

### 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

**\*HYMN No. 3** **Comfort, Comfort You My People**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Advent Chorale" Felix Bartholdy-Mendelssohn

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

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**Worship Leader: Mike Eberle**

**Greeters: Bill and Katie Frase**

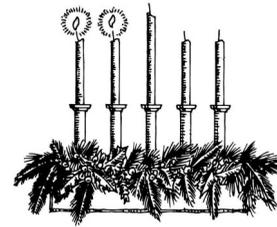
**Wee Worship Teacher: Debbie Shealy**

**Elder of the Month: Debbie Shealy**

#### Staff

Pastor:	Preston Shealy	Office Managers:	Carol Fry
Music Coordinator:	Mary Ann Stephens		Linda Johnson
Choir Director:	Brady Brennan	Building Manager:	Mark Key
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## **Boulevard Presbyterian Church**

**Worship On The Lord's Day**

**December 4, 2016 11:15 A.M.**

**2nd 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** "Cold December Flies Away" Cathy Mocklebust  
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"  
Bells Te Deum

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "Every Valley" John Ness Beck

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Lighting of the Advent Candles Nikki Rumker and Rob Williams

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 20 (sung antiphonally)** **Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night**  
Verse 1 - Choir only; Verses 2,3 - sing as directed

**\*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**  
**Gracious and loving God, have mercy on us. We acknowledge the times we doubt your presence and ignore your word. We often find it so easy to not treat our family, neighbors, friends, and strangers as your beloved children created in your image. In your mercy, forgive us. Heal us and guide us so that everything we do and say may share your amazing grace and love with the world around us. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

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**Response (Hymn No. 44, v. 4)**

**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!**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**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.**

**\*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 (Hymn 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. 558)**

Isaiah 11:1-10

**SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 784)**

Matthew 3:1-12

**SERMON**

**The Day Is Coming...**

Preston Shealy

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*HYMN No. 10**

**On Jordan’s Banks**

**\*PROFESSING OUR FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical)

**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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**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**

“Grant Us Thy Peace”  
*(Verleih Uns Frieden)*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,  
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.  
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,  
der für uns könnte streiten,  
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

*Graciously grant us peace,  
Lord God, in our time;  
For there is surely no other  
Who could fight for us  
Than Thou, our God, alone.*

**\*Offertory 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 to the Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**

**The whole earth is full of His glory, the whole earth is full of His glory,**

**the whole earth is full of His glory. Holy is the Lord.**

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## CALENDAR

### Prayers for Healing and Strength

**Carolyn Williams**, upcoming knee replacement

**Marty Grimm**, recuperating at home

**Joanne Sheets**, at daughter's home

**Mark Nicholson**

**Bruce "Smitty" Smith**, recuperating at home

**Suzanne Trombly**, recovering at home

(sister-in-law of Carol Fry)

**Leni Leypoldt**

**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 Frautschi**, for continued remission

**Peggy Pasko**, Franklin Woods Nursing Center

**Connie Freeman**, at home

**Llora LeFevre**, at home

**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".*

### Today

#### *2nd Sunday of Advent*

#### *Cents-Ability Sunday*

9:00 am Worship: Chapel

10:00 am Decorating for all ages

Adult class: 111

11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary

12:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry: Lounge

5:00 pm Youth Group Program: Shopping for

Adopt-a-Family

### Tuesday, December 6

11:45 am Staff: 300

### Wednesday, December 7

9:30 am Quilters: 111

5:45 pm Cub Scout Committee: 300

7:00 pm Bible Study - *Come to the Waters:*

Chapel

Cub Pack: Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, December 8

9:45 am Naomi Circle

10:30 am Presbyterian Women's Bible Study:

Lounge

6:00 pm Music Team: Chapel

6:30 pm Bell Choir: Balcony

7:30 pm Chancel Choir: Sanctuary

### Saturday, December 10

9:30 am Property Work Day

7:00 pm Cookie Baking and Fellowship:

Kitchen

### Sunday, December 11

#### *3rd Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am Worship: Chapel

10:00 am Classes for all ages

11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary

Session will receive new members

following the service

1:45 pm Youth meet at Covenant Presbyterian

to attend *Living Christmas Trees*

**STEWARDSHIP IS . . .** Bringing cookies to share

through the Christmas Boxes!

### We Rejoice and Give Thanks

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

General Sunday Offering: \$4,616.00

God's People Gathered: 114

**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 ~ 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.**

### Sunday School Classes - 10:00 AM

Nursery Care 208

3 years and younger

Adults 111

*The Redemption of Scrooge*

**All children and youth should meet in the Lounge at 10:00 AM TODAY to decorate.**

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### 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

*The Redemption of Scrooge* will show us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, 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!

### Scrubbies for Sale! ~ TODAY, following the 11:15 AM Service

Presbyterian Women will be selling scrubbies in the lounge after the 11:15 AM service TODAY. The scrubbies may be used in place of bows for presents and they make great stocking stuffers! Proceeds go to support Presbyterian Women's mission projects.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ TODAY, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Lounge

Boulevard's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet next today at 12:30 PM in 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 in faith and skill practice.

**Community Concert ~TODAY, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM**

*A Barbershop Christmas with Olentangy Orange Choirs and The Singing Buckeyes.* The program will include holiday barbershop music in large groups and quartets and will include a holiday sing-along. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff at Redding Rd., Upper Arlington. *Freewill offering to benefit Harmony Camp.*

**Youth Activities - TODAY, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**

Today we'll leave Covenant PC at 5:00 PM and head to Walmart on Henderson to purchase holiday gifts for adopted families (a ministry of Covenant). We'll eat dinner at McDonalds or somewhere in that shopping center... returning to Covenant by 7:30 PM. Please bring money for dinner. Please note: the younger youth from Covenant will also be participating with their older youth group. Sarah will be BPC's adult leadership!

**Next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>,** we will be attending the production of *Living Christmas Trees* at Grace Polaris Church. We will meet at 1:45 PM at Covenant PC. We will inform you of the anticipated return time next week. All are welcome to attend this holiday event, but we do need you to sign up! Please contact Boulevard's office or Preston (614-428-0267 or [BoulevardPastor@aol.com](mailto:BoulevardPastor@aol.com)) if you will be going to this event.

**Christmas Cookies for Food Boxes Needed ~ by Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

We need lots of cookies! Please mark your home baked cookie donations "Christmas Boxes" and deliver them to the downstairs kitchen by **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. A big thank you to all of our cookie bakers!

**Cookie Baking and Fellowship ~ Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

Come one, come all as we join together for some cookie baking and fellowship on **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. Please bring already prepared cookie dough, and we will bake and package the cookies for the community boxes. Last year we were able to package 123 dozen cookies in a little over 2 hours! If you have cookie cooling racks please bring them as well. Mark your calendars! We hope to see you in the downstairs kitchen on the 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Be sure to order your Poinsettias! ~ through next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

The poinsettias will serve as memorials or in honor of loved ones whose names will be printed in the worship bulletins on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and will beautify our church for the Advent/Christmas season. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, we will accept orders through **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. The poinsettias will remain on display throughout both Christmas Eve services, and may be taken home following the 8:00 PM candlelight service.

The cost of each plant will be \$9.00. Envelopes for placing your order are available on the table outside the Chapel.

**Session Will Receive New Members ~ Next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Session of Boulevard Presbyterian Church will meet next Sunday following 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](mailto:BoulevardPastor@aol.com)).

**Community Concert ~ Next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**

*An Advent Afternoon of Music.* The Choir of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church accompanied by an orchestra will perform Advent and Christmas music, with styles ranging from the 15<sup>th</sup> century melody "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" to American composers as well as rhythmic African and Brazilian songs and conclude with a selection from Handel's *Messiah*. Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 1559 Roxbury Rd., Columbus. *No admission charge.*

**Mark Your Calendars!**

You are invited to participate in these rewarding Community Christmas Box activities!

<b>Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Home Baked Cookies Delivered to Church
<b>Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM</b>	Tape and Label Boxes
<b>Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM</b>	Pack and Assemble Boxes
<b>Sunday, December 18<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 PM</b>	Deliver Boxes

**Each activity will take place in Fellowship Hall.**

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