



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 12 & Sunday, February 15, 2026
Transfiguration of the Lord (Last Sunday before Lent)

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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Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (LAST SUNDAY BEFORE LENT)

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

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Come (Medley)
Sing With the Spirit
The Church's One Foundation
Lee Augustin, Piano

ARR. HAM
BAYLOR
ARR. HUSTAD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice,
who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.

All: God has done this! We exalt you, O God! We worship at your footstool. You are holy!

One: Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among those
who invoked the Name; they called on God, and God answered them.

**All: We exalt you, O Lord our God, and we worship you at your holy mountain;
for you, O God, are holy!**

*** OPENING HYMN # 339**

Be Thou My Vision

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: We don't have to look very far to see the brokenness of our world: broken relationships, broken systems, broken nations, broken people. We are tired. We are worn. And we know that the world didn't get this way on its own. So, together, let us confess our part in the brokenness of things, and ask for God's help to repair and restore.

All: God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The good news is this: while we do not always – or perhaps often – get it right, God is faithful.

All: God keeps God's promises.

One: Let this truth deep down seep into your weary bones:

All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free for life in God's Spirit. 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 # 304**

Jesus Loves Me (verse 1)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BELLS OF JOY

Holy, Holy, Holy
Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

ARR. MARY LOU FAST

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 17 : 1 - 19

Pew Bible, NT, pages 18 - 19

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - NICENE CREED (RESPONSIVE READING)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
**true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 462**

Christ, Whose Glory Fill the Skies

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)

We are created in the image of a generous God, and we participate in God's generosity when we share of what we have with one another. Not because we have to, but because we are grateful, let us a return a portion of what God has so given to us through our tithes and our offerings.

*** 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**

Gracious and holy God, we give you thanks for the many gifts in our lives. We are well and truly blessed. We dedicate these offerings to you. Multiply them beyond our imagining, that others might experience your love and grace, your mercy and justice. May we come to know a world where each person is enough and has enough. These things we ask boldly in Christ's name. Amen.

* **CLOSING HYMN # 315**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

- SPIRITUAL

February 15 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Personnel Committee

February 22 - Annual Congregational Meeting

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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
11:15 am Prospective Member Orientation

Monday, February 16, 2026

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

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

2:30pm Caregiver Support Group
4:30pm Boy Scout Pancake Feed
5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
6:30pm Finance & Property Committee

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

9:30am Morning Circle, Library
11:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:30pm Puppeteers Practice/Meeting
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Ecumenical St. Luke's
8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

Thursday, February 19, 2026

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

Friday, February 20, 2026

6:00 pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study

Saturday, February 21, 2026

9:00am Fantastic 4-H'rs

Sunday, February 22, 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

Please join Sherry Miller and the Miller family for an Open House to celebrate Sherry's 90th birthday! Saturday, February 28th 1:00-3:00 pm at Meridian Gardens No gifts please. Your presence is the true gift. If you cannot make it, you can also send a card!

◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Laurel Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Laurel 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:** Omaha Northwest Hills UCC (Omaha, NE 68134)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Chancel flowers are given by John & Deb Curry & family in memory of J.R Curry, February 17, 1984 - February 17, 2001. It will be 25 years since his passing.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Rob Keller, spouse to Chrissy Ford (former Office Administrator). Rob passed away on February 4th.
- ◆ Pray for Diane Scheffler as she is scheduled for full knee replacement surgery on February 23rd.
- ◆ Congratulations to Shay Meyer & Jackson Barnes on their engagement & upcoming wedding. Shay is the daughter of Byron & Peg Meyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 17 - Boy Scout Pancake Feed

Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday, St. Luke's Church 6:30 pm

Feb. 22 - Annual Congregational Meeting

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.