

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

*HYMN No. 55

That Boy-Child of Mary

*CHARGE AND BLESSING



Flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Jane's parents, Ruth and Bill Smith, by Jane and David Conner.



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*Please stand if you are able.

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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

December 31, 2017 10:00 AM

1st Sunday after 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.*

GATHERING SONG

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

**O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; Christ the Lord. (repeat)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: Praise God from the heavens.
 Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young together!
People: Let us praise the name of the Lord,
 Leader: whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven.
People: Alleluia!
ALL: Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN (Tune: Regent Square)

Psalm 148

**Praise God in the highest heaven, sun and moon and stars in space;
Sing, ye angels, of God's goodness; Tell, ye ordered skies, God's grace.
Alleluia, alleluia! Who but God your course can trace?**

**All the earth will shout God's praises, mountain peaks and ocean floor;
Wind and fire and beast and forest, hill and desert, vale and shore.
Alleluia, alleluia! Honor God whom you adore.**

**Rise, O child of God, in wonder at creation's majesty;
Young and old, God's glory claiming, praise the Lord in unity.
Alleluia, alleluia! Now and for eternity.**

*Please stand if you are able.

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Merciful God, we confess that we do not live as your faithful children. We keep silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We are idle in the face of violence and injustice. We are not a light to the nations, and our lives do not reveal your glory. Forgive us, merciful God. Restore us through your amazing grace. In your name we pray. Amen.

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

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 61:10-11

Luke 2:22-40

SERMON

What's in a Name?

Preston Shealy

*SONG

Jesus, Name Above All Names

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Jesus, loving Shepherd, vine of the branches, Son of God.
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

**Praise him, Lord above all lords, King above all kings, God's only Son.
The Prince of Peace, who by his Spirit comes to live in us, Master and Friend.**

PRAYING FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Following each petition, God's people respond:

Leader: Loving God;

People: Hear our prayer.

*PROFESSING OUR FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

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**Please stand if you are able.*

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"I Wonder As I Wander"

John Jacob Niles

Hollie Briggs, soprano

*Offering Response

In the Bleak Midwinter

**What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.**

*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.**

**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

Ward Porch, 18-month-old, cancer (child of local Presbyterian ministers, Tripp and Brittany Porch)
Katherine Radersdorf, recovering from surgery (Daniel Rennick's fiancée)
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 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 after Christmas Day

10:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
11:00 am Congregational Meeting to elect Officers for the class of 2020

Monday, January 1

Office closed.

Wednesday, January 3

9:30 am Quilters: 111
5:45 pm Cub Pack Committee: 300
7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack: FH

Thursday, January 4

6:00 pm Music Team: Chapel
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice: Sanctuary

Friday, January 5

6:30 pm First Friday Free Family Film:
Home Alone

Sunday, January 7

***Baptism of the Lord
Cents-Ability Sunday***

9:00 am Worship: Chapel
10:00 am Class for Adults and Teens: 111
Surprised by Hope
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP IS . . . putting living as God's people at the top of our New Year's Resolutions!

Worship Leader: Debbie Shealy

Greeters: Harold and Marlin Cheyney

Wee Worship Teacher: Martha Hills

Nursery Volunteer: Grace Parks

Elder of the Month: Cindy McKay and Debbie Shealy

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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.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting ~ TODAY 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.

Church and Office Closed

The church and office will be closed **Monday, January 1**. Our normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

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).

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.

Premier Concert at Highlands Presbyterian

At 3 PM on Saturday, January 13, 2018, in celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday and the 50th anniversary of his passing, Highlands Presbyterian Church, 6909 Smoky Row Road, will host the Chamber Music Connection (CMC) presentation of a new work by composer Kyle Price, Worthington native and alumnus of CMC.

Featured are members of the award-winning KASA Quartet, pianist Hector Garcia, CMC Artistic Director Deborah Price, and the advanced honor students forming the CMC Conservatory Series Chamber Orchestra. The theme of the event is *We Too Have a Dream*.

In addition to the 3 p.m. performance at Highlands Presbyterian Church, the concert will also be offered at 7:30 PM at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 93 West Weisheimer Road in Columbus. For more information, visit www.cmconnection.org and www.highlands-presbyterian.org. Admission is free.

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.