



FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship Services 10:00 a.m.

Thursday Evening Worship Services 6:30 p.m.



WELCOME TO FEDERATED CHURCH!

We are called *Federated* because on July 2, 1914 the Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches of Columbus joined in an effort to serve as one congregation. *Our faithful federation continues to this day!*

New to Federated? Please let us know on a "Visitors Card" & in a red Friendship Folder.

Children are welcome in worship at Federated Church. The **Library & "Cry Room"** at the back of the Sanctuary is child friendly and include Sanctuary sound.

Children's Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. Sunday child care is in the Nursery.

Ushers are here to help: ushers tonight are Marcia Grant, Alison Wagner, Tim Warren and Marv Zoucha.

Hearing assistance devices & large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the pastor by cell phone:

Rev. Edward: (402) 302-2812

For Prayer Chain requests, call the Church Office (402) 564-2812. The Order of St. Andrew starts each Prayer Chain, which are confidential. **Videos & bulletins** of worship services are at www.federatedcolumbus.org.



8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ♦ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ♦ Pray for Marlyn Wurdeman (father of Jackie Marker, grandfather of Allison Hast and great-grandfather of Caleb Hast-Curtis & Bennett Curtis) who had a health scare last week in the emergency room. Thankfully, he was stabilized and now recovering.
- ♦ Please pray for Rosie Heinisch, who has been diagnosed with ALL (*Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia*) and is currently receiving chemotherapy treatment.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Eugene Novotny (father of John & Nila Novotny) who passed on Dec. 23rd in Ord, NE. Funeral will be Monday, Dec. 28th.
- ♦ Pray for Enrique Abrego (brother of Jesse and Marilyn Abrego) who is in serious condition with brain injury.
- ♦ Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.
- ♦ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, December 27 (1st Sunday of Christmas)
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
Monday, December 28 No events
Tuesday, December 29 No events
Wednesday, December 30 No events
Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve
No Worship Service
Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Church Office Closed
Saturday, January 2 No events
Sunday, January 3 (2nd Sunday of Christmas)
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Pastor Nominating Committee

Now that the Staff Planning Committee is done, the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) will be elected at the February 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the PNC, please contact Marcia Grant or Tim Warren.

Federated Church members donated 87 pounds of food which was collected and delivered to the Platte County Food Pantry!

CANCELLED - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER FESTIVAL OF TREES

The following motions were made and recognized by Governing Council during the October 2020 meeting:

- ♦ The Governing Council recognizes with serious concern the COVID pandemic and will continue to follow the safety precautions that have been established for this church. The Governing Council will continue to monitor and follow recommendations of state and local health professionals as well as our denominations, regarding in person services. We will continue to offer a choice of in person or online participation as long as conditions permit.
- ♦ A motion was made, seconded and adopted to open the east narthex doors on Sunday for parking convenience. Ushers will move rope and have hand sanitizer available. In addition, a bulletin containing activities, announcements and Joys and Concerns will be available as you exit the Sanctuary.

Dear Federated Church Friends,

I wish to share with you all "Merry Christmas" greetings and hopefully normal days we will see again.

I have appreciated all the "visits" and "get well" wishes you have expressed to me with visits and calls to my home, hospital, Brookstone and now Prairie Village. Your friendships, kindness and thoughtfulness means more than you will ever know.

I also appreciate all the tasty food, flower arrangements, and your special calls and cards! I wish to attend church services again after the virus is gone.

Thank you all again, my "Church Family", for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Also, thank you Rev. Yang and Sunnie for your visits. Merry Christmas and Blessings to you all!

~Donna Shreve

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

8PM, DECEMBER 24, 2020

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
Joy To the World
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ARR. SCHRADER
ARR. WILSON
ARR. R. SMITH

BRASS PRELUDE

Away In A Manger
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Brass Ensemble: Rex Hash, Kathy Hash & Annette Griffith

MURRAY
TRADITIONAL

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The darkness is gone; the Light of the World is here!

All: Our hope, our preparation, our joy, and our love are brought together this night in a humble stable. We welcome Christ!

One: We give thanks for Emmanuel, God with us.

All: Let us worship God!

OPENING SONG

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the promise of the Lord: See, our salvation has come!

All: We are a holy people, redeemed by God; sought out and not forsaken.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,

All: we are forgiven! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: As Christ offers us peace and forgiveness, let us offer a sign of that peace to one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marcia Grant, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 2 : 1 - 20

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

All: Thanks be to God!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Edward Yang, Pastor

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - JOY TO THE WORLD BY ISAAC WATTS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: O God of all blessings, we give you our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given us

All: and ask that you accept the gifts we give back to you: our time, talent, and possessions.

One: Tonight we especially remember your extraordinary gift of yourself, Christ Jesus.

All: As you have shown mercy and love to us, grant that we may show the same to everyone we meet. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CHORAL ANTHEM

Song of the Shepherds

Chancel Choir - Recorded December 24, 2018

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace and peace, as you have shared your life with us through the child in the manger and this simple meal together, let us share your life with others as the body of Christ in the world; through Jesus, bread of heaven. Amen.

WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Letter to the Hebrews 1 : 1 – 4, 10 – 12

Video - History Of Silent Night

Skit Guys Studio

* CANDLE-LIGHTING LITANY

One: In the beginning and in the midst of darkness, God spoke.

All: Let there be light.

One: In the beginning was the Word. And the Word came and dwelt among us. And the Word was the light of all peoples.

All: Let there be light.

One: We light our candles, knowing that the One who is the source and promise of all light is the One whose birth we celebrate.

All: Let there be light.

One: We are here to seek a little light by which we can see, by which we can live, by which we can love.

All: Let there be light.

One: We need to know that we are part of something greater than the flicker of our own little candles. We long to be assured that the light of Christ is with us even in this moment.

All: Let there be light.

One: So we light our candles in gratitude for the love and light that shine through the babe born in Bethlehem who became the Redeemer of us all.

All: Let there be light.

One: May we be so emboldened as to share the love of God with a world longing for light and hope,

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

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purpose, and love. May our actions and generosity shine in a world under the shadow of despair.

All: Let there be light.

One: We join the chorus of those whose carols have echoed through the years.

All: Let there be light.

*** CLOSING SONG**

Silent Night

Playback Media

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Holy Night

ADAM

Christmas poinsettias given by...

DONNA AUGSPURGER

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

MIKE & SHARYN BEARD

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

ROD & GEORGIA BEHLEN

IN MEMORY OF JACOB & BENJAMIN, AND
HUGH & DOROTHY GROSZ, GIB & IRENE BEHLEN

**CHRIS & GARY BOCK, TRAVIS & JOLENE BOCK &
FAMILY, AND MIKE & TIFFANY SMITH & FAMILY**

IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR LOSHBAUGH

**THE BUSLER FAMILY, BRAD & DONNA,
GREG & SHERRI, HIS GRANDCHILDREN,
AND LARENE BUSLER**

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT BUSLER

LLOYD & KAY CASTNER

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

JOHN & KATIE CLAUS,

IN MEMORY OF HENRY & JESSE CLAUS,
AND MAURICE & EHYL SUHUMSKIE

CHRIS & LAURETTA DIXON

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,
ORVAL & MARIE DIXON
AND CHESTER & VIOLA PALMER
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN, SUSAN, CALVIN,
KENT & SARA, 6 GRANDCHILDREN
AND 4 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

DAVID & RAE FULTON,

IN HONOR OF THE FRONTLINE WORKERS

THE GARCIA FAMILY**JULIE GRAHAM**

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH GRAHAM,
ORVILLE & ELIZABETH CANADAY
AND EDDIE & DELLA SIVORY
IN HONOR OF GUS

CLARK & MARCIA GRANT

IN MEMORY OF BILL & BETTY GRANT AND
DON & LUCILLE REMMERS

STEVE & ROSIE HEINISCH

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS
IN HONOR OF OUR HEALTHCARE HEROES!

BILL IRBY

IN MEMORY OF CAROLYN IRBY
AND CYNTHIA IRBY

JERRY & CYNDI JARECKE

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

SHARON KUNCL

IN MEMORY OF LARRY KUNCL; MY PARENTS,
MY BROTHER, WAYNE,
AND NIECES, REVA AND SHARON LEE

CLARK & ROBIN LEHR

IN HONOR OF THE LEHR FAMILY

STEVE & SUE MCCLURE

IN MEMORY OF GERALD & RUTH MCCLURE AND
H.G. & DORIS CRECELIUS

JOHN & LINDA MCPHAIL

IN MEMORY OF JACK & GAY MCPHAIL,
AND DR. DONALD JACKSON & LILLIAN JACKSON

SHERRY MILLER & FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF DR. LEON MILLER, HAROLD & MILDRED
BUSCH AND JOE & GLADYS MILLER

ERVIN & KAREN PABEN

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

JAN PICKREL

IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND, ROGER PICKREL

TIM & VAL RATHJE

IN MEMORY OF JOHN HOFKAMP
AND CURTIS RATHJE

DEANNA SCHEIDEGGER,

IN MEMORY OF SAM SCHEIDEGGER

TERRY & HOLLY SCHULTZ

IN MEMORY OF MARVIN HANSON AND
KENNETH & LOIS SCHULTZ

HAROLD & ROGALYN STEVENS

IN MEMORY OF ROY & VIRGINIA RUSSELL AND
BURT & MAZIE STEVENS

BOBBIE UHLMANN

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

ROD & CINDEE WACHTER

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,
M. D. & SANDEE LINDE
AND WILLIS & VERONA WACHTER

CALVIN & ALISON WAGNER

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FRIENDS:
DICK & JUDY TEMME

GAIL WURDEMAN AND SARA AERNI

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,
IRENE & HAROLD WURDEMAN

EDWARD & SUNNIE YANG

IN HONOR OF OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

MARV & BARB ZOUCHA

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

