

*HYMN No. 9; v.2,3

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“The Heralding”

Gordon Young

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Carol Fry’s birthday.

*The white rose is in celebration of the life of Paula DeWeese
who passed away on Thursday, November 20, 2017.*

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Worship Leader: Tim Harvey

Greeters: Bill and Katie Frase

Wee Worship Teacher: Sandy Ferguson

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Harvey

Elder of the Month: Debbie Shealy

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**Please stand if you are able.*

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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord’s Day

December 3, 2017 11:15 A.M.

1st 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.*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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

PRELUDE

“Veni, Emmanuel”

Marilyn Biery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Ebert Family

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

God-with-us, we confess that even in Advent you can seem far away. You seem to be hidden when we need your presence. In our hurt, doubt and fear, we do not reach out to you. Instead, we lash out against you, our neighbor, and even those we love. Forgive us, we pray. Let your face shine upon us so that our tears may disappear and our hope may be restored, for we are always in your care. Amen.

Silent Confession

**Please stand if you are able.*

Response (No. 44; v.4)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**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.**

*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 (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. 606)

Isaiah 64:1-9

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 826)

Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

Does It Fit on Our Calendar?

Pastor Preston Shealy

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN (see insert)

Make Way, Make Way

*PROFESSING OUR FAITH

Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical Translation)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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**Please stand if you are able.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR HEARTS WITH GOD

Following each petition, God’s people respond:

Leader: Loving God,

People: Hear our prayer.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Anthem

“Who But the Lord?”

Craig Courtney

*O come, Thou bright and morning star and bring us comfort from a far.
Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.*

*Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark, draw morning from the night?
Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, “Here am I”?*

*Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free?
Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace?*

*O shine on us, the brightness of your face, to earth’s remotest end, every people, every race.
O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace.*

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

*Offertory Response (tune: Regent Square, No. 22) *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 to the Table

Hymn of Great Thanksgiving (No. 601)

Song of Zechariah

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.

Communion

Communion is by “intinction.” The server will give you bread to dip in the cup as we all share “one bread, one cup.” Servers disinfect their hands prior to communion, and only they handle the bread. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Gluten free bread is available next to the servers. If you cannot come forward, communion will be brought to you.

Prayer

**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

Ginny Achtermann, at Westminster-Thurber
Joanne Taylor, Boulevard Preschool teacher, recovering from surgery

Linda Wilton

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

1st Sunday of Advent

Cents-Ability Sunday

9:00 am Worship: Chapel
10:00 am Advent Class: 111
Decorate the tree in the Sanctuary
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary
12:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry: Lounge

Monday, December 4

6:30 pm Communication Committee: Lounge
7:00 pm Session: Chapel

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 pm Equipping Committee: 308

Wednesday, December 6

9:30 am Quilters: 111
5:45 pm Cub Pack Committee: 300
6:00 pm Public Forum: Sanctuary
7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack: Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 7

10:30 am Presbyterian Women's Brunch:
Lounge
6:00 pm Music Team: Chapel
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice: Balcony
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice: Sanctuary

Saturday, December 9

12:00 pm Cub Scout Pack: 111

Sunday, December 10

*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

STEWARDSHIP IS . . . baking Christmas cookies and sharing them with a nursing home or homeless shelter!

We Rejoice and Give Thanks

Sunday, November 26, 2017

General Sunday Offering: \$4,433.00

God's People Gathered: 100

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 (3-5 years) ~ 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.

Announcements

Be sure to order your Poinsettias! ~ Now through Sunday, 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 **Sunday, December 10**. 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 on the table in the Lounge.

Advent Class for Adults and Youth ~ Because of Bethlehem

At 10:00 AM in Room 111 (downstairs)

A four-session Advent video study by Max Lucado began November 26 to help answer 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? The answers Max found give all of us hope. Join us as we explore these questions and answers together!

TODAY is Cents-Ability Sunday!

Cents-Ability is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Congregations invite every member — of all ages — to contribute a few cents at every meal. Cents-Ability originated in 1976 as "Two-Cents-A-Meal", a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger.

With your donations we have funded local and international hunger projects such as NNEMAP, the YWCA Family Center, PCUSA missionary support for the Heifer International project in Honduras, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program, to name a few.

In November \$52.68 was donated to Cents-Ability. This brings our total collection to \$477.32 for this year. Please remember to save your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters every day, then bring it to church, and add your loose change to the Cents-Ability jar on the information table in the Lounge!

Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ Today at 12:30 PM in Room 206

Boulevard's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet today at 12:30 PM in room 206 (the small conference room off the Lounge). Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels are welcome - even those wanting to learn! As part of the group or on our own, we will create shawls to be given to Boulevard members and others in need of an expression of God's love to comfort or celebrate life's changes. Bring your current shawl project, or we have yarn and needles to get you started. Together, we'll grow through practice in skill and faith.

About the Prayer Shawls

The shawls and lap robes in the service today were created by members of Boulevard's Prayer Shawl Ministry group. Feel free to handle them. They're meant to be touched! Please help us with this ministry by praying for the recipients of our shawls, asking that they will feel comforted and surrounded by God's love. At any time if there is someone you would like to receive a shawl, contact Pastor Preston Shealy, Phyllis Miller (273-0907) or Linda Wilton (486-4233). Recipients do not need to be members of our congregation.

Presbyterian Women ~ Scrubbies for Sale Today

Presbyterian Women will be selling scrubbies in the lounge after the 11:15 AM service. Scrubbies can be used in place of bows for presents and they make great stocking stuffers! They cost \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Proceeds go to support Presbyterian Women's mission projects. Contact Sally Neff at 614-224-3719 with any other scrubbies requests.

Presbyterian Women's Gathering ~ Thursday, December 7 at 10:30 AM in the Lounge and Chapel

Following a brunch in the Lounge, the program will be "Late in the Day Poetry" presented by author and publisher, Gay Hadley. Gay is a resident at Westminster Thurber.

Session Will Receive New Members ~ Next Sunday, December 10 after the 11:15 AM Service

The Session of Boulevard Presbyterian Church will meet next Sunday 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 speak to Pastor Preston Shealy on Sunday morning or contact him during the week (614-486-0267 or BoulevardPastor@aol.com).

Clothing Collection ~ Next Sunday, 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, Inc (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.

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 will be 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!

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.

Confirmation Class Will Begin in January

Boulevard will begin a Confirmation class in January for our youth. Please contact Preston Shealy (614-486-0267 or BoulevardPastor@aol.com) with your interest. Schedules will be set around the participants' calendar.