

\*Offertory Response (tune: Regent Square, No. 22) *Thank You, God, for Your Creation*  
**Thank you, God, for your creation; Bless, O Lord, these gifts we bring.**  
**Thank you, God, for Christ the Savior, your own precious offering.**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Bless, O Lord, these gifts we bring.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN No. 10 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE *"IV. Veni, veni, Emmanuel"* James Woodman  
*from "Little Partita for Advent"*

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*Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Bill and Katy Frase in loving memory of Bill's parents, William and Mary Frase.*

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## **Boulevard Presbyterian Church**

*Worship On The Lord's Day*  
**December 10, 2017 11:15 A.M.**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**



*Today's congregation continues strong traditions of:*

- *Living faith through worship, mission, education and fellowship with the vision of "Reaching Out to Make Disciples."*
- *Following the path laid out by God through his son, Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit;*
- *Sharing the inclusive love of God to all of God's children and God's creation;*
- *Exposing the light of Christ to the world through music, words, prayer and actions.*

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those near you.*

PRELUDE *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* arr. David N. Johnson  
*"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
 Lighting of the Advent Candle The Ells Family

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 13 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

\*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD  
**Ever-faithful and present God, we confess that we do not lead the lives you call us to live. We suffer from impatience, apathy and greed. We are not at peace with ourselves or you. As we repent of these and our other sins, we turn to you in love. Forgive our faithlessness and pardon our sins, so that we may walk in the glory of your name. Amen.**  
 Silent Confession

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Response (No. 44; v.4)

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

SERMON

Prepare

Pastor Preston Shealy

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*RECEIVE GOD’S HEALING

\*HYMN No. 3

*Comfort, Comfort You My People*

\*SHARE GOD’S PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.** *Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

\*PROFESSING OUR FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*SING GLORY TO GOD (No. 59; v.6)

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night*

**All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace:  
Good will to all from highest heaven begin and never cease!  
Begin and never cease!**

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

SHARING OUR HEARTS WITH GOD

*Following each petition, God’s people respond:*

Leader: Loving God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Children 4 years of age through 3rd grade are invited to attend Wee Worship, a children’s worship-education program. Children go to Room 301 (upstairs) after the Children’s Message, and should be picked up there directly after worship. Children 3 years of age and younger are invited to the Nursery in Room 208 (off the Lounge). All children 10 years and older should return to their seats in the Sanctuary.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

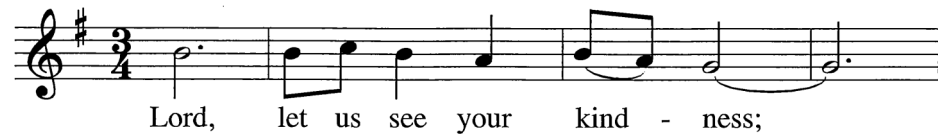
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 812)

Mark 1:1-8

PSALM 85

Marty Haugen



Lord, let us see your kind - ness;



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BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Anthem

“O Come, Emmanuel”

Elaine Hagenberg

*O come.*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here,  
And drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light!*

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all people in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease and fill the world with Heaven’s peace.*

*O Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come.*

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 581)

Isaiah 40:1-11

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*Please call the Church Office or Pastor Shealy to include someone on this Prayer List. (614-486-0267)*

**Prayers for Healing and Strength**

**Ruth Ferrari**, for healing and strength following a stroke (Linda Wilton's aunt)  
**Ginny Achtermann**, at home  
**Joanne Taylor**, Boulevard Preschool teacher, recovering from surgery  
**Julie Wall**, at home (Kyme Rennick's mother)  
**Eda Mikolaj**, at home (Heather Mikolaj's mother)  
**Barbara Frautschi**  
**Gay Hadley**  
**Barbara Rine**, breast cancer  
**Bruce "Smitty" Smith**  
**Carol McFadden**, breast cancer  
**Ella**, back at Boulevard Preschool  
**Fred Ferris**, for healing  
**Rick Cotter**, recovering from car accident (friend of Michael and Charmaine Hamilton)  
**Michael Frase**, for remission from infection  
**Suzanne Trombley**, Carol Fry's sister-in-law  
**Gary** (relative of Becky Metzler)  
**Tim McLane**, for balance and healing for foot (Mikie Bowles' brother)  
**Corey Sander**, cancer (Pat Nicholson's granddaughter's husband)  
**Kate Whitmore**, cancer (Marty Grimm's daughter)  
**Jerry Braun**, cancer (Mike McKinney's brother-in-law)  
**Julie DuSablou**, recuperating at home  
**Mark Nelson**, for healing, comfort, and peace

**Prayers for Our Special Care List**

**Dorothy Rout**, Westminster-Thurber  
**Evelyn Hannaway**, at home  
**Virginia Schlitt**, at home  
**Becky Metzler**, at home  
**Leni Leypoldt**, at home  
**Brita Knapp**, for continued remission  
**Norman Knapp**, healing and strength  
**Peggy Pasko**, Woodview Care and Rehab

**CALENDAR**

**Today**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**Clothing Collection Sunday**  
9:00 am Worship: Chapel  
10:00 am Advent Class: 111  
Cookie baking for Pre-K thru Teens: Kitchen  
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary  
Session will meet following the service to receive new members

**Monday, December 11**

7:00 pm Worship Committee: Chapel  
Deacons: Lounge

**Tuesday, December 12**

12:30 pm Staff Meeting: 300  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts: Kitchen and 111  
7:00 pm Scout Troop Committee: Lounge

**Wednesday, December 13**

9:30 am Quilters: 111  
5:00 pm Cub Scout Cooking Decorating: Kitchen

**Thursday, December 14**

10:30 am Presbyterian Women's Bible Study: Lounge  
6:00 pm Preschool Christmas Program  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice: Sanctuary

**Friday, December 15**

6:00 pm Box Taping and Labeling  
6:00 pm Cookie Packing

**Saturday, December 16**

9:30 am Pack Food Boxes

**Sunday, December 17**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 am Worship: Chapel  
10:00 am Advent Class: 111  
Pre-K thru Teens: Neighborhood  
Christmas Invitation Distribution  
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary  
12:15 pm Deliver Christmas Boxes

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**STEWARDSHIP IS . . .** Considering the gift of appreciated securities to the work, worship, mission, and ministry of the church!

**We Rejoice and Give Thanks**

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

General Sunday Offering: \$8,130.00  
God's People Gathered: 128

*Worship Leader: Susan Ebert*

*Greeters: Ted Smith and Rob Williams*

*Wee Worship Teacher: Stephanie Nelson*

*Nursery Volunteer: Kathie Bailey*

*Elder of the Month: Debbie Shealy*

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Large print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available from the ushers.

The sound system has hearing assists for those with hearing difficulties and may be used anywhere in the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for help.

Nursery for Children 3 Years and Younger ~ Room 208 (off the Lounge)  
Wee Worship (3-5 years) ~ Room 301 (upstairs)

The Lord's Supper is celebrated the first Sunday of every month at the 11:15 AM service and weekly at the 9:00 AM service.

**Announcements**

**Be sure to order your Poinsettias! ~ through TODAY, December 10**

The poinsettias will serve as memorials or in honor of loved ones whose names will be printed in the worship bulletins on Sunday, December 24, and will beautify our church for the Christmas season. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, we will accept orders through **today**. The poinsettias will be on display through all Christmas Eve services, and may be taken home following the 8:00 PM Candlelight Lessons and Carols service. The cost of each plant will be \$9.00. Envelopes are available in the Lounge.

**Advent Devotional ~ available in the Lounge**

Pick up your copy of the Advent Devotionals created by the Boulevard Family for you to enhance your spiritual practices during this holy season.

**Christmas Cookies for Food Boxes Needed**

We need lots of cookies! Please mark your home baked cookie donations "Christmas Boxes" and deliver them to the downstairs kitchen. **Cookies need to be delivered to the church by Thursday, December 14.** A big thank you to all of our cookie bakers!

**Advent Class for Adults and Youth ~ Because of Bethlehem**

**At 10:00 AM in Room 111 (downstairs)**

There are two sessions left of this video study (December 10 and 17) to help answer some of the questions of the season: What's the big deal about the baby in the manger? Who was he? What does his birth have to do with me? Join us as we explore these questions together!

**Calling All Kids!!**

**December 10 from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Kitchen**

All hands are needed to help bake and decorate cookies for the Christmas boxes. Ages Pre-K through teens are welcome and needed to help. Refreshments will be provided.

**December 17 from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Lounge**

Join together to spread door hangers throughout our neighborhood inviting our Grandview neighbors to join us for worship on Christmas Eve and celebrate Jesus' birth. Refreshments will follow. Pre-K through teens welcome and needed!

**Session Will Receive New Members ~ TODAY, December 10 after the 11:15 AM Service**

The Session of Boulevard Presbyterian Church will meet today after the 11:15 AM worship service to receive new members! If you would like to know more about becoming a member of Boulevard, please speak to Pastor Preston Shealy on Sunday morning or contact him during the week (614-486-0267 or [BoulevardPastor@aol.com](mailto:BoulevardPastor@aol.com)).

**Clothing Collection ~ TODAY, December 10**

Clothing Collection Sunday is the second Sunday of the month. Rather than holding separate drives as we have done in the past, we are now collect clothing for Neighborhood Services, Ins (NSI) on a year-round basis. Current requests for donations of the following are greatly appreciated by the clients of NSI:

- Hats and scarves
- Mittens and Gloves
- Socks and Underwear

Donations can be left in the large wooden box in the narthex where we collect food items for NNEMAP. Thank you for showing Christ's love to those in need.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

You are invited to participate in these rewarding Community Christmas Box activities **this week!**

<b>Thursday, December 14</b>	Home Baked Cookies Delivered to Church
<b>Friday, December 15 at 6:00 PM</b>	Tape and Label Boxes
<b>Saturday, December 16 at 9:30 AM</b>	Pack and Assemble Boxes
<b>Sunday, December 17 at 12:30 PM</b>	Deliver Boxes

*Each activity will take place in Fellowship Hall.*

**Filling, Placing and Lighting Luminaries ~ Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 PM**

Our Christmas Eve luminaries are a beautiful addition to our neighborhood. Help is needed to place, fill and light the Christmas Eve Luminaries. Luminary activities will begin at 4:00 PM and we will be finished in time to warm up before the 5:30 PM service. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Alex McCormick at 614-747-1082.

**Christmas Worship Schedule**

*Sunday, December 24 — Christmas Eve*

**4th Sunday of Advent — One Morning Service at 10:00 AM**

Celebrate the last Sunday of Advent in the morning. Prepare with hymns, scriptures, and communion for the birth of Jesus who comes to save us all.

**Family Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 PM**

This service will feature a worship experience where the whole family is invited to participate. Please plan on bringing your family and join us for this service of story and carols!

**Candlelight Lessons and Carols Service with Communion at 8:00 PM**

Join us for a joyful and intimate candlelit service as we celebrate the birth of Christ. This year's service will be filled with scripture, carols, choir and traditions that highlight our Christmas season. Come early for cookies, cocoa, and caroling at 7:30 PM.

*Sunday, December 31 — New Year's Eve*

**First Sunday after Christmas Day — One Morning Service at 10:00 AM**

Prepare to ring in the new year with our morning service, which will include communion, continuing the celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Savior!

**Church and Office Closed**

The church and office will be closed **December 25-29, and Monday, January 1**. Our normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2017.

**Congregational Meeting ~ December 31 following 10:00 AM Worship Service**

All Boulevard Presbyterian Church members are encouraged to attend the Congregational Meeting on December 31 to elect Officers—Elders and Deacons—for 2018.

**Confirmation Class Will Begin in January**

Boulevard will begin a Confirmation class in January for our youth. Please contact Pastor Preston Shealy (614-486-0267 or [BoulevardPastor@aol.com](mailto:BoulevardPastor@aol.com)) with your interest. Schedules will be set around the participants' calendar.

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