

Worship Leader: **Debbie Shealy**
 Greeters: **Stephanie and Graham Nelson**
 Wee Worship Teacher: **Alaina Engdahl**
 Elder of the Month: **Grace Parks**



The white roses celebrate and give thanks for the lives of:

Ethel Bell who passed away on November 25, 2016;

Joanne Sheets who passed away on December 4, 2016;

Mary Ann Byers who passed away on December 8, 2016; and

Connie Freeman who passed away on December 11, 2016.



We extend Christian sympathies to:

*the family and friends of **Mary Ann Byers**, who passed away on December 8, 2016.*

Her memorial service will be Tuesday, December 20, in the Chapel at 2:00 PM.

*the family and friends of **Connie Freeman**, who passed away on December 11, 2016.*



Nursery for Children 3 Years and Younger ~ Room 208 (across from the Chapel)
Wee Worship ~ Room 113 (downstairs)

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

| <u>Staff</u> | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Pastor: | Preston Shealy | Office Managers: | Carol Fry |
| Music Coordinator: | Mary Ann Stephens | | Linda Johnson |
| Choir Director: | Brady Brennan | Building Manager: | Mark Key |
| Childcare Provider: | Nancy Henning | Preschool Admin: | Mikie Bowles |

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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day
December 18, 2016 9:00 A.M.
4th 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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Charmaine and Mike Hamilton

*SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
 and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

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

***RECEIVE GOD'S HEALING AND 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.*

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 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 in the Chapel.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 2:8-14
Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON

The Song of Angels

Preston Shealy

SONG

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world hath suffered long;
Beneath the angel's-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong.
And man, at war with man, hears not the love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, all you of strife, and hear the angels sing.
4. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!
5. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

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

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

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

Prayer of 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 inner aisles and return by the outer 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, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (repeat)

Prayer

*SONG (see insert)

Canticle of the Turning

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

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Prayers for Healing and Strength

Carolyn Williams, recovering from knee surgery
Mark Nicholson
Bruce “Smitty” Smith, recuperating at home
Suzanne Trombley, recovering at home
(sister-in-law of Carol Fry)
Leni Leypoldt, at home
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, heart valve issues
(friend of the McFadden family)
Julie Wall, at home (Kyme Rennick’s mother)
Julie DuSablón, 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

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”.

CALENDAR

Today

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
Tuesday, December 20
2:00 pm Memorial Service for Mary Ann Byers:
Chapel
7:00 pm Scout Troop Committee: 300
Bear Den: 111

Wednesday, December 21

9:30 am Quilters: 111
6:00 pm Tiger Den: 111
7:00 pm Webelo 2: 111

Thursday, December 22

11:45 am Staff Meeting: 300
6:00 pm Preschool Christmas Program:
Sanctuary
6:00 pm Bell Choir: Balcony
7:00 pm Chancel Choir: Sanctuary

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:30 pm Family Service
8:00 pm Candlelight Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

Food Mission Sunday

10:00 am One Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP IS . . . An extra gift to the Christmas Joy Offering!

We Rejoice and Give Thanks

Sunday, December 11, 2016

General Sunday Offering: \$7,122.86
God’s People Gathered: 110

Sunday School Classes at 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

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 in Room 111

The Redemption of Scrooge will show us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens’ Christmas classic. This four week Advent study will reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith. Each week there will be a video followed by discussion. A new way to look at an old classic!

You are invited to help with this rewarding Community Christmas Box activity!

TODAY, December 18st at 12:30 PM Deliver Boxes

Filling, Placing and Lighting Luminaries ~ Saturday, December 24th 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 Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering dates back to the 1930s when the former Presbyterian Church in the United States began an offering to supplement inadequate retirement income and provide supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers and their families. In 1991 the 203rd General Assembly changed the distribution of funds to 50 percent to the Board of Pensions and 50 percent to the Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Church and Office Closed

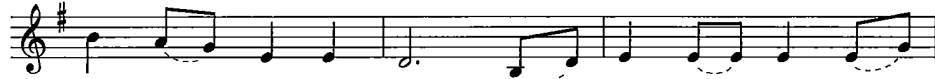
The church and office will be closed **December 26-30, and Monday, January 2.** Our normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Canticle of the Turning

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



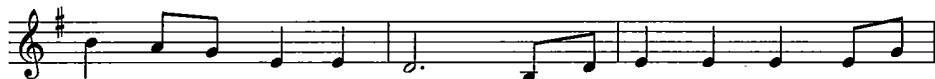
God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who
 depths of the past to the end of the age to
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be

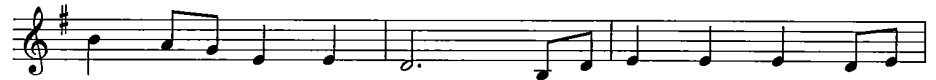


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

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Food Mission Sunday ~ Next Sunday, December 25th

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

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.

Please place your donations in the large wooden cabinet in the Narthex, the one with the 'Food Mission' sign on it.

NNEMAP is still 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. **A BIG THANKS FROM NNEMAP!**



***Poinsettias are given
in honor or memory
of the following:***



Given By:

Anonymous
Fred and Carol Agler
Shawn and Susan Ebert
Tim and Sue Harvey
Jill and Dan Hooley
Lois Patton
Ian and Kyme Rennick

In Honor Of:

Betty Sikking, for her service to
Boulevard
Martha Agler
Our parents: Errol and Mary Edith
Sambuco, and Sharon Ebert
Our children and grandchildren
Our children: Elise, Deidre, Gus, and Levi
Boulevard Quilters and Prayer Shawl
Ministry
Our families

Given By:

Fred and Carol Agler
Bill and Katy Frase
David and Bonnie Grimm
The Herrold Family
Kevin, Jennifer, Gabby and
Emersyn Hicks
Jill and Dan Hooley
Llora T. LeFevre
The McCormick Family
Carol and Terry McFadden

In Loving Memory Of:

Jinny Williams
Our Parents
Otto and Mary Blauser, Robert and Jean
Grimm
Loved ones
James Gaffe, Julie Gaffe, and Bernard
Hicks
Our parents: Duane and Donna Elliott,
Ray Hooley and Karen Case
Robert S. LeFevre and Sarah K. LeFevre
Drs. James Roy and Judith King; Stewart
and Mary McCormick
Betty and Earl Schulz, and Tom Wright;
Ferne and Jim McFadden, and Jeff
McFadden

Given By:

Cindy McKay and Ken Frick
Wendy Bolen Myelle
The Nicholson Family
Lois Patton
Ken and Judy Pierce
Ellen Rennick
Charles and Dorothy Rout
Glen and Beverly Schmidt
The Shealy Family
Their loving family
Shirley Wagner and Family
Kim Welter and Merri Bame
Richard, Carol, and Allen Williams
Mary Lou Wright and Family

In Loving Memory Of:

Our parents
Grandmothers: Betty Bolen and Gerry
Barr
James R. Nicholson
Jim Dowd
Our parents
Ted Rennick
Aunt Mabel Wurster, and Dr. and Mrs.
Edwin Gardner
Scott McCallum and Sarah Schmidt
John and Shirley Budnik, and
Preston and Fran Shealy
Donald and Joanne Sheets
John Wagner
Rev. Stephen V. Moulton
Doris and Chester Williams, and
Kathleen and William McNinch
James W. Wright



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