

Federated Church

Thursday, November 12 & Sunday, November 15, 2026

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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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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 — *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* — ARR. LAY
Now Thank We All Our God — ARR. TRAVIS
Lee Augustin, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK

One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
All: Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
All: Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
All: Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
One: Let us worship together this day!

♫ *** GATHERING HYMN # 306** — ***Fairest Lord Jesus***

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: We are a people who wander from the ways of God. We have not loved, served, and given of ourselves as we should. We have sinned. Let us then offer our prayer of confession, trusting in our Savior's infinite grace and mercy.

All: Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news! Although we have sinned,
All: in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven.
One: Be at peace.
All: Amen.

*** 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** — ***Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart***

CHILDREN'S SERMON — Julie Graham

BELLS OF JOY — Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah — ARR. LAMB
Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Wilma Arp, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 25 : 14 - 30 Pew Bible, NT, page 28 - 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 – "O God, We Yearn for Safety" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette**

O God, we yearn for safety; We long to be secure.
Yet faithful, loving service is what you value more.
You give us what is needed; You love, forgive and save.
Then, sending us to serve you, You call us to be brave.
You give to some ten talents — to others, two or three;
To some you give one blessing to manage faithfully.
For you, O Lord, are loving and don't demand success;
You daily call your people to lives of faithfulness.
You give your church the gospel — Good news for us to share.
You give us great compassion for neighbors everywhere.
You give us skills to serve you and loving work to do.
We're blest to be a blessing, and called to risk for you.
O God, it seems much safer to live from day to day,
Protecting what you lend us and hiding it away.
Yet all these gifts can't flourish when hidden in the ground;
When we are brave to share them your blessings will abound. Amen.

♫ *** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 415** ***Come, Labor On***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Having heard of God's gracious love and care for all creation, let us give an offering of ourselves — all that we have and all that we are. Let us give our offering to God.

*** 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**

God of grace and God of glory, we dedicate these gifts given this day to your work in the world. May these gifts bring hope and light to all who need it. Amen.

♫ *** SENDING HYMN # 391** ***Take My Life (verses 1, 2, 5 & 6)***

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ARR. HUGHES

November 15 - Cafe La Fed is hosted by the Order of St. Andrew
November 22 - Cafe La Fed is hosted by the Stewardship Committee

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

Monday, November 9, 2026
1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
5:00pm Personnel Committee
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
12:30pm All Staff Meeting, Office
2:30pm Caregivers Support Group
5:30pm Consonaires Practice
5:30pm Girl Scouts Play Rehearsal, Gym
6:30pm Finance & Property Committee

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

Thursday, November 12, 2026
5:00pm Cookies 'N More
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

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

Saturday, November 14, 2026
No Events Scheduled

Sunday, November 15, 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
4:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
@ St. John's Shell Creek

Many, many thanks for the overwhelming response of the congregation to OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. Sixty three boxes were filled! Imagine the joy of a child when they open a gift for the first time in their life! This may also be the first time these children have ever learned about Jesus, which is a part of this international ministry. You have made this happen, and for that, we are grateful.
Social Concerns and Missions Committee

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- Pray for Shelia Arasmith as she goes through chemotherapy and receives modified T-cells.
- Congratulations to Shaylynn Meyer and Jackson Barnes who exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, November 7th at Federated Church.
- Pray for the family of Ron Bartak, brother of Diane Scheffler, who passed away on October 31 in Madison, NE.
- Pray for Stephanie Johnson who will be having a total knee replacement surgery on November 16.
- Pray for Reagan Gausman who is having a 2nd hand surgery on November 16.

Upcoming Events:

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: Gresham**
  We are at a loss, Lord. We follow You. We give our hearts to You. We know You love us. Yet our church, Your Beloved, continues to wither away. We have seen the steady drumbeat of loss. Programs don't seem to make a difference. Enduring faith only leads to high per capita due to fewer members supporting rising hierarchy. We're well aware of the problem and confused as to the way forward. What we have done and are doing doesn't seem to be working. Renew our hope. Restore our vision. Fill us with a mission of love to reach the lost. Allow us to bear one another's burdens and dance in one another's joys. Thank you, Lord. Amen
- **UCC Living Waters Association:** *Coleridge Pilgrim Congregational UCC* (Coleridge, NE 68727)

Thank you to all those who have signed up to bring cookies, candy, or pies, those who have signed up to volunteer at the event, and those who are willing to take yard signs. The yard signs can go up November 13th and be returned after the 19th. The trays for cookies will be in the Narthex Sunday November 8th . Please cover with foil and put the name of your cookies on top. Please also identify your candy and type of pie. Candy will be transferred to tins at the church, pies should be baked in disposable pans or pans you can part with. Items can be brought to the church Wednesday, November 18th between 3:30 and 5:30 or Thursday morning, November 19th, from 8:00-12:00. There are still some open spots for volunteers, so please, sign up! Let's all work together to make this a fun and successful event!