

Silent Confession

Response (Hymn No. 44, v. 4)

**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!**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Jesus lived as a Jew among Jews.
Jesus announced to the people
the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.**

**We affirm that Jesus was born of woman
as is every child,
yet born of God's power
as was no other child.**

**In the person and work of Jesus,
God's self and a human life
are united but not confused,
distinguished but not separated.**

**The coming of Jesus was itself
the coming of God's promised rule.
Through his birth, life, death and resurrection,
Jesus brings about the relationship between God and humanity
that God always intended.**

***RECEIVE GOD'S HEALING**

***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.*

***SING GLORY TO GOD (Hymn 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

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 113 (downstairs) 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.

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 578)

Isaiah 35:1-10

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 982)

James 5:7-10

SERMON

The Lord Is Coming

Preston Shealy

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN No. 1**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***PROFESSING OUR FAITH**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

**Jesus, the long-expected Savior,
came into the world as a child,
descended from David,
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of Mary, a virgin.**

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SHARING OUR HEARTS WITH GOD

Following each petition, God's people respond:

Leader: Loving God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Anthem

"Carol for Advent"

Don Besig

words by Nancy Price and Don Besig

*Amid the winter's cold embrace, clothed in a shroud of white,
an anxious world in silence waits through the dark of night.
As the lonely song of a dove echoes across the sky above,
we can feel the moment is near; soon the Child of Peace will appear.*

*What child is this the world awaits with quiet expectation?
When will He come, the promised one, to bring us peace and salvation?
Raise, raise your prayers on high. Prepare His way, the time is nigh.
Come, come, Emmanuel, O Child of Love and Peace.*

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**Please stand if you are able where indicated by the asterisk.*

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CALENDAR

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Carolyn Williams, upcoming knee replacement
Marty Grimm, recuperating at home

Mark Nicholson

Bruce “Smitty” Smith, recuperating at home

Suzanne Trombley, recovering at home
(sister-in-law of Carol Fry)

Leni Leyboldt

David Hall, cancer (friend of Preston Shealy)

Gary, (relative of Becky Metzler)

Mark Key, cancer treatment

John, recovering from surgery

(Charmaine Hamilton’s brother-in-law)

Gay Hadley’s **daughter**

Tim McLane, recovering from falls

(Mikie Bowles’ brother)

Corey Sander, receiving chemotherapy

(Pat Nicholson’s granddaughter’s husband)

Eda Mikolaj, at home (Heather Mikolaj’s mother)

Kate Whitmore, cancer

(Marty Grimm’s daughter)

Lois Braun, cancer (Mike McKinney’s sister)

Jerry Braun, cancer

(Mike McKinney’s brother-in-law)

Cody Derby, (friend of the McFadden family)

Julie Wall, at home (Kyme Rennick’s mother)

Julie DuSablon, recuperating at home

Mark Nelson, for healing, comfort, and peace

Prayers for Our Special Care List

Martha Agler, at home

Mary Harris, at home

Becky Metzler, at home

Brita Knapp, for continued remission

Norman Knapp, healing and strength

Barbara Frautschi, for continued remission

Peggy Pasko, Franklin Woods Nursing Center

Connie Freeman, at home

Mary Ann Byers, at home

Please call the Church Office to include someone on this Prayer List.

If you would like to receive a visit from the pastor, please call the church office at 614-486-0267 to schedule your visit.

If you have particular concerns that you wish to share, please speak to any of the elders serving on Session. They can be identified by their distinctive nametags which say “Elder”.

Today

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Worship: Chapel

10:00 am Classes for all ages

11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary

Session will receive new members following the service

1:45 pm Youth meet at Covenant Presby. to attend *Living Christmas Trees*

Monday, December 12

7:00 pm WAM: Chapel

Eagle Board of Review: 300

Wednesday, December 14

9:30 am Quilters: 111

7:00 pm Webelo 1: 111

Wolf Den: 111

Thursday, December 15

6:00 pm Preschool Christmas Program: Sanctuary

6:00 pm Music Team: Chapel

7:30 pm Chancel Choir: Sanctuary

Friday, December 16

6:00 pm Package Cookies

Tape and Label Boxes

Saturday, December 17

9:30 am Pack and Assemble Boxes

Sunday, December 18

4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Worship: Chapel

10:00 am Classes for all ages

11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary

12:30 pm Deliver Christmas Boxes

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 4, 2016

General Sunday Offering: \$10,432.00

God’s People Gathered: 117

Flowers today are for the glory of God and in honor of Linda Wilton’s birthday.

We extend Christian sympathies to the family and friends of Joanne Sheets, who passed away on December 4, 2016.

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 ~ Room 113 (downstairs)

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.

Sunday School Classes - 10:00 AM

Nursery Care	208
3 years and younger	
Preschool ~ Ages 3-5	201/202
Grades K-3 rd	113
Grades 4 th -6 th	308
Grades 7 th -12 th	107
Adults	111

The Redemption of Scrooge

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Advent Devotional ~ available now

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

Advent Adult Study ~ at 10:00 AM

The Redemption of Scrooge shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens’ Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study reinvigorates our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith. Each week there is a video followed by discussion. A new way to look at an old classic!

Session Will Receive New Members ~ TODAY, December 11th

The Session of Boulevard Presbyterian Church will meet today Sunday following 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).

Youth Activities - TODAY, December 11th

We will be attending the production of *Living Christmas Trees* at Grace Polaris Church. Meet at 1:45 PM at Covenant PC. The anticipated return time is 5:00 PM. All are welcome to attend this holiday event, but we do need you to sign up! Please contact Boulevard's office or Preston (614-428-0267 or BoulevardPastor@aol.com) if you will be going to this event.

Be sure to order your Poinsettias! ~ through TODAY, December 11th

The poinsettias will serve as memorials or in honor of loved ones whose names will be printed in the worship bulletins on Sunday, December 18th and will beautify our church for the Advent/Christmas season. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, we will accept orders through TODAY. The poinsettias will remain on display throughout both Christmas Eve services, and may be taken home following the 8:00 PM candlelight service.

The cost of each plant will be \$9.00. Envelopes for placing your order are available on the table outside the Chapel.

Community Concert ~ TODAY, December 11th at 3:00 PM

An Advent Afternoon of Music. The Choir of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church accompanied by an orchestra will perform Advent and Christmas music, with styles ranging from the 15th century melody "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" to American composers as well as rhythmic African and Brazilian songs and conclude with a selection from Handel's *Messiah*. Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 1559 Roxbury Rd., Columbus. *No admission charge.*

Christmas Cookies for Food Boxes Needed ~ by Thursday, December 15th We need lots of cookies! Please mark your home baked cookie donations "Christmas Boxes" and deliver them to the downstairs kitchen **by Thursday, December 15th**. A big thank you to all of our cookie bakers!

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Words: Thomas Ken. Public Domain.

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" Words: Nahum Tate. Public Domain.

"Thank You, God for Your Creation" Words: Anonymous, Music: Henry David Smart. Public Domain.

Mark Your Calendars!

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

Thursday, December 15th	Home Baked Cookies Delivered to Church
Friday, December 16th at 6:00 PM	Tape and Label Boxes
Saturday, December 17th at 9:30 AM	Pack and Assemble Boxes
Sunday, December 18st at 12:30 PM	Deliver Boxes

Each activity will take place in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Services for Christmastide

Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, December 24th

5:00 PM – Family Service – This service will feature a worship experience where the whole family is invited to participate. Bring your family and join us for this service of story and carols!

8:00 PM – Candlelight Lessons and Carol Service with Communion – *please note the time change.* Join us for a joyful and intimate candlelight service as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The service will be filled with familiar carols, lessons, and traditions that highlight our Christmas season!

Christmas Day ~ Sunday, December 25th – One service at **10:00 AM** – This will be a casual, come-as-you-are service to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

New Year's Day ~ Sunday, January 1st – One service at **10:00 AM** – Come celebrate the beginning of the new year.

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.

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