place. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine (words in bulletin and on the screen)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O How I Love Jesus

ARR. LIMBAUGH

January 25 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Worship & Music Committee

February 1 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Foundation Board of Directors

This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine;
All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine;
All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4
9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 26, 2026

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
7:00pm Governing Council

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

11:30am Staff Meeting, office
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:30pm Puppeteers Practice/Meeting
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

Thursday, January 29, 2026

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

Friday, January 30, 2026

No events scheduled

Saturday, January 31, 2026

No events scheduled

Sunday, February 1, 2026

8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4
9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

2026 Rescue Mission Meals

Federated Church delivers meals to the Rescue Mission the second Friday of each month. The new Rescue Mission is located in the old Mory's Haven, on 15th Street and 12th Avenue. Meals should consist of a main dish, a salad or vegetable and bread or rolls. Dessert is not necessary but always appreciated. Suggestions include tacos, soup, sloppy joes, casseroles, spaghetti, lasagna, pizza, burritos, enchiladas, or whatever you'd like to take. Because you need to plan for 25 people, it is a good idea to pair up with someone. The meal should be there by 5:00 p.m.

Please sign up for 2026 in the Narthex. Thank you.

Please be a part of this important ministry!

Thank you, Social Concerns and Missions Committee

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ♦ Liturgists (all Sundays!!!)
- ♦ Education Hour (Teachers/Helpers)
- ♦ Special Music on first and fifth Sundays

♦ **Homestead Presbytery:** Gresham

The Presbyterian Church of Gresham asks that you pray for our aging congregation and ask God for blessings on our pastor as he leads us in spreading God's love in our community. Bless our outreach program that provides grants for those in our community who are in need of basic living expenses. We pray that our 'Sandals or Shoes' informal 5th Sunday worship services would provide an opportunity for non-church goers in our community to share in a time of fellowship with our congregation. We ask God to help us grow in our love and faithfulness to Him.

♦ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Norfolk First Congregational UCC (Norfolk, NE 68701)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Pray for the family of Stephaine Johnson. Her brother, Todd, and sister-in-law, Kathy were in a car accident January 14.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Rodney Mihulka uncle to Alison Wagner. Rodney passed January 14 in Bremerton, WA.
- ♦ Pray for Sheila Arasmith. Sheila was recently diagnosed with late stage lymphoma and will be starting chemotherapy soon.
- ♦ Congratulations on the birth of Elizabeth Josephina Rohaus, born on January 18, to Ricky & Heather Rohaus. Grandparents are John & Debbie Curry.
- ♦ Congratulations on the birth of Troy James Zumwalt, born on January 16, to Tyler Zumwalt & Jenna Mares. Grandparents are Larry & Sue Mares.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 29 & Feb. 1 - Hymn Sing & Communion

Feb 8 - Souper Bowl of Caring

Feb. 14 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday