

Nursery for Children 3 years and younger ~ Room 208 (across from the Chapel)
Wee Worship for Children 3-5 years ~ Room 113 (downstairs)

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



Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

December 10, 2017 9:00 AM

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.

GATHERING

While We Are Waiting, Come

**While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come. (repeat)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Elliott Family

*SONG

Awake, O Israel

**Awake, O Israel, put off your slumber and the truth shall set you free;
For out of Zion comes your Deliverer, in the year of jubilee.**

**Chorus: O, hallelujah, O, hallelu – jah, hallelujah, praise the Lord!
O, hallelujah, O, hallelu – jah, hallelujah, praise the Lord!**

**For in the furnace of much affliction, I have chosen you; behold,
And so for iron I'll give you silver and for brass I'll give you gold. (chorus)**

**You are my chosen, for I have sought you, you are graven on my hand;
And I will gather all those that gather, they shall come back to their land. (chorus)**

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

**Please stand if you are able.*

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*RECEIVE GOD'S HEALING AND SHARE GOD'S PEACE

Song of Praise

Gloria, Gloria

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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 (across from the Chapel). All children 10 years and older should return to their seats.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 1:1-8
Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON

Prepare

Preston Shealy

*SONG

Wait for the Lord

Refrain: Wait for the Lord, his day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Leader: Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for Him. **(refrain)**

Leader: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. **(refrain)**

Leader: Seek first the kingdom of God, seek and you shall find. **(refrain)**

Leader: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord our God. **(refrain)**

Leader: O Lord show us your way. Guide us in your truth. **(refrain)**

Leader: Prepare the way for the Lord. **(refrain)**

PRAYING FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Following each petition, God's people respond:

Leader: Loving God;

People: Hear our prayer.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Offering Response (tune: Regent Square)

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Thanksgiving

**Please stand if you are able.*

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.

Communion of the People

Communion is by "intinction." The server will give you bread to dip in the cup. Servers disinfect their hands. Please come forward by the outer aisles and return by the inner ones. Gluten free bread is available on the table, and the cup is non-alcoholic. If you cannot come forward, communion will be brought to you.

Communion Song

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, reveal'd in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (repeat)

Prayer

*SONG

Prepare the Way

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the salvation of our God.

**All: Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the salvation of our God. (repeat)**

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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Worship Leader: Sandy Ferguson

Greeters: Alaina Engdahl and Grace Parks

Wee Worship Teacher: Stephanie Nelson

Elder of the Month: Cindy McKay

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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, Williams and Mary Frase.

**Please stand if you are able.*

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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We Rejoice and Give Thanks

Sunday, December 3, 2017

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

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 Devotional 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

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 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 contact Pastor Preston Shealy at 614-486-0267 or 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!**

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

Each activity will take place in Fellowship Hall.

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.

December 31 ~ First Sunday after Christmas Day

New Year's Eve — 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!

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.

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) with your interest. Schedules will be set around the participants' calendar.

Amazon Purchases Also Benefit Boulevard Presbyterian Church

How many of us shop online at Amazon? Well, if you are an Amazon shopper you now have an easy way to also support Boulevard when making purchases through Amazon. Boulevard is now registered with Amazon as a charitable organization. That means Boulevard will receive a 0.5% charitable donation based on the price of all eligible purchases made through Boulevard's link to Amazon.Smile.

Find the link on the upper left side of Boulevard's webpage: **Support Boulevard Presbyterian Church / Shop at smile.amazon.com**. Click on these words and you will automatically be linked to Amazon and can begin shopping.

Save Your Aluminum Pull Tabs

Boulevard Presbyterian Women continues the project of collecting pull tabs from pop, vegetable, fruit, pet food or any other type pull tab cans. The tabs are given to The Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital. They in turn receive reimbursement for each pound of tabs which they use for expenses of the house. The Ronald McDonald house provides housing and other services for families who have children as patients at the Nationwide Children's Hospital. The collection container, a white "house" with a red roof, can be found in the lounge. There are also some small "houses" with blue roofs for individuals to use at home. Questions can be directed to Linda Mahoney djllmahoney@gmail.com or 614-291-5725.