

Federated Church

Thursday, November 5 & Sunday, November 8, 2026

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Veterans Recognition

CHILDREN WELCOME IN WORSHIP! COOS, CRIES, COMMOTION & ALL.
Children are encouraged to take part in worship in ways that are meaningful to them. Activity bags, children's bulletins, and worship notes are available in the Children's Nook in the Narthex to support their participation.

WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDING NOTICE
To help share God's message with those unable to attend in person, our worship services are live streamed and recorded each Sunday. Services are available on our church website, social media channels, and other video platforms for live viewing and future playback.
Please be aware that those attending worship, including children, may appear in video recordings or live streams. By participating in worship, you understand that your image and likeness may be visible to others online.
Thank you for being a part of our worship community.

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders		
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Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Nila Novotny	Terry Norris	Marcia Grant
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Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons		
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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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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

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

PRELUDE — *We're Marching to Zion* — ARR. HAM
When I Can Read My Title Clear — ARR. HAYES
I Am Bound for the Promised Land — ARR. PAGE
Amanda Weeder, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO — *Veterans Day Thanks* by Motion Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — CHAPLAIN JENNA MOON

One: This nation, under God, depends on each generation accepting the call to serve both God and country.

All: Everywhere we look we are reminded of the commitment our veterans made in presenting their bodies as a living sacrifice.

One: So today we honor them as we shout a resounding….

All: THANK YOU!

One: Thank you that we are free to come and to worship the One who presented His body as the ultimate living sacrifice for all.

All: Come, let us worship!

♫ *** GATHERING HYMN # 289** — ***O God of Every Nation***

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** — FEASTING ON THE WORD

One: Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who pardons our offenses.

All: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ.

All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Christ's love has no limits. It is given to all so we can be united as one in the body of Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

♫ *** HYMN STF # 2036 (SUN.)** — ***Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart***

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.) — Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PUPPETS TRANSFORMED (THURS.) — *Ha-Le-La-Le-La-Le-Lu-Juh* — GROUP PUBLISHING

Recorded Sunday, November 1, 2026

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.) Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin' - GILPIN

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Julie Graham, Liturgist (SUN.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 25 : 1 - 13 Pew Bible, NT, page 28

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON Edward Yang, Pastor

*** A LITANY FOR VETERANS** by Rev. Tom Williams

We pause to remember those who go to war in our name.
We give thanks for courage, for love of country,
for those who work to bring peace to our world.
Remind us, Oh God, that the goal of any war need be justice and peace.
On this day, we pause in worship to give thanks to God for veterans.
And seek to bind up the wounds of those who served.
Enable us to know how to comfort, how to bind up their wounds.
And remind us, dear God, that the widow, the orphan,
the widower, and the veteran – all know the cost of war.
Challenge us to love the warrior but hate the cost of war.
And we pray for a time when peace will reign and swords become
plowshares once more, that war be known only in history books.
And we give thanks, gracious God, that you remain with us
as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name.
Remind us that such service is not a movie, an adventure, nor something to be glorified.
Remind us that war is a failure by us to overcome hatred with love,
injustice with righteousness, violence with peace.
We give thanks for those who protect us from such failures.
May we truly be Your people and be makers of peace. Amen.

♫ *** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 561** ***My Country 'Tis of Thee***

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS Georgia Behlen, Order of St. Andrew (SUN.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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**

O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.

♫ *** CLOSING HYMN # 428** ***We Give Thee but Thine Own (verses 1, 3 & 5)***

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

November 8 - Cafe La Fed is hosted by the Order of St. Andrew
November 15 - Cafe La Fed is hosted by the Order of St. Andrew

This Week at Federated Church

Sunday, November 8, 2026
8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
8:45am SALT Adult Education
9:00am Children & Youth Education Hour
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15am Youth Ministry Committee

Monday, November 9, 2026
1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions
6:00pm Membership & Growth Committee
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
11:30am Staff Meeting, Office
12:30pm PEO Meeting
5:30pm Consonaires Practice
5:30pm Girl Scouts Play Rehearsal, Gym

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:00pm Youth Transformed -
Dinner: Pizza
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12, 2026
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, November 13, 2026
6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, November 14, 2026
8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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8:45am SALT Adult Education
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10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- Pray for Reagan Gausman who is recovering from hand surgery on October 29th.
- Pray for Shelia Arasmith as she goes through chemotherapy and receives modified T-cells.

Upcoming Events:

November 9 - T-shirt sales end at noon
November 14 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
November 19 - Cookies 'N More
November 22, 4 pm - Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at St. John's, Shell Creek
November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

- **Homestead Presbytery: Fairbury**
  Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Fairbury congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.
- **Homestead Presbytery: Fremont**
  The Fremont Presbyterian Church requests prayers for a fruitful future as we continue to seek a full-time Presbyterian pastor. We also seek a faithful presence as we struggle with the challenges of our time, even though we are grateful for our new Interim pastor, Reverend Tony Dawson (recently retired as a Methodist pastor in Fremont). Pastor Dawson expressed prayers of gratitude for the help of all who have aided him in this transition, including Pastors Edward Yang and Carl Eskridge, as well as the lay leadership and staff here.
- **UCC Living Waters Association:** *Center Congregational UCC* (Center, NE 68724)