

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!

Cookies, Cocoa, and Caroling at 7:30 PM.

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.

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.

Staff

Pastor:	Preston Shealy	Office Manager:	Carol Fry
Music Coordinator:	Mary Ann Stephens	Building Manager:	Mark Key
Choir Director:	Brady Brennan	Preschool Admin:	Mikie Bowles
Childcare Provider:	Nancy Henning		

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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

December 17, 2017 9:00 AM

3rd 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 Candles

The Labao Family

*SONG

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God.

For the mighty One has done great deeds; I will follow God as the Spirit leads;

God has filled the hungry with good things;

Blessed be the Lord, blessed be the Lord. (repeat all)

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

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

Song of Praise

Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46-55

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4

SERMON

Winners and Losers

Preston Shealy

*SONG

"Breath of Heaven"
Sarah Murdick

Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

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

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

**Please stand if you are able.*

*SONG

While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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Worship Leader: Allyson Engdahl

Greeters: Stephanie and Graham Nelson

Wee Worship Teacher: Alaina Engdahl

Elder of the Month: Cindy McKay

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The flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Linda Wilton's birthday today.

Christian sympathies are extended to Lama and Sandy Zigler and family on the death of Lamar's brother, Lyle, in Texas.

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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.

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**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 DuSablon, 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

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Worship: Chapel
10:00 am Advent Class: 111
Pre-K thru Teens: Neighborhood Christmas Door Hanger Invitation Distribution
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary
12:15 pm Deliver Christmas Boxes
Thursday, December 21
6:00 pm Music Team: Chapel
6:30 pm Bell Practice: Balcony
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice: Sanctuary

Friday, December 22

Poinsettia Delivery

Sunday, December 24

***4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve***

10:00 am Worship
4:00 pm Luminary Set-up
5:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service
7:30 pm Cookies, Cocoa, and Caroling
8:00 pm Candlelight Lessons and Carols Service

Monday, December 25-Monday, January 1
Office closed.

STEWARDSHIP IS . . . delivering Christmas Boxes around Columbus!

We Rejoice and Give Thanks

Sunday, December 10, 2017
General Sunday Offering: \$6,989.00
God's People Gathered: 109

Announcements

Be sure to order your Poinsettias! ~ Today is the absolute last day!

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 Class for Adults and Youth ~ Because of Bethlehem
10:00 AM in Room 111 (downstairs)

Today is the last session of this video study 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!!

TODAY 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!

Food Mission Sunday ~ Next Sunday, December 24

Food Mission Sunday is the fourth Sunday of each month. Our nutritional focus is food with a higher protein content. If you can, please add these items to your grocery list.

- ◆ Chunky Soup
- ◆ Canned Chicken
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Canned Pasta (i.e., SpaghettiOs)
- ◆ Canned Pork and Beans

Plus - We are adding an Oral Hygiene focus as well. Please consider donating toothpaste and/or toothbrushes (adult or child sizes) along with your food donations. NNEMAP is also accepting the **HOTEL** shampoo, soap, lotion, and coffee packets provided to guests. Don't throw these sample products away as they can still be offered to NNEMAP clients when resources for these items are low. And of course, those brown paper grocery bags are always welcomed.

Please place your donations in the large wooden cabinet in the narthex with the "Food Mission" sign on it. **A BIG THANKS FROM NNEMAP!**

Open Shelter Lunch Packing ~ Thursday, December 28 - 6:00 PM and/or 6:30 PM

On **Thursday, December 28**, we will be packing 200 brown bag lunches for the Open Shelter. We will have sign-up times for people to arrive at 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM. If possible, please sign up on the list on the table in the Lounge, but last minute volunteers are always welcome! Ideally we would like to have 10-15 people signed up to participate. Thank you for your help!

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 the Class of 2020.

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.

Bean Soup Project ~ Sunday, January 21 at 10:00 AM

We are opening up the bean soup project to the entire congregation this year. We will be assembling the mixes on Sunday, January 21, in Fellowship Hall and are hoping for a lovely mix of children and adults working together. For many years now, our children have been making these soup mixes. They are delivered to the NNEMAP food pantry, and are very well-received by the clients there.

Kids, let's show the adults how it's done!

Adults, come and enjoy this wonderful winter mission project!

Besides helping on that morning, you can help by bringing in dry beans on Jan 7 and 14. We need bags of pinto beans, Great Northern beans, black beans, red kidney beans, and green split peas. We are making a layered mix, so please no bean mixtures. There will be a soup pot in the lounge for your donations.

Thank you all and see you then. If you have any questions, contact Jan Plas (614-486-7510).

Boulevard Rummage Sale in the Spring

If you plan to downsize your holiday décor after the holidays are over, please remember the May 5, 2018 rummage sale that will benefit the cost of international travel for a Boulevard Mission Trip in 2019. The mission committee will start accepting items in January that are clean and in good condition. No TV's or clothing. A detailed list of requested items was posted in the October newsletter and will appear again in the January newsletter. For additional information, please contact Charmaine Hamilton at 614-488-4710 or charmainehamilton@hotmail.com.

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.