

FEDERATED CHURCH



Mission Statement:
*We are called to nurture a growing relationship with God
 by following the example of Jesus Christ.*



Second Sunday of Christmas ***Sunday, January 3, 2021***

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

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, and on TV: Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD)
 Mondays 11:55am, Saturdays 11:55am and Sundays 7:55pm.

In case of an emergency, Pastor Edward's cell phone is (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2021 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Tim Warren, <i>President</i> Wayne McCormick, <i>Vice President</i> Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Jim Rains <i>Office Manager</i> j rains@federatedcolumbus.org
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Donna Augspurger	Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst	Lee Augustin, <i>Organist</i>	Bob Arp, <i>Chancel Choir Director</i>
<i>Financial</i>	Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr	Stuart Gausman <i>Bell Choir Director</i>	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>
<i>Administrators:</i>	Terry Millard	Terry Norris		

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ♦ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ♦ 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 was Monday, Dec. 28th.
- ♦ Pray for Paul Rupprecht (husband of Peg Rupprecht) who had heart valve surgery December 31st.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery: *Lincoln Heritage*
Continued prayers for the health and safety of our community and praises to our congregation for remaining a strong family of faith and continuing the work we are called to do even in the midst of the pandemic. Prayers for our search for a permanent pastor and continuing our mission at Heritage even during the pandemic!

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

- Sunday, January 3** (2nd Sunday of Christmas)
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- Monday, January 4**
5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, EC 4
- Tuesday, January 5**
1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall
7:15pm Worship & Music Meeting, Zoom Meeting
- Wednesday, January 6**
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
6:00pm Confirmants Meal Making, Kitchen/FH
- Thursday, January 7**
6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8
- Friday, January 8**
No events
- Saturday, January 9**
No events
- Sunday, January 10**
9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center, Upper Room
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.

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.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

PRELUDE

How Great Our Joy!

Gésu Bambino

Song For A New Year

Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ARR. RUTTER

ARR. WOLAVER

G. MARTIN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the presence of God,

All: We are filled with hope,

One: We are overwhelmed by love,

All: We sense a holy mystery.

One: In the presence of the holy God,

All: We know our sin,

One: We fall on our knees,

All: We are made new.

One: In the presence of the living Christ,

All: We stand in awe,

One: We sing for joy!

OPENING SONG

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

TRADITIONAL GERMAN CAROL

Recorded December 23, 2018

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. AMEN.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:

All: God's grace is stronger than any anger and fear that may hold us in their grip.

One: God's grace liberates us, freeing us to live in love and compassion.

All: Thanks be to God who in Christ empowers us to live fully and freely.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: With forgiveness, we have peace with God and one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share a sign of peace with one another.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jan Pickrel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Williams, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 1 : 10 - 18

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Brenda Sand

RESPONSIVE SONG

Today Is The Day
iWorship DVD

LINCOLN BREWSTER/PAUL BALOCHE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, thank you for the gifts you bestow upon us daily. Make us aware of each blessing that comes our way - and create in us the constant desire to be blessings for others. Bless what we bring before you, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Peace on Earth / Little Drummer Boy
Recorded December 30, 2018

BOWIE/CROSBY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

As With Gladness, Men of Old

ARR. M. ANZ