

FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday,
February 16**



**Sunday,
February 19**

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.

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available.

Ushers are here to help you: Rick Porter (Thurs.), John Lohr, Terry Norris, Daryl Smith, and Denny Vollbracht. **All are welcome to Sunday fellowship after worship,** this week hosted by the Personnel Committee.

We are called Federated because on July 2, 1914, Columbus’ Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined in an effort to serve as one congregation.

For **Prayer Chain** requests, call the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call the Order of St. Andrew to start the prayer chain. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org to see videos of worship and bulletins or Channel 99 (HD) Mondays and Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings at 8pm.

In case of an emergency, the pastors’ cell phone numbers are:

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WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship.

PRELUDE

*Trumpet Tune and Air
My Lord, What a Morning
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano*

PURCELL
ARR. LAU

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 119: 57, 64, 90, 171**

One: The Lord is our portion, the earth is full of God's steadfast love;

All: Our lips pour forth praise and we sing of God's promise;

One: God's faithfulness endures to all generations;

All: let us live that we may praise you!

One: Let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN NO. 467**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! (verses 1 -3)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION FROM PSALM 119: 33-40

One: Teach us, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and we will observe it to the end.

All: Give us understanding, that we may keep your law and observe it with our whole hearts.

One: Lead us in the path of your commandments, for we delight in it.

All: Turn our hearts to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

One: Turn our eyes from looking at vanities; give us life in your ways.

All: Confirm to your servants your promise,

One: Turn away the disgrace that we dread, for your ordinances are good.

All: We have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give us life.

One: All are invited to offer silent prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS FROM PSALM 119: 73, 76

One: Amen. O God, your hands have made us; give us understanding of your commandments.

All: Let your steadfast word become our comfort according to your promise. Alleluia! Amen.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 369**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

All children are invited forward for a special message.

Steve Heinisch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

*Praise the Lord, his Glories Show
Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director*

H. HOPSON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joie Taylor, Liturgist (Sun.)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Gospel according to Matthew 5: 38-47

(Pew Bible Old Testament page 5)

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.***

SERMON

“And if you greet your sisters and brothers only, what is unusual about that?
Do not the Gentiles do the same?” (Matthew 5:47)

Third in an Eight-Week Series: Questions of Jesus

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* **RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 358**

Help Us Accept Each Other

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

All Day Long My Heart Keeps Singing

ARR. ATWOOD

*Special Offering opportunities for January, February, and March include
Building Maintenance, Hastings College, and One Great Hour of Sharing.*

* **DOXOLOGY** “Doxology” means “words of praise.” Please see page 592 of the hymnal for the tune. ROGER C. LYNN

***Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; Whose love reveals our sacred worth;
Whose Spirit forms one family; Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.***

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

All: **Generous God, we are graced to have been given your work to do. We are blessed to receive
more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgiving and offerings. Amen.**

* **CLOSING HYMN NO. 538**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

* **BLESSING AND SENDING**

* **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Neighbor to East: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends.
The peace of Christ be with you. *Please shake your neighbor’s hand or share a hug.*

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All are invited to rise as you are able in body or in spirit to greet those around you.

***After Passing the Peace and praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday
fellowship time with refreshments at Café La Fed, hosted this week by Women’s Fellowship Rhombus.***

POSTLUDE

Fughette

MENDELSSOHN

Next Sunday - Annual Meeting of the Congregation

immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

(No Education Hour)

*After the meeting, all are invited to enjoy the Beach Brunch in the Fellowship Hall,
which will support the Alumni Mission Trip to Cuba with a freewill donation.*

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

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please hold Cynthia Irby, daughter of Bill & Carolyn, as she faces a cancer diagnosis.
- ◆ We lift up prayers for Irene (O'Brien) Dare. She is now at home and is continuing home health care and physical therapy to recover from a stroke.
- ◆ Please hold Bonnie Lou Owens, sister of Judy Temme, in your prayers. Bonnie is in hospice care in Wayne, NE.
- ◆ Please pray for Jeannie Kiser Jensen as she recovers following surgery. She is now at home.
- ◆ Please pray for Clare, daughter-in-law of Rev. Don and Joy Wilson, receiving treatment for breast cancer.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 19

- 8:00am Youth Field Trip to Lincoln
- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, February 20

- 4:00pm Emerson Tutoring, Emerson School
- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 6:30pm Property & Finance Committee, EC 8
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 21

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 12:00pm All Staff Meeting, EC 7
- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:30pm Christian Education Meeting, EC 8

Wednesday, February 22

- 3:00pm Wed. Youth After School, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee, Library
- 6:30pm Puppet Ministry, EC 3/8
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, February 23

- 8:00am Hope For Tomorrow, Fellowship Hall, EC 5/8
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, February 24

- 8:30am MOPS Playgroup, Gym
- 5:00pm Blue & Gold Banquet, Fellowship Hall
- 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, February 25

- 4:00pm Wheatley-Johnson Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 26

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am 102nd Annual Meeting, Sanctuary
- Beach Bruch following meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be **NEXT Sunday, February 26** Agenda items include the 2017 Proposed Budget. Financial documents were mailed to the congregation Feb. 3. The meeting will also include information about Rev. Annika's Study Leave in summer 2017.

UPCOMING AT FEDERATED CHURCH

For more details, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org, or contact the church office (402)564-2812.

Special Events

This Sunday, Federated Youth are on a field trip to Lincoln to worship at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church with some of their fellow mission trip participants, followed by lunch and bowling at UNL.

Mission and Outreach

NEXT Sunday, FEBRUARY 26th: BEACH BRUNCH after the congregational meeting! Cast off the cold and "pretend" you are at the beach--at Federated! With this, the February "fun"raisers are over! This brunch benefits the Alumni mission trip to Cuba and asks for a free will offering. Thanks for supporting alumni!

Book Exchange Youth Mission Fundraiser will continue till the end of Feb. Find a book to enjoy and/or donate books to share. Free will donations support the Youth Summer Mission Trip to Colorado.

Thank You!

Nursery Update Contractors have been working in the Nursery, as well as the east end of the Education Center hallway, for the past two weeks and are on-going. Thanks to everyone for their flexibility!

Bible Studies & Christian Education

All are welcome to the **Adult Education Series: Questions of Jesus**. Gather in the Sanctuary at 54:89a.m. for Bible study and discussion.

Tuesday Christian Book Discussion Group is viewing 30 minute lectures by Bible scholar Bart Ehrman, on the topic, "How Jesus Became God". All are welcome at 7a.m. for breakfast and discussion.

Caring and Fellowship

The Needlecraft Ministry is again asking for men's or women's t-shirts, sizes large or larger and for colorful, good, used sheets to make hospital gowns. They may be left in the church office. Any questions, ask Louise Moran 402-564-5745.

Women's Fellowship meets **March 8** - Board meeting at 4:30p.m. in Room 8 followed by a **Fellowship Gathering** with a meal at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Tamra Boettcher** will present a program about her Mission Trip to Nicaragua. All are welcome!!! Call Cec to reserve a meal, or come at 6:30 for the

Women's Fellowship: Reading any 4 books from the 2016-2017 PWHP reading lists qualifies for recognition at the Area Spring Gathering in 2017. You may include reading from previous lists, Horizons Magazine and Presbyterians Today. Turn in your list of books read to Marily Vrana, 402-563-3265 by March 1. A complete list of books is in the WF shelving of the Church Library.