



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, September 10 & Sunday, September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Education Hour Kick Off; Commissioning of Chancel Choir; Commissioning of Education Hour Teachers and Students

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		
Bob Arp, President Steve Heinisch, Vice President		
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Nila Novotny	Terry Norris	Marcia Grant
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	Marilyn Vrana	Placido Campos
Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons		
Tammi Gotschall	Peg Meyer	Doris Augspurger
Steve McClure	Joe Chin	Lori Rine
Jesse Abrego	Brenda Wardman	Georgia Behlen
Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co - Historians		
Bill Royer, Head Usher		

Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. Pastor/Head of Staff	Stuart Gausman Director of Music Ministry
Brenda Sand Christian Education Director	Lee Augustin Pianist
Kathy Zywiec Co-office Administrator	Amanda Weeder Accompanist
Antoneea Kriewald Co-office Administrator	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship
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Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

PRELUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

ARR. VICTOR LABENSKE

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

ARR. MARK HAYES

Come Christians Join to Sing

ARR. MARK HAYES

Amanda Weeder, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Linda Wheatley, Stewardship Committee

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Bob Arp, Nominating Committee

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

PC(USA) Office of Christian Formation

One: Teach us, oh Lord, your ways of grace and mercy,

All: And we will observe them to the end!

One: Remind us, God of our minds, that even if only two or three gather,

All: You reside among us with your whole self.

One: Guide us into the love of all people and things,

All: For love is the fulfillment of your covenant. Let us worship the rabbi, teacher, Christ.



*** GATHERING HYMN # 339**

Be Thou My Vision



*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Before we can hear God's truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

All: Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love.



*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness. Amen.**

*** 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 # 2025**

As the Deer

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

COMMISSIONING OF EDUCATION TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

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

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COMMISSIONING OF CHANCEL CHOIR

CHORAL ANTHEM

Open the Eyes of My Heart

ARR. SCHRADER

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



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kristen Gausman, Liturgist

Scripture Reading

Gospel According to Matthew 18 : 21 - 35

Pew Bible, NT, page 20

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in the holy manifestation of God as a human in Jesus Christ, whom his friends called Rabbi, Teacher.

We believe in the power of his words to set the world aright.

We believe in his fulfillment of the law and in the calling upon us to love; deeply, unashamedly, unreservedly.

We rejoice in the callings of those who follow in his footsteps: teachers, helpers, encouragers, supporters.

The ones for whom there is no higher calling than to bring up the faithful in the ways of Christ.

The ones who follow us from birth to death with the love of Jesus stamped upon their hearts.

We give thanks to the God of all of us who calls, equips, and guides them so that they may guide us.

We believe the gathered body is one in Christ Jesus.

No matter how many or how few, when two or three gather in Jesus' name, he is there.

His presence, his body, his words guide us into all faithfulness.

We believe, holy One. Help our unbelief. Amen.



*** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 358**

Help Us Accept Each Other



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)

*** 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 God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

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

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* SENDING HYMN # 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (verses 1 & 2)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Open the Eyes of My Heart

ARR. JAMES KOERTS

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
8:45am SALT Adult Education
9:00am Children's Education Hour
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Potluck

Monday, September 14, 2026

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
6:00pm Membership & Growth Committee
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

5:15pm Consonaires Practice
5:30pm Girl Scouts Play Rehearsal, Gym
6:30pm Finance & Property Committee

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

11:30am Staff Meeting, Office
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:00pm Youth Transformed
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17, 2026

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, September 18, 2026

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, September 19, 2026

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
8:45am SALT Adult Education
9:00am Children's Education Hour
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

- **Homestead Presbytery: Bancroft**

Thoughts and prayers for the Bancroft congregation and community as they have disbanded and closed their doors.

- **UCC Living Waters Association: Stanton New England Congregational UCC (Stanton, NE) 68779)**

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- Pray for Laretta Dixon whose health has declined due to Parkinson's Disease.
- Pray for Val Rathje who will be having surgery on Monday, September 14th.

Upcoming Events:

September 16 - Youth Transformed

September 20 - Acolytes & Youth Ushers
Commissioning; Bell Choir Commissioning

September 27 - Bibles for 3 year olds and 3rd graders