

FEDERATED CHURCH



Into Our New Century in the Spirit of Christ

Sunday, December 1, 2019



Welcome to Worship at Federated!

If you are new to Federated, please tell us on a “Visitors Card” & in a red Friendship Folder.

Children are welcome in worship at Federated. Children’s Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. The Library/“Cry Room” is child friendly. Child care is available Sundays in the Nursery.

Ushers are here to help you — please ask them if you need hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals — ushering this week are John & Linda McPhail and Tim & Chris Warren.

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 on **Prayers Cards** in the pew pockets or **Prayer Chain** requests to the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call 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 at Noon on Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays and Sunday at 8pm.

In case of an emergency, the pastor’s cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2019 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Bill Royer, President (402-564-8012) Marcia Grant, Vice President Louise Moran, Secretary			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Jim Rains Office Manager jrains@federatedcolumbus.org
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Julie Graham	Linda Wheatley	Gene Hahn		
Kathy Leischner	Doug Williams	Judy Temme		
Gail Wurdeman	Steve McClure	Marv Zoucha	Lee Augustin, Organist	Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director
Financial Administrators:	Donna Augspurger Terry Millard	Robin Lehr Terry Norris	Stuart Gausman Bell Choir Director	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office staff/pastor.
- ◆ Kristen Augspurger and Jacob Frederick exchanged wedding vows, Saturday, November 16th at Federated.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Charles Gray, friend of D'Ete Haldiman-Kluck, who passed away Tuesday, November 26. A funeral service will be held at Federated on December 5th at 10:30am.
- ◆ Please pray for Doug Williams, who is recovering from surgery.

Dear Federated Church Family,

Your love & support over the past year means so much to us. We can never say thank you enough for all of the care you've shown us through this difficult time. We are so blessed by your prayers & support.

Thank you!

Sincerely, **Drew & Kristi Wolfe & family**

Volunteer & Engagement Opportunities
(if you would like more information, contact the person mentioned in the ad)

NEEDED: Story Tellers for Children's Sermon - please talk to Brenda Sand

Open Prayer Times - second Tuesday of every month at 11:30am - please contact the Church Office or Barb Sanderson

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion - Tuesdays at 7am with coffee and a light breakfast - contact Bob Trautwein

Tenors needed for Chancel Choir - rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30pm - contact Bob Arp

Lectionary Bible Studies - Tues. @1:30pm and Weds. @4:30pm - please contact the Pastor Edward (No Lectionary Bible Studies Thanksgiving week!)

Greeters, Ushers and Liturgists Needed - Sign up in the Narthex for Greeting, otherwise, call the church office

Cookies 'N More Wrap-Up - Dec. 10th, 5:15pm EC8 - contact Paula Lange

Meals on Wheels - Dec. 23, 26, 27 - Cec Bartholomew coordinating 402-564-0264

Small Group/Lunch Bunch info on page 5

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, December 1

- 9:00am Education Hour, EC, Upper Rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 2

- 5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym
- 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, Library
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 3

- 7:00am Tues. Morning Book Group, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 4

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 6:30pm Youth Club
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, December 5

- 5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 6:15pm Order of the Arrow, EC8
- 6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, EC7

Friday, December 6

- 9:00am MOPS Steering Meeting
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, December 7 No events scheduled

Sunday, December 8

- 9:00am Education Hour, EC, Upper Rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Worship Service, Sanctuary

Reminder — Sunday Education Hour

At 9:00 a.m.

Children go directly to their Education Center rooms

Youth to the Upstairs Rooms

Adult Education in Education Center Room 4/5

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**
The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.

PRELUDE

Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **(Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.)**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

FEASTING ON THE WORD

One: I was glad when they said to me,

All: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

One: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

All: that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.

One: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

* OPENING HYMN NO. 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Miller Family

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us, O God. For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us, O God. Forgive us our sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace.

All: Therefore, let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ!

One: Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE

One: Forgiven and renewed, we extend God's peace to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

* SING THE FAITH # 2092

Like a Child

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON *All children are invited to come forward for a special message.*

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 2 : 1 - 5

PEW BIBLE OLD TESTAMENT PAGES 631-632

ROMANS 12 : 11 - 14

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGE 163

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Putting on Christ”

Edward Yang, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

* RESPONSIVE HYMN

Here’s a Promise We Can Count On
(attached sheet for music)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM (SUN.)

In This Moment of Remembrance
Bob Arp, Director

WOOD

COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Congregants are served communion in the pews. Please hold the bread and cup to partake together. Federated celebrates an open table, meaning all who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice (and fructose-free alternative) is served, though the service sometimes refers to “wine.” Gluten-free wafers are at the center of bread trays. Children are welcome to receive communion with the permission of parents/guardians as part of the family’s on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in pew holders.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* ADVENT DOXOLOGY ‡

*O Glorious God, to you we bring; Praise, treasure, time as offering;
Come, Holy Spirit, with us dwell, Born is the Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.*

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 20

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*All are welcome to Sunday fellowship, at Café LaFed,
hosted this week by the Finance & Property Committee.*

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

‡ tune on page 592 of hymnal

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Here's a Promise We Can Count On!

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("Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")



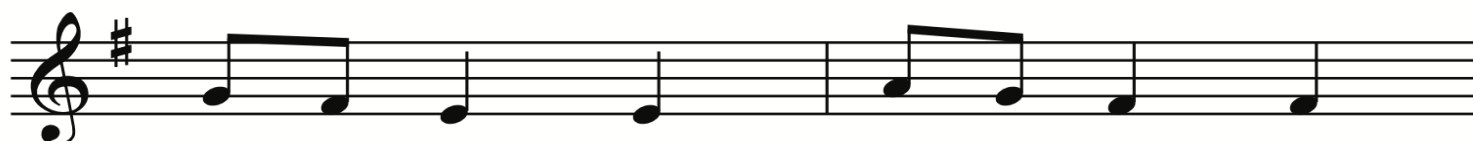
1 Here's a pro - mise we can count on!
2 On that day of cel - e - bra - tion,
3 One great day, the pro - phet told us,



It's the word I - sai - ah saw: One day com - ing,
all will lis - ten to the Lord. God will judge be -
God will tri - umph! It is true. Lord, we trust this



God's own moun - tain will be high - est of them all.
tween the na - tions till all jus - tice is re - stored.
word of pro - mise as we hear your word a - new.



All the na - tions will be yearn - ing
Out of wea - pons made for harm - ing
When we're lost a - mong the moun - tains



for God's teach - ing, and re - turn - ing,
they will fash - ion tools for farm - ing
of the world's ways that con - found us,



they'll find guid - ance in God's law.
and they'll put a - side the sword.
show the path that leads to you.

Upcoming Events:

~Blue Christmas Service,
Dec. 12th at Federated at 6:30pm
~Christmas Pageant **Dec. 15th**
during service,
afterwards, All-Church Caroling
~Carols & Lessons, **Dec. 19th and 22nd**
~Christmas Eve Services:
5pm Family Service
8pm Choir and Communion Service

Membership & Growth Small Groups

~Sunday Lunch Bunches~

- Runza Funza - contact Tim & Val Rathje or Max & Ashli Porter
◇ Meets each Sunday at Runza
- Batter Up - contact Bill & Jean Royer or Ben & Marilyn Vrana
◇ Meet at Valentino's on Dec. 8th
- ABC - All 'Bout Conversation - contact Barb Olson or John & Nila Novotny
◇ Meets this Sunday the 1st
at Doozy's

**For more information, coordinators are listed. If you have a Small Group event coming up, make sure you contact the church office so we can add it here!

Sunday | ROMANS 13:11-14

Paul practically comes through the pages of this ancient text, begging his hearers to recognize what time it is. The time is at hand, he seems to shout, for those of us who follow Jesus to get it together and reflect the One on the cusp of coming to meet us. Salvation is near, nearer than when we first believed, so we best wake up, stand up, look up and get ourselves ready for this transcendent, transformative, life-upending encounter with God. Imagine if we thought of the season of Advent in these terms.

When the purple paraments adorn the pulpit, we ought to know the time is at hand to prepare to meet the Son of God. The purple dotting the sanctuary or resting on the pastor's shoulders should signal to us a sense of urgency, a feeling of nervous anticipation, because salvation is drawing near and time is running out to make ready for Jesus' arrival.

Paul instructs us, purple Presbyterians that we are, to lay aside works of darkness — that's what urgent preparation requires, first and foremost. Whatever sin clings closely, shake it off. Take stock and be honest and then lay aside whatever it is that obscures the light of Christ in you. Let the purple of preparation prompt you to step away from the darkness and bask in the light. Put on the whole armor of it: the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shield of faith and the like. Advent is the season to prepare to meet Jesus by stepping away from and out of the dark and into the light of faith, hope and love.

God of all that is seen and unseen, you know what works of darkness we commit. Nothing is hidden from you. Despite our propensity to do what we know we ought not to do, you send your Son to save us. During this Advent season we seek you, your wisdom, your strength and your will in order to be prepared to meet our Savior, the light no darkness can overcome — not ours, not the world's. Amen.



The purple of preparation

ADVENT DEVOTIONS – WEEK 1

DECEMBER 1-7, 2019

by Jill Duffield,
Presbyterian Outlook editor

Monday | MATTHEW 1:24

Today imagine responding as Joseph did to God's instructions. Being prepared to meet God entails being not only awake to God's presence, but willing to follow God's commands. What act of mercy and grace is God asking of you? Do it. What did you learn from heeding God's will?

Lord, we are humbled by Joseph's courage. His obedience makes us wonder if we would be so bold. Prepare us to act on your will. Grant us both careful discernment and the faith to take major risks for your sake. We pray for the wisdom to follow your plans, no matter how different they are from our own. Amen.

Tuesday | EPHESIANS 5:12-14

Today consider those things you do not want exposed to the light. Make a list of all that you wish to remain hidden from God, from others, perhaps from yourself. Now imagine all of those shameful things being exposed to the loving, healing light of Christ, trusting that nothing is beyond his power to redeem.

Gracious God, we expend extraordinary energy attempting to hide that which we find shameful, painful and unlovely. We compare ourselves to others when your opinion of us is the only one that matters. We offer you all our shame, guilt and fears, knowing that Jesus comes to save sinners, trusting that his light will reveal all that is hidden not to expose or humiliate, but to illumine and heal. Amen.



The purple of *preparation*

Wednesday | EPHESIANS 4:22

Today review how you spend your time, where you expend your mental and emotional energy and what holds your attention. In preparation for Jesus' coming, prayerfully consider if these are the ways, things and places you want to be investing in every day. Choose one thing to put away for Advent.

Too often, Lord God, we go about our days on autopilot, mostly unaware of where we focus, how we speak and what consumes our time and resources. Knowing that you call us to be ready for your arrival, we ask for discernment and discipline to put away anything that distracts us from you, your will and your ways. Amen.

Thursday | HEBREWS 12:1-2

Today remember the people (present or past) who love you, support you, inspire you and guide you. How does their witness challenge you to do and be better? Looking to Jesus' coming and remembering all the people cheering you on, what risk will you take for the sake of the gospel?

Gracious God, our culture lauds the supposed self-made person, but we know that we cannot run the race of faith alone. We give you thanks for all of the people, past and present, who surround us and spur us to on as we seek to emulate Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

Friday | JAMES 1:21

Today take just a few minutes in silence and notice what comes to your consciousness. Are you anxious or worried about something? Do particular people or words come to mind? A looming change or pressing decision? Offer all of these to God in prayer, knowing God will do more than you hope or imagine possible.

Loving God, you made us in your image and implanted your word within us, giving us all we need to rest in your grace, follow your instructions and lead a life worthy of our calling. Forgive us when lesser things consume us and yet again aid us in our desire to welcome your word. Amen.

Saturday | EPHESIANS 6:10-12

Today imagine as you get dressed that you are also putting on the whole armor of God. What does that armor entail? What does it protect you from and what does it prepare you for? Keep in mind that Jesus' power was made known in sacrificial love. How does that color your image of God's armor?

Prince of Peace, Lord of all, you come to us as a helpless infant and will submit to a painful death. We forget that you made your power manifest through sacrificial, vulnerable love. May the armor of God we wear reveal not aloof invincibility, but instead help us to stand up for those yearning for compassion, justice and care. Amen.