



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, February 5 & Sunday, February 8, 2026**  
**5th 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](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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# Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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

PRELUDE

*Abide With Me*

ARR. HAM

*He Leadeth Me*

ARR. LOPEZ

*God Leads Us Medley*

ARR. HAM

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Timothy Slemmons

One: What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, what God has prepared for those who love him -

**All: these things are revealed to us through the Holy Spirit!**

One: Who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to instruct him? For the Lord is not subject to the limits of human wisdom.

**All: Fill us, O Spirit, and give us discernment. Grant each of us the mind of Christ.**

One: The Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. Therefore, illumine us, O Light of the world!

**All: Keep covenant with us, that we may be salt and light for the world.**

## \* OPENING HYMN # 281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The voice of the prophet: "Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. Then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday."

**All: Lord of the Sabbath, we confess we have often served our own interests when we should be serving you. We have rarely resisted from pursuing our worldly goals; we have not loosed the bonds of injustice for others or broken the yokes of the oppressed. We have wearied ourselves, tried your unending patience, and allowed injustice to go unchecked; we stand exhausted and convicted. How desperately in need of your commanded rest are we and the whole of your creation! Forgive our sin, and our foolishness for being so long in asking; teach us the way to your restorative kingdom of truth, equity, mercy, and peace, for the sake of your name.**

## \* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## \* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments and in him who has fulfilled the commandments: Christ Jesus, who was crucified to set us free.

**All: Those who trust in him shall rise in the darkness as a light for others; they shall be upright and blessed, gracious, merciful, and righteous, and their righteousness will endure forever. Praise the Lord!**

**\* 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 # 304**

*Jesus Loves Me (verse 1)*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*You are the Salt and Light*

- CHOPLIN

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Katie Claus, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Matthew 5 : 13 - 20

Pew Bible, NT, page 4

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Edward Yang, Pastor

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "O GOD OF LIGHT, MAY OUR LIGHT SHINE" BY CAROLYN WINFREY GILLETTE**

O God of light, may our light shine in ways that serve and honor you.

**May we be loving, just and kind, proclaiming Christ in all we do.**

God, where your people are oppressed and where they cry out in despair,

**Make us your light — to heal, to bless — A witness, Lord, that you are there.**

Christ, when your way is pushed aside by those who trust in wealth and might,

**Make us your lamps that we may guide a searching world to your love's light.**

O Spirit, in this world of doubt, we often sin and drift away;

**When our own faith is flickering out, shine on our path and light our way. Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN # 369**

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

**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. Words of Institution**

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**

**Holy One, in Christ you have not given us the spirit of the world, but your Holy Spirit, that we may understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. Grant us now such understanding, that as you bless and direct our use of these gifts, we might delight in the glory of your grace at work in our midst, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN # 354**

*Guide My Feet (verses 1 & 4)*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Nearer, Still Nearer*

ARR. LORI LINE

February 8 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Nominating Committee

February 15 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Personnel Committee

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, February 8, 2026

- 8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4
- 9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting

### Monday, February 9, 2026

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee, EC8
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

### Tuesday, February 10, 2026

- 12:30pm ALL Staff Meeting, AD2
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room

### Wednesday, February 11, 2026

- 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, February 12, 2026

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

### Friday, February 13, 2026

- 6:00 pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study

### Saturday, February 14, 2026

- 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

### Sunday, February 15, 2026

- 8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
- 8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4
- 9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Prospective Member Orientation

### ◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Hickman

As we enter the new year at Hickman Presbyterian Church, we continue to try to find ways to engage our congregation and serve our community in this time of change and challenge. We are thankful for our dedicated members, volunteers, and staff. We ask for prayers for energy and wisdom to continue to find ways to serve our Lord and our community faithfully.

### ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Omaha First Central Congregational UCC (Omaha, NE 68131)

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Marv Zoucha as he recovers from having knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ Please pray for Terry Griffith, brother of Janet Lyon, Connie Spohn, Debbie Wasco, Cola Hahn, and Bob Griffith. Terry lives in Centerville, MA and is recovering from triple bypass surgery.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Rob Keller, spouse to Chrissy Ford (former Office Administrator). Rob passed away on February 4th. Funeral service is February 9 at 11:00 am at Gass Haney Funeral Home.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 14 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday, St. Luke's Church 6:30 pm
- Feb. 22 - Annual Congregational Meeting

### 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

Have you ever wondered how you can help extend our worship beyond the walls of our church? Would you like to help those who are unable to attend our services in person? If so, then you may enjoy joining our A/V team - no "technical skills" needed! And you don't need to commit to every Sunday. Please contact Pastor Edward or Tim Rathje for more information.