



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, September 17 & Sunday, September 20, 2026

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; Commissioning of Bell Choir;
Commissioning of Acolytes & Youth Ushers**

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
Max Porter	Linda Wheatley	Antonio Garcia
	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
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Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

PRELUDE

Nobody Knows da Trouble I've Seen

ARR. LABENSKE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ARR. HAM

Lee Augustin, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

PC(USA) Office of Christian Formation

One: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: Whether we are long timers or late comers in the life of faith,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We praise God's name forever and ever!



*** GATHERING HYMN # 220**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and on another our sins and shortcomings. In repentance, let us turn towards God's grace and mercy.

All: God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.



*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

All: God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!

* 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 ACOLYTES AND YOUTH USHERS

COMMISSIONING OF BELL CHOIR

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

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peg Meyer, Liturgist

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3 : 10 - 4 : 11

Pew Bible, OT, pages 860 - 861

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Brenda Sand

*** 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 # 280***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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)

Whether we have much or only a little, we can share our daily bread so that all will be fed. As
 we have received, so now we give our tithes and 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.**

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*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.



*** SENDING HYMN # 420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Count Your Blessings!

1897 HYMN

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, September 21, 2026

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
4:30pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting
5:00pm Personnel Committee
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

2:30pm Caregiver Support Group
4:00pm Prairie Village Chapel
4:00pm CCC Sourdough Bread Class, FH
5:30pm Consonaires Practice
5:30pm Girl Scouts Play Rehearsal, Gym
7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC8

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

11:30am Staff Meeting, Office
2:00pm Meridian Gardens Chapel
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:00pm Youth Transformed
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24, 2026

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, September 25, 2026

4:00pm Private wedding rehearsal
6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, September 26, 2026

1:00pm Private wedding

Sunday, September 27, 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: Beatrice

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Beatrice 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: Tilden Peace
UCC (Tilden, NE 68781)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- Pray for Lauretta Dixon whose health has declined due to Parkinson's Disease.
- Pray for Val Rathje who is recovering from her surgery on Monday, September 14th.
- Pray for Marcine Jacobsen as she is recovering from a broken bone caused by a fall.
- Pray for Sheila Arasmith as she undergoes CAR-T therapy for her cancer treatments.
- Congratulations to Alex Mares on achieving the prestigious designation of Master Sommelier. This is the wine industry's highest and most coveted title and requires knowledge and successful passing of three examinations covering tasting, theory and service. Alex is the wine and beverage director at the Bourbon Steak Restaurant at the JW Marriott "Essex House" Hotel, located on the edge of New York City's Central Park. Alex is the son of Larry and Sue Mares.
- Pray for Peg Rupprecht who will be having knee replacement surgery on September 21st.

Upcoming Events:

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

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