

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 Thursday, November 30, 2017



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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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

December 3, 2017 9:00 AM

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.

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 Candle

The Williamson Family

*SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. (refrain)**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (refrain)**

*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, Alleulia, Alleulia!**

**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 READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-9
Mark 13:32-37

SERMON

Does It Fit in Our Calendar?

Preston Shealy

*SONG

Make Way

**Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendor arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.**

**Chorus: Make way, make way for the King of kings.
Make way, make way and let his kingdom in.**

**He comes the broken hearts to heal, the prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see. (chorus)**

**And those who mourn with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown he'll beautify. (chorus)**

**We call you now to worship him as Lord of all,
To have no gods before him- their thrones must fall. (chorus)**

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

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

*SONG

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Leader: Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning – the time is drawing nigh.

**All: Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning.**

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning – the time is drawing nigh.

Leader: Children, don't grow weary, children don't grow weary.

Children, don't grow weary; the time is drawing nigh.

**All: Children, don't grow weary, children don't grow weary.
Children, don't grow weary; the time is drawing nigh.**

**All: Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning.**

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning – the time is drawing nigh.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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Worship Leader: Becky Elliott

Greeters: Alex and Sean McCormick

Wee Worship Teacher: Sue Harvey

Elder of the Month: Cindy McKay

**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 DuSablón, 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

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
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!

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 Sunday, December 3. 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.

