

We Welcome you to THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF WAUCONDA

November 11th, 2018 - 9:30 am
Commitment/Pledge Sunday

We are committed to God through Christ to enrich the world
through worship, mission, witness, and service.

180 Years of Worship and Service



Ever since the time of your ancestors, you have deviated from my laws and have not kept them. Return to me and I will return to you, says the Lord of heavenly forces. But you say, "How should we return?" Should a person deceive God? Yet you deceive me. But you say, "How have we deceived you?" With your tenth-part gifts and offerings. You are being cursed with a curse, and you, the entire nation, are robbing me. Bring the whole tenth-part to the storage house so there might be food in my house. Please test me in this, says the Lord of heavenly forces. See whether I do not open all the windows of the heavens for you and empty out a blessing until there is enough.

The Federated Church of Wauconda

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Pastor..... Soon Sun Lee
 Director of Music/Organist..... Geri Meyer
 Worship Assistant..... Linda Vrabec
 Greeter..... Lee Detwiler
 Nursery Attendant..... Nancy Lucius
 Ushers..Jutta Culbertson, Laurel DeBoer, Dave Fehlman, Ted Tremont
 Usher Chairperson..... Dave Fehlman
 Acolytes..... Gabriella Stephens

Welcome and Announcements

Choir Introit

“People Need the Lord”

Registration

(Please sign the attendance sheets)

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Words of Affirmation

**Call to Worship*

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Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church, the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest that we are on to be united by God’s grace.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of worship and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future with hope.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our visions.

We are celebrating the visions of those who have come before us, the visions that brought us to where we are today and the visions that we see today for the future.

Let us gather in celebration!

Let us give thanks to God!

Let us proclaim our faith in God!

Let us worship God!

Opening Hymns* **“Halle, Halle, Halleluja” (2 times) No. 2026

“I Love You Lord” (2 times) No. 2068

Children’s Message

**The Lord’s Prayer* No. 895

**Passing of the Peace*

Choir Anthem **“We Are the Church”** N. Price and D. Besig

Watch a Video by Media Team

Veteran's Day

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Prayer Hymn **“Seek it First the Kingdom of God”** No. 405

First Reading Colossians 3:23

Prayer of Preparation

*Second Reading Matthew 6:19-20

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Working for God, Not for Men” Pastor Soon Sun

A Time to bring your Pledges/Talents and Skills 2019

Dedication Hymn **“Take My Life and Let It Be”** No. 399

(While singing this song, you are invited to bring your Pledges and Talents and Skills 2019 to the Altar)

Offering

*Offering Response **“The Doxology”** No. 95

*Closing Hymn **“I Surrender All”** No. 354

*Benediction

*Postlude

Cathy Mate, our Minister of Prayer is available for prayers after service.

WORSHIP GUIDE FOR THE WEEK

This guide is prepared for you with the scriptures used in today's service. We encourage you to read through them as the week progresses as part of your personal devotions.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way,

you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work.

FIRST READING

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people.

SECOND READING

Matthew 6:19-20

“Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don’t eat them and where thieves don’t break in and steal them.

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

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CHOIR ANTHEM

“We Are the Church”

Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

1. The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple; the church is not a resting place; the church is a people. (Refrain)
2. We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colours and all ages, too from all times and places. (Refrain)
3. Sometimes the church is marching; sometimes it's bravely burning, sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding; always it's learning. (Refrain)
4. And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying; there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: (Refrain)
5. At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it. (Refrain)

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship service – 9:30am; Sunday School (Sept. – May) – 9:45am;
Fellowship – 10:30am

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Pastor Soon Sun will be leading Advent Bible Study classes in December on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00pm on Dec. 4, 11 & 18. The book is “The Journey”.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the pedestal today are from Don Meyer given in celebration of Geri’s birthday.

BREAKFAST WITH THE PASTOR

Start your week off right with a time of fellowship with friends from the church. We meet every week on Monday at 8:00am at the Wauconda Café on Rt. 176. Join us for coffee, breakfast or just good conversation.

CPR TRAINING CLASS – Nov. 16

There will be a CPR training on November 12 at 10:00am for Sunday School teachers and staff. Please see Pastor Crystal for details.

THANKSGIVING MUSIC SUNDAY – Nov. 18

On this Sunday we will make joyful noises in our worship service. God has blessed us and given us many things in our lives. There will be a time for us to give our God thanks and praise! We invite all of you to write a “thank you” note to God, and bring it with you to that service to share. Join us for a morning worship and thanksgiving. Let your music gifts be used for praising God! Those who love to sing, or play the music, please do so to glorify God. Pastor Fred will do the children’s sermon.

HANGING OF THE GREENS CELEBRATION – Nov. 25

On this Sunday we will explore the meaning of the greens, the Christmas tree, Christmas wreath, poinsettias and include singing Christmas carols. Let us have a hopeful Advent season! After worship we will host our annual Hanging of the Greens party starting at 11:00am. Everyone is invited to help decorate. We will be ordering pizzas, so please bring a few dollars to help cover the cost.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – Dec. 1

Here are some ways you can help with the Christmas Bazaar: bake cookies for the *Cookie Walk*; volunteer to work the day of the *Bazaar*; make crafts to sell at the Bazaar; donate accessories for the *Glamorama Boutique*; donate Christmas items for *Grandma's Attic*; bake special treats for the *Baked Goods* table. Any questions? Please contact Candee Nustra at candeenustra@gmail.com or 847-526-3873.

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Fred Berchtold, Bernice Block, Larry & Elise Bock, Leonor Braund, Florence Burton, Paul Deinlein, Pun Fehlman, Donna Gallmeyer-Dixon, Howard Ficht, Kitty Green, Mickie Kisselburg, Scott Matthews, Billy Meyer, Dolores Prusinski, Lois Schirmer, Dorothy Wheelock, Lisa Wineski, Brian Zinkel

“180” MEMORY BOOKS and DVDs - on sale now

FOCW still has available a few of our new Memory Books containing historical information and wonderful stories from members of our congregation. We also have DVDs with copies of the 300 pictures which were part of the slideshow from Saturday.

Memory Book \$10; DVD \$3 - proceeds will go to support the local Food Pantry. If you would like to purchase either, see Sylvia Chen after church on Sunday, Nov. 11 or contact her at 847-304-1723 or Azuresbc@gmail.com.

OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Crystal will be on vacation on November 15 – 18. She will be back in the office on Monday, November 19.

PASTOR SOON SUN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Soon Sun's office hours are Tuesday through Friday 9:30am – 4:30pm. She will be in the office at this time unless called away due to pastoral visits or ministry. Pastor Soon Sun will be visiting people on Friday afternoons. Even when she is not in the office she can be reached 24/7 by phone or text at 815-861-2415. You can also contact her at soonsunlee@live.com.

PLEDGE CARDS

There are extra pledge cards on the table by the window in the refreshment area for anyone who may have forgotten to bring theirs today.

PRAYER MEETINGS

We have added more prayer meetings times. In addition to our 7:00pm evening meetings on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of the month, we are going to meet every Thursday morning at 10:00am. Our meetings are a time to gather with other believers to lift our needs and our praises to God.

MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Worship Meeting – Dec. 5 at 6:00pm
Outreach Meeting – Dec. 9 at 10:45am
Trustees Meeting – Dec. 12 at 7:00pm
Federated Board Meeting – Dec. 19 at 7:00pm
Education Meeting – Dec. 23 at 10:45am

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 1 – Christmas Bazaar from 9:30am – 2:00pm
Dec. 2 – Food Pantry Sunday
Dec. 9 – Children's Christmas Program during Worship service
Dec. 9 – High School Youth Christmas Party from 11:30am – 2:30pm
Dec. 9 – Super Seniors Christmas Party – 5:00pm
Dec. 16 – Choir Cantata during Worship service
Dec. 16 – Christmas Caroling – 3:00pm & 4:30pm
Dec. 20 – Blue Christmas: Longest Night Service – 7:00pm
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 4:00pm and 11:00pm

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – NOV. 11-18		
TODAY: Nov. 11		Commitment/Pledge Sunday
	10:45 am	Outreach Meeting
MON: Nov. 12	8:00 am	Breakfast with the Pastor
	9:00 am	Senior Exercise
	10:00 pm	CPR Class in Lounge
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
TUES: Nov. 13	11:30 am	W.I.L.M.A. Meeting
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
WED: Nov. 14	6:00 pm	T.O.P.S.
	6:00 pm	Endowment Meeting
	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
THURS: Nov. 15	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 pm	Alanon Meeting
FRI: Nov. 16		
SAT: Nov. 17		
SUN: Nov. 18		Thanksgiving Music Sunday
	10:45 am	Youth Group Meeting

LAY MINISTRIES: Next Sunday – Nov. 18

Worship Assistant..... Lou Ann Kozderka

Ushers..... Jim & Joyce Hill, John Mate, Mary Taylor

Acolytes..... Hero Lucius



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