

FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday,
February 9**



**Sunday,
February 12**

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

See What His Love Can Do
Praise God!
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

BACH
DENSON

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

PSALM 40:1-3

One: We waited patiently for the Lord who heard our cry.

All: God picked us up from the muddy pit and set our feet upon a rock.

One: God put a new song in our mouth, a song of praise.

All: Many will see and rejoice, and put their trust in the Lord.

One: Let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN NO. 466**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

One: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,

All: too real to hide and too deep to undo.

One: Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,

All: and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

One: Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

All: through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

1 JOHN 1:9

One: Amen. If we confess our sins...

All: God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us. Alleluia! Amen.

*** SONG OF PRAISE #2056** *Sing the Faith Songbook*

God is So Good (verses 1 - 3)

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.) *All children are invited forward for a special message.*

BELLS OF JOY (SUN.)

Glory to God in the Highest
Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director

ARR. LORENZ

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Trautwein, Liturgist (Sun.)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(pew Bible Old Testament page 186)

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

*Images include: Gustave Doré "Jacob Wrestling with the Angel" & "Moses Breaking the Ten Commandments";
Frederic Edwin Church "Moses Viewing the Promised Land"; Vittore Carpaccio "Augustine in his Study"*

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (SUN.)

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

BAPTISM HYMN #2051 Sing the Faith Songbook

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISAND:

Myah Faith Marie Torrez

Elder Rick Porter

*QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS & CONGREGATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

All: **We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

BAPTISMAL PRAYER 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.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in one ministry, for we are one in Christ. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prayer for Humanity

LAMB

* DOXOLOGY †

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. 536

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Cantors sing verse 1. Congregation sings verses 2-4.

* BLESSING AND SENDING

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. 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 Clark & Lori Smith and Gary & Sue Jacobs.***

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

BROACHED

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

† tune on page 592 of hymnal

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ We lift up prayers for Irene (O'Brien) Dare as she recovers from a stroke at Faith Regional in Norfolk.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ For information on how to help those impacted, visit the disaster assistance websites of both our denominations: www.ucc.org/disaster and pda.pcusa.org

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13

- 4:00pm Emerson Tutoring, Emerson School
- 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew, Library
- 5:15pm Membership & Growth Committee, EC 8
- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

- 3:00pm Wed. Youth After School, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee, Library
- 7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Puppet Ministry, EC 3/8
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, February 16

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, February 17

- 8:30am MOPS Meeting, EC, Fellowship Hall, Gym
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, February 18

No events scheduled

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

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be **Sunday, February 26** The Agenda and 2017 Proposed Budget were mailed to the congregation Feb. 3.

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!

Annual Reports are at www.federatedcolumbus.org. The office can make printed copies upon request.

UPCOMING AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Special Events

Taste of Federated is **TODAY**, from **11:30am** in the **Fellowship Hall!** Support the Youth Summer Mission Team with this fun (and tasty) event.

Federated Youth will be making a field trip to Lincoln next Sunday (2/19). Middle and high schoolers need to be at church by 8am as we plan to attend Sunday worship at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. We will also have lunch and go bowling at UNL.

Women's Fellowship meets on **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 Bartholomew to reserve a meal, or come at 6:30 for just the program.

Mission and Outreach

FEBRUARY 26th: It's a BEACH BRUNCH! Cast off the cold and "pretend" that you are at the beach--at Federated! February 26th, after the congregational meeting. With this, the February "fun"raisers are over! This brunch will benefit the Alumni mission trip to Cuba, and will ask for a free will offering. Thanks for your support of our Federated 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.

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

Stewardship 2017 Update - Fearless Generosity It's not too late to pledge for 2017! **40%** of the **124** households that have pledged have increased their support of Federated Church's mission & outreach. Thank you! ~ *The Stewardship Committee*

Caring and Fellowship

Hope for Tomorrow (Feb. 23) - Federated will host a workshop being organized by Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska. *Hope for Tomorrow* will provide an opportunity to recognize key skills that promote resiliency and growth for participants. For more information, visit www.imneb.org or call Rev. Jerry Albright at (402) 476-3391.

Bible Studies & Christian Education

New Sunday Adult Education Series: 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.