



Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day
December 25, 2016 10:00 A.M.
Christmas Day



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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is born!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus is among us!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!

People: Christ is born!

ALL: Let us worship our Lord!

*CAROLS

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full-grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

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

Staff

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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**Refrain: The rising of the sun and the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ - sweet singing in the choir.**

**The holy bears a blossom as white as lily flow'r,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior. (refrain)**

**The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. (refrain)**

I Saw Three Ships

**I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.
I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning.**

**And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning?**

**The Virgin Mary and Christ were there on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there on Christmas Day in the morning!**

***OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**

**Holy God, you came to live among us on that first Christmas, bringing your light
into the world. Despite our words of commitment, we often ignore that light. We
do not love you with our heart, mind and soul. We do not love our neighbors or
ourselves. We are hesitant to take your good news to the poor and we trample on
your creation. Forgive us, we pray. Guide us so that we may walk in your paths of
wholeness and peace. Amen.**

***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 (Hymn No. 23) *Refrain - Angels We Have Heard on High*
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo; Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!**

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

Isaiah 9:2-7
Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

What Next?

Preston Shealy

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

Prayers for Healing and Strength

David Grimm, recovering from falls
Carolyn Williams, recovering from knee surgery
Mark Nicholson
Bruce "Smitty" Smith, recuperating at home
Suzanne Trombley, cancer
(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, (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 Fraitschi, 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

Christmas Day
Food Mission Sunday
10:00 am One Worship Service
Monday-Friday, December 26-30

Church closed
Thursday, December 29
6:00 pm Open Shelter Lunch Packing
Saturday, December 31

Last day to make charitable contributions and receive credit in 2016.

Sunday, January 1
First Sunday after Christmas
New Year's Day
10:00 am One Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP IS . . . Considering a tithe of investment gains or bonuses!

We Rejoice and Give Thanks

Sunday, December 18, 2016
General Sunday Offering: \$8,018.00
God's People Gathered: 105

YWCA Family Center Dinner Hosting ~ Sunday, January 15th

We will be preparing and serving dinner at the YWCA Family Center on **Sunday, January 15th**. There are many ways to help! You may help by providing food, preparing food, or helping to serve at the Family Center. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the lounge. Please plan to join us and let us know how you will be able to help! **On Sunday, January 15th, we will meet at the church at 4:30 PM to carpool to the Center.**

Session Will Receive New Members ~ Sunday, January 8th

The Session of Boulevard Presbyterian Church will meet Sunday, January 8th following the 9:00 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).

Public Domain: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"; "The Holly and the Ivy"; "I Saw Three Ships"; "What Child Is This"; "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"; "Joy to the World"; "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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

*CAROLS

What Child Is This?

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?**

**Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. (refrain)**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. (refrain)**

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

**Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella; bring a torch, come swiftly and run.
Christ is born, tell the folk of the village; Jesus is sleeping in His cradle.
Ah, ah, beautiful is the Mother; ah, ah, beautiful is her Son.**

**Hasten now, good folk of the village; hasten now, the Christ-Child to see.
You will find Him asleep in the manger; quietly come and whisper softly,
Hush, hush, peacefully now He slumbers; Hush, hush, peacefully now He sleeps.**

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

Offertory "The Little Drummer Boy" by Katherine K. Davis

*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.

Prayer

*CAROLS

Joy to the World

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**Good Christian friends rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

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Worship Leader: Merri Bame

Greeters: Debbie Shealy and Linda Wilton

Wee Worship Teacher: Martha Hills

Elder of the Month: Grace Parks

**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.**

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

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Church and Office Closed

The church and office will be closed **December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and January 2.** Our normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

One Worship Service Next Week

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

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Bean Soup Project

Once again, our K-3 Sunday School class will be assembling bean soup mixes. The younger children measure out the beans, and the older students put together the spices. Together they will make a dry bean soup mix, and these will then be donated to NNEMAP. The clients at NNEMAP love these mixes.

You can help by bringing in dry beans on **January 8th and 15th**. 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.

The children really enjoy this project. Thank you for helping them learn the joy of mission!