

# FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday,  
February 2**



Questions  
Jesus Asked

**Sunday,  
February 5**

## 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, Daryl Smith, and Denny Vollbracht. **All are welcome to Sunday fellowship after worship,** this week hosted by the Personnel Comm.

**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](http://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

*Variations on How Firm A Foundation*  
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

ARR. LINKER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.***

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

JOHN 1: 35-38

One: John the Baptist again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,

**All: "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"**

One: The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,

**All: "What are you looking for?"**

One: They said, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

**All: Jesus said to them, "Come and see."**

One: Let us worship God.

### \* OPENING HYMN NO. 507

*I Come With Joy*

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

One: Gracious God, in Christ you call us to unity of mind and purpose,

**All: but we confess that our hearts turn to separation from you.**

One: Help us to remember, O God, that we have all been baptized in one body.

**All: Draw us together in your Spirit, so that we may proclaim Christ's ministry in one voice.**

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

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ROMANS 8 & 2 CORINTHIANS 5

One: Amen. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun.  
Friends, hear the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

### \* RESPONSIVE HYMN †

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul. (sing twice)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

*All children are invited forward for a special message.*

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

*Shine on Me*  
Bob Arp, Director

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL  
ARR. R. DILWORTH

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Vrana, Liturgist (Sun.)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Gospel according to Luke 12: 13-21

*(pew Bible New Testament page 74)*

SERMON

"Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" (Luke 12:14)

*Second in an Eight-Week Series: Questions of Jesus*

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

### MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

**\*As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.** † tune on page 368 of hymnal

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 521

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

*Congregation sings Refrain to begin hymn and after each verse.*

*Cantors will sing the verses of the hymn.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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. All who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Children are welcome to receive communion at Federated. **Parents and guardians** may serve children as part of on-going conversations about faith. Songs & prayers may refer to "wine," but **only grape juice is served**. At the center of bread trays are **gluten-free wafers**. Please place cups in pew holders.*

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

**All: Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us to share Christ's invitation and to be faithful disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* RESPONSIVE HYMN †

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

*I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul. (sing twice)*

*I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul. (sing twice)*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee (Hymn #310)*

DYKES

\* DOXOLOGY ††

A.L. STROOPE

*O God, we gather at your feast; Your table welcomes yet the least;  
So all to you this day we bring, Receive our humble offering. Amen.*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**All: Holy God, you have offered us a place at the table. We ask that you bless these resources so that they support ministries of compassion and justice. Amen.**

\* CLOSING HYMN NO. 514

*Let us Talents and Tongues Employ*

\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As sisters and brothers in Christ, we are no longer strangers but friends.

Let us celebrate God's mercy by sharing a sign of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

*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 Circle 2.*

POSTLUDE

*A Song in Gladness*

SIBLEY

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

†† tune on page 592 of hymnal

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please hold the family of Marcella Henry in your prayers. Marcella died January 28. Funeral services were here at Federated Church on February 1 with burial at Columbus Cemetery.
- ◆ We lift up prayers for Irene (O'Brien) Dare as she recovers from a stroke at Faith Regional in Norfolk.
- ◆ Please pray for Clare, daughter-in-law of Rev. Don and Joy Wilson, receiving treatment for breast cancer.
- ◆ Please pray for Jeannie Kiser Jensen as she recovers following surgery. She is now at home.
- ◆ For information on how to help those impacted, visit the disaster assistance websites of both our denominations: [www.ucc.org/disaster](http://www.ucc.org/disaster) and [www.pda.pcusa.org](http://www.pda.pcusa.org)

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, February 5

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, EC 5
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, February 6

- 2:00 pm Stewardship Committee, Conference Rm.
- 5:00pm Emerson Tutoring, Emerson School
- 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew, Library
- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, February 7

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Wednesday, February 8

- 1:00pm Needlecraft Ministry, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm Wed. Youth After School, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Puppet Ministry, EC 3/8
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Thursday, February 9

- 11:30am Zero 2 Eight/United Way, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, February 10

- 9:00am MOPS Playgroup, Gym
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

### Saturday, February 11

- 9:00am Fantastic 4-Hrs, Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, February 12

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, EC 5
- 11:30am Taste of Federated, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

**2017 Address Directories are available** in the Narthex. Please let the church office know if you do not find your name on a directory or if you deliver a directory to a homebound member. Thank you!

**Looking for annual reports?** Find them on the church website -- [www.federatedcolumbus.org](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org) - by Jan. 27. The office can make printed copies upon request.

## UPCOMING AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

## Special Events

**SOUPER SUNDAY TODAY - February 5<sup>th</sup>!** Delicious homemade soups available in the Narthex before and after church! Free will donation. Made by the *Mission Marauders* to help our alumni for their trip to Cuba.

**Taste of Federated** will be **Sunday, Feb. 12** Share your cooking skills and support the Youth Summer Mission Team with this fun (and tasty) event. For more info, contact Max Porter: [max.david.porter@gmail.com](mailto:max.david.porter@gmail.com)

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be **Sunday, February 26** Documents for the meeting, including the Agenda, and 2017 Proposed Budget will be mailed to the congregation the week of Feb. 6.

## Mission and Outreach

**Book Exchange Youth Mission Fundraiser** has begun! Find a book to enjoy and/or donate books to share. Free will donations support the High School Summer Mission Trip to Colorado.

**Meals On Wheels** - Federated will deliver February 13-17. Renee Bellum (402-563-2441) will coordinate.

## Caring and Fellowship

**Nursery Update** Repairs are on-going in the Nursery following a pipe burst on Dec. 18. Thanks to Zach Nickolite, Custodian, for getting so much cleaned up and to Bill Royer for continuing coordination with insurance and repairs. Thanks to Ashli Porter, Nursery Attendant, for her flexibility during this time.

**Hope for Tomorrow** - Federated will host a workshop being organized by Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska. *Hope for Tomorrow* is a dynamic worship that will provide an opportunity to recognize key skills that promote resiliency and growth for participants. For more information, visit [www.imneb.org](http://www.imneb.org) or call Rev. Jerry Albright at (402) 476-3391.

## Bible Studies & Christian Education

**New Sunday Adult Education Series Begins This Week:** Questions of Jesus. Gather in the Sanctuary at 10:45a.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.

## Thank You!

**Stewardship 2017 Update - Fearless Generosity**  
Thank you to all who have pledged for 2017! **124** households have pledged, and **40%** of those have increased their pledge to support Federated Church's mission & outreach. *The Stewardship Committee*