

FEDERATED CHURCH



Into Our New Century in the Spirit of Christ
Sunday, December 29, 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 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.

There is no child care available in the nursery today.

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 j rains@federatedcolumbus.org
<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>	<i>Class of 2021</i>	Brenda Sand Temp. Christian Education Director brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	Chrissy Ford Bookkeeper & Publications Coord. cford@federatedcolumbus.org
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.
- ♦ Please pray for Diane Bower who is recovering from a fall with a broken shoulder.
- ♦ Please pray for Josh Winig who was in a serious car accident this week.

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 - will resume January 7th; contact Bob Trautwein

Lectionary Bible Studies - Tues. @1:00pm and Weds. @4:30pm - please contact Pastor Edward (NO Bible Studies on Christmas & New Year's weeks; restart Jan. 7th & 8th)

"Sunday Lunch Bunches"

Runza Funza - Meets each Sunday at Runza, contact Tim & Val Rathje or Max & Ashli Porter
Batter Up - Meet at Super Buffet on January 12th, contact Bill & Jean Royer or Ben & Marilyn Vrana
ABC - All 'Bout Conversation - Meets January 5th at El Mezcal, contact Barb Olson or John & Nila Novotny
**For more information, coordinators are listed. If you have a Small Group event coming up, make sure to contact the church office so we can add it here!

Important Reminders

- **All end of year Contributions need to be in by Tuesday. Count will be done at Noon, 12/31/19
- **Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sun., Feb. 23rd, after Service.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, December 29

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 30

5:00pm Special Olympics Practice, Gym

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve

No events scheduled

Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day

Church Office Closed - Have a Joyous and Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 2

5:00pm Special Olympics 5 on 5, Gym

6:15pm Scouts Roundtable Meeting, Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:30pm Order of the Arrow Meeting, EC 8

Friday, January 3

6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, January 4 No events scheduled

Sunday, January 5

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

No Education Hour on Dec. 29th & Jan. 5th.

9:00 AM Education Hour for children, confirmands, youth and adults will resume on Jan. 12, 2020.

COOKIES 'N MORE – Thank you for all your support to Cookies 'N More. This project brought in over \$2,700 in profit. Please refer to the January newsletter for more details.

2X4S DINNERS TOGETHER

Contact Nila Novotny at 402-910-4091 or at nilanovotny@neb.rr.com if you would like to participate in the upcoming 2020 "2x4s" Dinners Together. Please refer to the January newsletter for more details.

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

– The group is adding another book to their reading list! "Sapiens, A Brief History of Humankind" by Yuval Noah Harari is the next book to be reviewed. For more information, please refer to the January newsletter.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 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

A Medley of Bells
Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

FRENCH, UKRAINIAN, ENGLISH CAROLS
AFRICAN/AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come,

All: now is the time to worship

One: Come,

All: now is the time to give your heart

One: Come,

All: just as you are to worship

One: Come,

All: just as you are before your God. Amen!

* OPENING HYMN NO. 41

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come as poor sinners, pleading before you God, that we are guilty of our sins. We have lived as if you God didn't matter and that we mattered most. Let us God open our hearts, our minds, our souls, to hear your message presented to us today providing us with an open mind to change our lives for the new decade soon upon us!

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news. Jesus has indeed come into the world to save us from our sins.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* 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.

Hymn No. 53

What Child is This

The Apostles Creed (page no. 14 of Hymnal and on screen)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

*All children are invited to come forward for a special message.
12 Days of Christmas...The Epiphany*

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)

Heirlooms
Nancy Blackburn

AMY GRANT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heidi Klevemann, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2 : 13 - 23

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGE 2

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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

*** SING THE FAITH NO. 2128 (verse 1) *Come and Find the Quiet Center***

SERMON

“God’s Vision is still the same in 2020”

Kevin Wagner

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 23 *Angels We Have Heard on High***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

He Is Born!

FRENCH CAROL

*** DOXOLOGY (tune page 592 of the hymnal)**

P.M. TESTERMAN

***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**

Lord, you have given us people who love us and whom we love. In this we find comfort. And you have placed strangers in our lives. In this we find our challenge and your call. Open our eyes to see your face in every person we meet. Open our hearts to count each of your children as a brother or sister. Open our arms to welcome them in. Open our gifts so that we may show them that your love and compassion have no bounds. Through this may we find that you have made your home in us, and us part of your family. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN No. 40**

Joy to the World

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude

TRADITIONAL

All are welcome to Sunday fellowship, at Café LaFed, hosted by Antonio Garcia

12 Days of Christmas.....The Epiphany

You may have heard of the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and William Shakespeare's play, "Twelfth Night."

That 12th day is Jan. 6th, 2020. It's been a tradition since Victorian England to celebrate the end of Christmas on the Twelfth Night, taking down the evergreens of Christmas season and lighting a bonfire. This older Christian celebration is called The Epiphany!

Before Christmas was set on Dec. 25 in the Fourth Century, Epiphany included the celebration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, but now primarily celebrates the visit of the magi to the baby Jesus, and the baptism of Jesus in some traditions.

According to the traditional Christian calendar, Jan 6th, 2020 marks "Twelfth Night," or the Eve of Epiphany, the end of the 12 days of Christmas. "That's the completion of the 12 days of Christmas," said the Rev. Alexander Fecanin, pastor of St. Symeon Orthodox Church, [one of several Alabama priests who has helped explain the church tradition to AL.com](#). "Traditionally, the 12 days of Christmas is not the 12 days before Christmas, it's the 12 days following. We're still singing carols. Not many people still celebrate with 12 days of gift-giving from Dec. 25 to Jan. 5, as in the famous Christmas carol. But many churches do observe the ancient feast of Epiphany on Jan. 6, a holiday associated in western churches with the coming of the magi to honor the infant Jesus."

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

‡ tune on page 592 of hymnal

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