

*Like the mist above the water, like the vapor on the sea,
like the dew across the meadow is the love that covers me,
for God is love, and with his love, he covers me.*

*For God is love, a God of color and of light. For God is love, a comfort through the darkest night.
Yes, God is love, the God of wind and rain and sea, and with his love, his steadfast love, he covers me.*

*In the deepest midnight darkness, in the hint of dawn's first light,
in the color of the rainbow is the love that gives me sight,
for God is love, and in his love my soul delights.*

For God is love, a God of color and of light...

***Offertory Response (Hymn No. 592)** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN No. 274** *O God of Earth and Space*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *"We Know that Christ Is Raised"* David Cherwein

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Worship Leader: Debbie Shealy

Greeters: Linda Mahoney and Mary Ann Stockum

Wee Worship Teacher: Debbie Shealy

Elder of the Month: Ian Rennick

**Please stand if you are able.*

<u>Staff</u>			
Pastor:	Preston Shealy	Office Manager:	Carol Fry
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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

May 28, 2017 11:15 A.M.

7th Sunday of Easter



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

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Gordon Young

"O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen"

Johannes Brahms

(Blessed Are You Faithful Souls, Departed)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Praise Him!" (excerpt)

Craig Courtney

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 68)

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

People: **Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

Leader: Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

People: **From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

People: **Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

ALL: **Let us worship God!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 264**

When in Our Music God is Glorified

**Please stand if you are able.*

***OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**

Loving God, we confess that we often do not bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak. We find it so easy to turn from your ways. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of your Son, our Savior, so that we may live in peace and share your love throughout your creation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Response (Hymn No. 195, v.1) *Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord*
Have mercy on us, living, Lord, remember not our sin.
According to Your steadfast love, come, cleanse us deep within.

***RECEIVE GOD’S HEALING**

***SHARE GOD’S PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***SING GLORY TO GOD (Hymn No. 123, v.4)** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God’s love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 861) Luke 24:44-53

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.

PSALM 68:4-10

READING “68” by Leslie Brandt from *Psalms/Now*

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 884) Acts 1:1-14

SERMON Celebrating Each Person’s Gifts Preston Shealy

**Please stand if you are able.*

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN No. 326** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

***PROFESSING OUR FAITH** (from *The Heidelberg Catechism*)

How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

First, by his resurrection Christ has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by death.

Second, by Christ’s power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?

That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

SHARING OUR HEARTS WITH GOD (Following each petition, God’s people respond)

Leader: Loving God,
People: Hear our prayer.

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.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory “He Covers Me” Craig Courtney
Text: Susan Bentall Boersma

*In the waves upon the ocean, in the blowing of the winds,
in the beating wings of eagles is the love that never ends,
for God is love, a steadfast love that never ends.*

(continued)

**Please stand if you are able.*

Please contact the Church Office or Pastor Shealy to include someone on this Prayer List.

Prayers for Healing and Strength

- Barbara Rine**, breast cancer
- Bruce “Smitty” Smith**
- Alice Fowls**, at The Forum at Knightsbridge
- Carol McFadden**, breast cancer
- Ella**, preschooler, recovering from heart surgery
- Cathy Cope**, receiving chemotherapy
- Evelyn Hannaway**, recovering from fracture
- Fred Ferris**, for healing
- Rick Cotter**, recovering from car accident
(friend of Michael and Charmaine Hamilton)
- Michael Frase**, no longer in remission
- Marty Grimm**, recuperating at home
- Suzanne Trombley**, recuperating at home
(sister-in-law of Carol Fry)
- Gary** (relative of Becky Metzler)
- Mark Key**, sciatica and arthritis
- John Scheiderer**, recovering at home
(Charmaine Hamilton’s brother-in-law)
- Gay Hadley’s **daughter**
- Tim McLane**, recovering from falls
(Mikie Bowles’ brother)
- Corey Sander**, receiving radiation
(Pat Nicholson’s granddaughter’s husband)
- Eda Mikolaj**, at home (Heather Mikolaj’s mother)
- Kate Whitmore**, cancer (Marty Grimm’s daughter)
- Jerry Braun**, cancer
(Mike McKinney’s brother-in-law)
- Julie Wall**, at home (Kyme Rennick’s mother)
- Julie DuSablou**, recuperating at home
- Mark Nelson**, for healing, comfort, and peace

Prayers for Our Special Care List

- Dorothy Rout**, Assisted Living/Westminster-Thurber
- Virginia Schlitt**, at home
- Mary Harris**, at home
- Becky Metzler**, at home
- Leni Leypoldt**, at home
- Brita Knapp**, for continued remission
- Norman Knapp**, healing and strength
- Barbara Frautschi**, for continued remission
- Peggy Pasko**, Franklin Woods Nursing Center

If you have particular concerns that you wish to share, please speak to any of the elders serving on Session, identified by their nametags which say “Elder”.

CALENDAR

Today

*7th Sunday of Easter
Food Mission Sunday*

- 9:00 am Worship: Chapel
- 10:00 am Information Technology Training: 111
- 11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary

Monday, May 29

*Memorial Day
Office closed.*

Wednesday, May 31

- 9:30 am Quilters: 111

Thursday, June 1

- 11:30 am Presbyterian Women Installation:
Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 pm Music Team: Chapel

Friday, June 2

- 6:30 pm First Friday Free Family Films”
The Black Stallion

Sunday, June 4

*Pentecost
Cents-Ability Sunday*

- 10:00 am One Outdoor Worship Service
- 11:00 am Potluck
- 6:00 pm Rappelling Group: Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP IS . . . planting a tree to honor someone special!

We Rejoice and Give Thanks

Sunday, May 21, 2017
General Sunday Offering: \$7,972.00
God’s People Gathered: 112

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by David and Bonnie Grimm in memory of Bonnie’s mother, Mary Blausler, on the occasion of her 100th birthday (May 30).



Part of the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA), The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1562 in order to show the common understandings of the Reformed and Lutheran faiths.



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 at 10:00 AM

Nursery Care	208
3 years and younger	
Adults	111
<i>Information Technology Training</i>	

Information Technology Training ~ TODAY at 10:00 AM in Room 111

The Tech Committee is pleased to present computer information training during the Christian Education hour at 10:00 AM. We hope to make our community more connected with itself and more proficient with current communications tools. Each of the three sessions will cover all topics listed. Time will be allotted for Q & A and problem solving. Persons attending are encouraged to bring their mobile phones, laptops, and/or mobile devices. The coordinator and presenter is Ken Odiorne.

Topics will include: Internet resource search, social media, “netiquette”, mobile devices, security, online banking, Google Maps, Google Earth, and Google Drive, as well as other online collaborative applications, system set-up, maintenance, and troubleshooting.

Room 111 (downstairs) is accessible by elevator.

Easter Sharing Project

The people in the early church shared what they had with others so, through their actions, the memory of Jesus and his ministry would never die. As part of a loving Christian community we can do the same today. Eggs are an Easter symbol of new life. The eggs on the tree in the Lounge contain suggestions of ways to bring "new life" to situations where there is need. The children invite you to choose an egg each week throughout the rest of this Easter season. Take the egg home, follow the suggestion, and then return the egg to the tree the following week, choosing another if you wish. Thank you for sharing in this project and being part of our community's love in action.

Food Mission Sunday ~ Today

Food Mission Sunday is the fourth Sunday of each month. Our nutritional focus is food with a higher protein content. If you can, please add these items to your grocery list.

- ◆ Chunky Soup
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Canned Pork and Beans
- ◆ Canned Chicken
- ◆ Canned Pasta (i.e., Spaghettios)

Plus - We have added an Oral Hygiene focus as well. Please consider donating toothpaste and/or toothbrushes (adult or child sizes) along with your food donations. NNEMAP is also accepting the **HOTEL** shampoo, soap, lotion and coffee packets provided to guests. These sample products can still be offered to NNEMAP clients when resources for these items are low. And of course, those brown paper grocery bags are always welcomed. Please place your donations in the large wooden cabinet in the narthex with the 'Food Mission' sign on it. ***A BIG THANKS FROM NNEMAP!***

Presbyterian Women's Gathering ~ June 1 at 11:30 am

All women are invited to the last gathering of the 2016-2017 season. This will be the Installation of the Coordinating Team for 2017-2018, Memorial Service for Boulevard Women who have passed away since last June, and Dedication of Least Coin offering. Salad bar hostess: Coordinating Team.

"Understanding and Responding to Dementia Behaviors" ~ June 7, 2017, 7-9 PM

in the Chapel - sponsored by the Deacons

During the middle stage of dementia, the person with the disease often starts to exhibit new behaviors that can be confusing for a caregiver. These behaviors are a form of communication, and are essential to understanding the needs of the person with dementia. To help caregivers decipher behaviors and determine how best to respond, the Alzheimer's Association offers the ***Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior*** program. Through practical information, resources, and interviews with experts, this program will help caregivers to address the challenges of dementia-related behavior.

Stewardship Chair

We are looking for someone to chair this year's Stewardship Campaign, and do not want to overlook anyone. Are you interested? We have a program and outline to use, and have found that co-chairs have worked well the past couple of years, so if you and a partner or friend would like to explore how you can serve in this capacity, please contact either Kathie Bailey (614-345-9927 or baileyk160t@gamil.com) or the office (office@blvdchurch.org or 614-486-0267). Thank you so much for your consideration.

Boulevard Photo Directories

All photo directory materials have been submitted to LifeTouch. Corrections were made to the initial draft and we will be receiving a final draft very soon. Once that is approved, our directories will be on the way within three weeks. The hard part is done. Hang in there!



Outdoor Worship Service / Pentecost / Communion / Potluck **June 4 at 10:00 AM**

Weather permitting, we will celebrate Pentecost with a combined worship service outdoors at 10:00 AM in Sunday, June 4. You are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair or blanket for sitting on the grass. Sturdier chairs will also be set up on the concrete walk for those who need more stability. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch. Dinnerware and drinks will be provided. You bring the food! Please be sure to retrieve your container when you leave. Wear something RED for Pentecost!

Summer Worship Schedule ~ June 11 through August 20

9:00 am - Casual worship service: Chapel

10:00 am - Coffee Connector Fellowship Time: Lounge

10:30 am - Traditional Worship: Sanctuary



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