

FEDERATED CHURCH



Into Our New Century in the Spirit of Christ

Thursday, October 10, 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 Rick Porter (Thurs.), Riley Gausman, Clark Grant, Mark Hegi, and Peg Rupprecht.

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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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 or pastor.
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery: "Prayers are requested for the well-being and prosperity of the Clarkson [New Zion] congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship."
- ♦ Please lift up the family of Carol Vollbracht in your prayers. Carol passed away on Oct. 2nd here in Columbus. Funeral service will be held on Oct. 15th.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, October 13

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting, AD 2
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, October 14

- 5:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting, EC 7
- 6:45pm Membership Growth Meeting, EC 7
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 277 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 15

- 7:00am Tues. Morning Book Group, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am Carol Vollbracht Funeral, Gass Haney FH
- 1:00pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study, EC 8
- 1:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting, AD 2
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30pm Planning Meeting, EC 8
- 7:30pm Adult Education Steering Meeting, EC 5

Wednesday, October 16

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 4:30pm Lectionary Evening Bible Study, EC 8
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Rehearsal, EC 3/8
- 6:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, October 17

- 5:15pm Cookies N' More Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 18

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, October 19

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 20

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary

**Make your plans to attend
the 104th Annual
Congregational Fall Meeting
to be held after worship service
Sunday, October 27, 2019!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Having received the letter to announce our Stewardship Theme, Let God Lead, you may be asking yourself many different questions. With individuality comes individual methods for knowing God's leading. We ask you to follow the example of Jesus, who would take time away from the crowds to pray and listen to God. ~ Stewardship Committee

This month, **Governing Council** has approved the use of the facilities for the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance volunteers** this next Spring. The volunteers will be helping with the damages from this previous Spring's flood. The **P.D.A.** has offered, in exchange for the building usage, a number of amenities that will be disclosed in greater detail at a later date.

GREETERS WANTED! Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex provided by the Membership & Growth Committee! Thank you!

NEEDED: Story Tellers for Children's Sermon

The Christian Education Committee is asking for volunteers for the Children's Sermons to help Pastor Edward with the church service when he is preaching on Sundays. Please talk with Brenda Sand.

Meals On Wheels - Federated will have our week of service October 21 - 25. Coordinator will be Charlotte Lambert (402-564-5834).

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, a time of prayer that is open to all, is held in our **sanctuary** from **11:30AM -12:30PM**. Whether you are new to prayer or have practiced for years, you are welcome here. If you have questions or prayer requests please contact: Church office – 402-564-2812
Email - fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org or Barb Sanderson – 402-910-3586
Email - bjs.sanderson@gmail.com

Share Your Talents

"COOKIES 'N MORE": Project preparation meetings will be held on **October 17th** and **24th**, and **November 7th** and **14th** at **5:15 P.M.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. If you are interested in helping with this project or if you have already agreed to help, please attend a couple of these meetings. It is never too late to join in the fun. Questions can be addressed to Paula Lange or Alison Wagner. See you on these meeting dates!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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

*Amazing Grace
God of Our Fathers*

Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ARR. BABCOCK/VOSS

ARR. SMITH/HUSTAD

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP - GENEROSITY (VIDEO)

Bill Royer, President

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For saving us from all that threatens:

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

One: For sending help in our hour of need:

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

One: For giving us hope and a purpose:

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Lord, The events of our lives don't always make sense to us. Show us how you are guiding us, day by day, to be the people you have created us to be, faithful followers and willing servants. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 420

God of Grace and God of Glory (verses 1, 3 & 4)

* PASSING THE PEACE

One: With the hope of those who are forgiven and a commitment to walk in the way of peace,
Let us pass the peace of Christ to our neighbors.

All: The peace of Christ be with you.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We confess our sins before God and one another. *(Pause for silence and reflection.)*
Creator God,

All: We have given you so many reasons to grieve. We disrespect your creation. We long for personal glory, material riches and other things which don't last. We mistreat ourselves and each other. We forget the power of your promises. We ask your forgiveness, counting on your never-failing mercy, in Jesus' name.

AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and

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

victory. You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:26 - 27a

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGES 211

Exodus 1:8 - 14, 15 - 20; 3:1 - 15

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGES 211

SERMON

"Faith in Discouraging Times"

Adam Lassen, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSIVE HYMN

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (verses 1 - 4)

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

Old French Chanson

UNKNOWN

* DOXOLOGY ‡

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You accept our gifts, great and generous God, both of riches and ourselves. Now make something beautiful of our offerings, that your will might be known and fulfilled upon the earth. In the name of the one who cares for us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 442

The Church's One Foundation (verses 1 - 4)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato in Bb

FAULKES

In Generosity

Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.

—Matthew 13:8, NIV

If you want a good dose of musical frustration, try singing a folk song with your friends around the campfire. It may sound like the same song, but chances are it won't have exactly the same words. Your friends' notes will certainly vary from what was intended.

When you next hear the song, it could well have new verses or an altered melody. It may show up in the most unlikely corners of the world—a potential nightmare for the control of copyright.

Like a folk song entrusted to an audience, a parable is entrusted to the listener. Released into the air like a song, God's living Word is let loose into the world.

Jesus has begun broadcasting seeds for the kingdom! In daily life Jesus sows words and images of God throughout the community. How they grow up in us will vary from person to person and congregation to congregation, creating a rich diversity of lives listening to and responding to God.

Try some indiscriminate sowing of flower seeds. Do you feel free? Wasteful? Will you watch carefully to see what happens to your seeds? Will you water and tend them?

Try some generous sowing of your financial resources or your personal talents. Do you feel liberated? Irresponsible? How will you follow your generosity? Where is God leading you through your giving?

Prayer: Lead me, God, to move beyond fear to generosity. Open my life to the wonder of your creative activity in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Cookies 'N More **-A Very Sweet Event**

It's that time of year again! Please mark your calendars for Federated's 13th Annual Cookies 'N More to be held Thursday, November 21st, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

A committee will be forming soon to host this event. If you are interested in helping with this project, a planning meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tasks will be divided up so this project runs smoothly.

You will be receiving a phone call mid-to late-October asking you to donate

It's time! Time to update our pictorial directory!



Lifetouch will be photographing families
at Federated Church on October 22 - 26.

(Additional dates will be added if necessary)

Our goal is to have 100% participation
- our directory won't be complete without you!

Each family participating will receive a **free** 8 x 10,
a **free** printed directory and a **free** electronic directory.

Families will also have the opportunity to purchase
additional portraits.

Sign up for a photo session online at
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b1c3gdk2/>

or sign up in person after worship services in the
month of September.

Props, pets (within reason) and extended family are
welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Sand
at 402.276.2080 or brendajsand@gmail.com.