



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 26 & Sunday, March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent; Communion; Wholeness & Healing; Hymn Sing; Birthday Recognition

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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Tammi Gotschall	Peg Meyer	Doris Augspurger		
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Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 & SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT; COMMUNION; WHOLENESS & HEALING; HYMN SING; BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

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

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd - He Leadeth Me
Prelude in B Minor
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Lee Augustin, Piano

ARR. LABENSKE

- CHOPIN

ARR. SCHRADER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctified Art

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves you more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

One: This is good news indeed!

All: Let us worship our compassionate God.

* HYMN SING AND BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us, but that work is easier said than done. We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful. We need God's grace. Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given. So join me in the Prayer of Confession. Join me in being transformed.

All: Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Faith family, even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us. So join me in this good-news declaration:

All: We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again.

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May we be people of wholeness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share God's peace with one another.

* HYMN STF # 2152

Change My Heart, O God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Stuart Gausman, Soprano Saxophone; Lee Augustin, Piano

ARR. GIANANCO

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 7 : 36 - 50

Pew Bible, NT, page 66 - 67

Gospel According to Matthew 25 : 35 - 40

Pew Bible, NT, page 29

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN** *I Come With My Devotion* (see insert for words and music)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, in a world racked with fear, you gather us together. You set the table. You meet us here. You nourish our bodies as you nourish our spirits. You remind us that this is a joyful feast, and that fear cannot win every time. So with renewed courage, with renewed hope, with renewed conviction, send us out into the world. Help us to feed others as you have fed us. With gratitude we pray, amen.

SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING

BOOK OF WORSHIP (UCC)

THANKSGIVING OVER OIL

INVITATION TO ANOINTING

ACT OF ANOINTING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Contributions can be placed in box/plate by sanctuary entrance)

*** LENTEN DOXOLOGY**

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon our lives with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be bold in Christ’s service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

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

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* **CLOSING HYMN # 391**

Take My Life (verses 1, 2 & 6)

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

- **TRADITIONAL**

March 1 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Good Shepherd Hispanic Ministry

March 8 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Finance & Property Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 1, 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

Monday, March 2 2026

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

- 11:30am Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm Cries of the Spirit, Library
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
- 6:30pm Christian Education Committee, EC8
- 7:15pm Worship & Music Committee, EC4

Wednesday, March 4 2026

- 11:00am Lenten Luncheon
- 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, March 5, 2026

- 12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group, EC8
- 5:00pm Special Olympics School Age, gym
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 6, 2026

- 6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study

Saturday, March 7, 2026

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 8, 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 Youth Ministry Committee Meeting
- 4:00pm Fed@Fed, Kitchen

◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Lincoln First

We give thanks for all those who helped make our Welcome Center Remodel Project a success, and for all those wonderful volunteers in the church who show up and are at the heart of the ministry we do here in Lincoln and beyond. We pray for guidance for our Session as they ask what God is calling us to do this year, and for a vision of what is possible. We pray for strength for our immigrant neighbors near and far, and for courage for us to stand up when it matters.

UCC Living Waters Association: Plainview First Congregational UCC (Plainview, NE 68796)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Doniver Peterson, brother of Neal Peterson. Doniver passed away February 15 in Greeley, CO.
- ◆ Pray for Val Rathje as she is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on March 3rd.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Nyla Friesen, sister to Dianne Wall. Nyla passed away on January 29, 2026 in Newton, Kansas.
- ◆ Pray for Ladonna Rathje as she is on hospice care. Ladonna is mother of Tim & Val Rathje and grandmother of Hailey Rathje.
- ◆ Pray for Herman Lauterbach as he will be undergoing spinal surgery.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Now through March 22 - T-SHIRT orders taken

March 4 - Lenten Lunch

March 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins

March 21 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

March 22 - Cake Picnic

March 29 - Palm/Passion Sunday



I Come With My Devotion

ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6 D ("O Jesus I Have Promised")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1881)



I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve
I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost
God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom



my God Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me
and least The hun - gry and im - pris - oned,
we meet Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing



be - fore I e - ver sought The glo - ry of the
the bro - ken ones like me For in each act of
all of hu - man - i - ty So I'll re - turn the



hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So ev - ery
kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All wor - thy
love which has formed me from the start — Lov - ing



gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne
of our love — since it's God's face we bear
my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

What does the Lord require of you?

...to do justice

One Great Hour of Sharing has been a catalyst for love for over 75 years.

Every gift makes a difference in the life of the most vulnerable of God's people. We are the Church, together.



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HOUR OF SHARING

God unites all gifts to create big impact.

Presbyterians have a history of working to build a more just, resilient and sustainable future. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are supporting the gifts and talents of people and communities all over the world and offering opportunities for partnership, learning and witness that profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



The gift of sustainable development

Sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In Sri Lanka, more than 254 acres of land for displaced families were reclaimed, actively engaging 2,451 women in land rights campaigns and ensuring those women had a voice in policy advocacy while also addressing issues of food sovereignty and economic security.

The gift of partnership

Partnering in community development projects improves lives and builds stronger communities. More than 58 grants, nationally and internationally, served 7,450 people, empowering economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged communities. These partners own, control and benefit directly from the projects, promoting long-term change in their lives.



The gift of service

Every day, spiritual and community leaders show amazing resilience in the efforts to rebuild and seek peace following a disaster. In one year, 1,858 people volunteered at host sites alongside survivors, giving more than 52,884 hours of labor for disaster recovery — equivalent to \$1.7 million in financial support.



Please give generously.
If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING

February 18–April 5, 2026

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in responding to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world.

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This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- ✦ Through your congregation
- ✦ Online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- ✦ Text OGHS to 91999 to give
- ✦ Scan this QR code

