

Worship Leader: Sandy Ferguson
Greeters: Mike Hamilton and Paul McCalla
Wee Worship Teacher: Sue Harvey
Elder of the Month: Charmaine Hamilton



We welcome Rev. Rebecca Tollefson as guest preacher today. Rebecca is a Presbyterian minister and Executive Director of the Ohio Council of Churches.



Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim and Kathie Bailey; and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Bill and Katy Frase.



Nursery for Children 3 Years and Younger ~ Room 208 (across from the Chapel)
Wee Worship (3-5 years) ~ Room 113 (downstairs)

The Lord's Supper is celebrated weekly at the 9:00 AM service and the first Sunday of every month at the 11:15 AM service.

Staff			
Pastor:	Preston Shealy	Office Manager:	Carol Fry
Music Coordinator:	Mary Ann Stephens	Building Manager:	Mark Key
Choir Director:	Brady Brennan	Preschool Admin:	Mikie Bowles
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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

May 7, 2017 9:00 A.M.

4th 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.**

GATHERING

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Now the Lord is ris'n indeed. (repeat)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those near you.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather in your presence, God, in the spirit of service and hope.
People: **We give thanks for your grace that has no limits and your love that knows no boundaries of race, nation, or creed.**
Leader: Show us your will, Lord, as we live our lives for your glory.
ALL: **May our lives be a reflection of your compassion and love for all people.**

***SONG**

He Has Made Me Glad

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**
**He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made glad,
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad. (repeat all)**

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

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

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

Song of Praise

Lord, We Lift Your Name on High

Lord, we lift your name on high; Lord, we love to sing your praises.

We're so glad you're in our lives; we're so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross our debts to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, we lift your name on high!

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 in the Chapel.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 2:19-35

John 10:1-10

SERMON

Finding the Gate

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

*SONG

You Are the King

We lift up the gates; we open the doors that You may come in, that you may come in.

**We open our hearts to You, Mighty Lord, that You may come in,
that You may come in.**

You are the King of Glory, Hosanna, hosanna!

You are the King of Glory, Hosanna, hosanna! (repeat all)

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

Thank You Jesus, Amen

Thank you, Jesus, amen! Thank you, Jesus, amen!

Thank you, Jesus, amen! Alleluia! Amen!

*Prayer of Dedication

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

(Taken from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: the hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth! With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. 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

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

Halle, halle, halle - lu-ja! Halle, halle, halle - lu-ja!

Halle, halle, halle - lu-ja! Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja! (repeat)

Prayer

*SONG

Let the Walls Fall Down

Refrain:

Let the walls fall down. Let the walls fall down. Let the walls fall down.

By His love let the walls fall down.

One by one we're drawn together, one by one to Jesus' side.

One in Him, we'll live forever, strangers he has reconciled. (refrain)

In His love no walls between us, in His love, a common ground.

Kneeling at the cross of Jesus, all our pride comes tumbling down. (refrain)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

Prayers for Healing and Strength

- Ella**, preschooler, heart surgery complications
- Dale Johnson**, health issues
- 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
- Virginia Schlitt**, at home
- 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 chemotherapy
(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 DuSablón**, recuperating at home
- Mark Nelson**, for healing, comfort, and peace

Prayers for Our Special Care List

- 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 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".

CALENDAR

Today

- 4th Sunday of Easter**
Cents-Ability Sunday
- 9:00 am Worship: Chapel
- 10:00 am Classes for all ages
- 11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Rappelling Group: Fellowship Hall
- Monday, May 8**
- 7:00 pm Worship and Music: Chapel
Boy Scouts: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 10

- 9:30 am Quilters: 111
- 6:00 pm Member Care
- 7:00 pm Webelos 1: 111

Thursday, May 11

- 9:45 am Naomi Circle
- 8:00 pm Chancel Choir: Sanctuary

Saturday, May 13

- 6:00 pm Saturday Sisters Dinner and Study

Sunday, May 14

- 5th Sunday of Easter**
Mother's Day
Clothing Collection Sunday
- 9:00 am Worship: Chapel
Session will receive new members following the service
- 10:00 am Classes for all ages
- 11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm BGSU Collegiate Choir Concert - Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP IS . . . taking care of yourself!

We Rejoice and Give Thanks

- Sunday, April 30, 2017**
- General Sunday Offering: \$5,059.00
- God's People Gathered: 128

Sunday School Classes at 10:00 AM

Nursery Care	208
3 years and younger	
Preschool ~ Ages 3-5	201/202
Grades K-3 rd	113
Grades 4 th -6 th	308
Teens 7 th -12 th	111
Adults	111

Christianity and World Religions

Christianity and World Religions, a video series by Adam Hamilton, is offered Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM now through May 21 in Room 111 facilitated by Travis Williamson. This class is open to youth, grades 7-12, and adults.

Each week will explore one of the world's major religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. This study series is designed to help answer some of the tough questions people ask such as, *Why are there so many different religions?*, *How should Christians view other religions?*, and *How is God at work in other religions?*, among others. Each video will be followed by discussion. You are invited to come, learn, and try to answer our questions together on this timely topic.



The Bowling Green State University Collegiate Chorale
Sunday, May 14 at 4:00 PM ~ in the Sanctuary

This 26-voice touring choir conducted by Tim Cloeter will present a concert of sacred and secular music that spans from the Renaissance to the present, across multiple languages, and from classical music to vocal jazz. Program highlights will include Byrd's "Haec dies," Jennings "The Lord Is the Everlasting God," Debussy's *Trois chansons*, Brahms *Zigeunerlieder*, Messiaen's "O sacrum convivium," Fauré's "Cantique de Jean Racine," Whitacre's "Seal Lullaby," and a newly commissioned work by Nathan Jones. Admission is free—a free will offering will be collected to help defray touring expenses. Please visit www.bgsuchorale.com for more information.

Calling All Graduates!

Are you graduating this spring, or know someone in our Boulevard family who is graduating? If so, please contact the church office (office@blvdchurch.org or 614-486-0267) or Martha Hills (marthahills@mac.com or 614-261-1919) to let them know. The Christian Education Committee would like to recognize all graduates in worship. Thanks for your help!

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 the month of April \$59.31 has been donated to Cents-Ability. Please remember to put your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in your Cents-Ability bank each day, then bring your banks to church and add your loose change to the Cents-Ability jar on the information table in the Lounge!

Presbyterian Women Missions ~ Anyone can help TODAY

Presbyterian Women (PW) is hoping that you can help send nine Mother's Day cards to "Healthy Women, Healthy Families", a PC(USA) Global Mission. A member of PW will be in the Lounge between services today with the cards. Any donation will help Presbyterian Church (USA) partners in Africa offer health services and medical care to children.

Presbyterian Women ~ Scrubbies for Sale Today

Are your scrubbies starting to look a little worn? Would you like to replace them? Have friends asked where you got them? Presbyterian Women will be in the lounge selling scrubbies today following the 11:15 AM worship service.

Session Will Receive New Members ~ Sunday, May 14 after the 9:00 AM Service

The Session of Boulevard Presbyterian Church will meet next Sunday to receive new members. If you would like to know more about becoming a member of Boulevard, please contact Pastor Preston Shealy at 614-486-0267 or BoulevardPastor@aol.com.

Clothing Collection ~ Next Sunday, May 14

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.

Stewardship Chair

We are looking for someone to chair this year's Stewardship Campaign, and did 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 let either Kathie Bailey or the office know. We are also seeking names that you may wish to nominate. Thank you so much for consideration.

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