

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might;  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:  
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

**\*Offertory Response (Hymn No. 592)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Doxology**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN NO. 433**

**There's a Spirit in the Air**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Finale"

Janet Linker

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

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**Worship Leader: Ginny Achtermann**

**Greeters: Ted Smith and Rob Williams**

**Wee Worship Teacher: Grant Stephens**

**Babyland Volunteer: Sue Harvey**

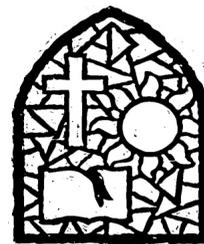
**Elder of the Month: Shawn Ebert**

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**We extend Christian sympathies to Ann Mattiaccy and her family  
on the death of her father on Monday, September 12.**

**We extend Christian sympathies to the family and friends of Liz DeShetler  
on her death on August 30.**

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## Boulevard Presbyterian Church

**Worship On The Lord's Day**

**September 18, 2016 11:15 A.M.**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



*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**

"Variations on *How Firm a Foundation*"

Janet Linker

Hymn; Pastoral; Trumpet Tune; Chorale; Duo; Trio; Allegro

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

"Introit"

Dale Wood

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(from *Psalm 32*)

**Leader:** Be glad in the Lord and rejoice all you people of God.

Shout for joy, because your heart seeks God.

**People:** **Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

**Leader:** May all your people offer prayer and thanksgiving to your Holy Name, O God.

**People:** **Lord, you are a hiding place for us.**

**Leader:** You help your people in times of trouble.

**People:** **You cause our hearts to be filled with glad cries of deliverance! Amen!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 341**

**Blessed Assurance**

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

**\*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**

**O Lord God, full of mercy and compassion, give us courage today to see ourselves as reflected in the mirror of your son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we fall so short of all You have made us to be. Surround us with grace, O gracious Lord, lest we be overcome by the truth of our shortcomings. Increase our understanding and bless us with a discerning spirit, O Lord of truth, as we learn and grow in the redemption that is ours through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Silent Confession and Sung Response (Hymn No. 573) Lord, Have Mercy**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.      **Response: Lord, have mercy.**  
Leader: Christ, have mercy.      **Response: Christ, have mercy.**  
Leader: Lord, have mercy.      **Response: Lord, have mercy.**

**\*RECEIVE GOD’S HEALING**

We have obtained an inheritance from God promising that all who seek God’s guidance and God’s grace and strength to carry out God’s purposes and have set their hope in Christ are joined to Christ by faith.....and set right with God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*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. 579)**

**Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Mary Ann Stephens

*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 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. All children 10 years and older should return to their seats in the Sanctuary.*

**SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 440)**

Psalm 32

**SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 825)**

Mark 12:28-34

**SERMON**

**This Thing We Call Love**

Rev. Cynthia Burse

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**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*HYMN**

**Love the Lord Your God**

Leader: Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
**All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart.**  
Leader: Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
**All: Love the Lord your God with all your soul.**  
Leader: Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
**All: Love the Lord your God with all your mind.**  
Leader: Love the Lord your God with all that you are.  
**All: Love the Lord your God with all that you are. (repeat)**

**\*PROFESSING OUR FAITH**

*(Written by R. Scott Thornton)*

**...We stand in God’s grace and we live that grace in our attitudes and actions toward one another. We understand the church as a community of people who, together, make up the body of Christ to help serve the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of others. We are inclusive, as Christ was, and welcome all people seeking a closer relationship with God. We believe that the questions are as important as the answers, that living the mystery is a more sacred position than church dogma and doctrine, and we strive to “love all, serve all, in Jesus’ name” as we proclaim our mystery of faith:**

**Christ died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

**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 Anthem**      “Be Thou My Vision”      arr. John Rutter

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.*      *Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me; and I with thee, Lord;  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*  
*(continued on next page)*

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

**Prayers for Healing and Strength**

**Bruce “Smitty” Smith**, at home  
**Bonnie Grimm**, eye surgery in October  
**Lew Pflaum**, at home  
**Geno Buzzelli**, recuperating at home  
**Suzanne Trombley**, recovering at home  
(sister-in-law of Carol Fry)  
**Beverly Schmidt**, recuperating at home  
**David Hall**, cancer (friend of Preston Shealy)  
**Gary**, (relative of Becky Metzler)  
**Katie Frase**, recuperating at home  
**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)  
**Peggy Pasko**, Franklin Woods Nursing Center  
**Cody Derby**, (friend of the McFadden family)  
**Julie Wall**, at home (Kyme Rennick’s mother)  
**Norman Knapp**, healing and strength  
**Julie DuSablou**, 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  
**Barbara Frautschi**, for continued remission  
**Connie Freeman**, at home  
**Marty Grimm**, prayers for remission

**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”.*

**CALENDAR**

**Today**

9:00 am Worship: Chapel  
10:00 am Classes for all ages  
Property Team  
Christian Education Team  
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary  
4:30 pm YWCA Dinner Hosting  
4:30 pm Boy Scout Popcorn Sale Kick-Off

**Monday, September 19**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts: Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, September 20**

7:00 pm Scout Troop Committee:  
Cub Den 3: 111

**Wednesday, September 21**

9:30 am Quilters: 111  
6:00 pm Tiger Den: 111  
7:00 pm Bear Den: 111

**Thursday, September 22**

6:00 pm Music Team - Chapel  
6:30 pm Bell Choir - Balcony  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

**Sunday, September 25**

***Food Mission Sunday***

9:00 am Worship: Chapel  
10:00 am Classes for all ages  
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary  
12:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry: Lounge  
1:00 pm Scioto Valley Youth Rally at Geneva Hills

**STEWARDSHIP IS . . .**

Calling someone you love to say, “I love you”!

**We Rejoice and Give Thanks**

**Sunday, September 11, 2016**

General Sunday Offering: \$4,846.86  
God’s People Gathered: 117

<b><u>Staff</u></b>	
Pastor:	Preston Shealy
Music Coordinator:	Mary Ann Stephens
Choir Director:	Brady Brennan
Childcare Provider:	Nancy Henning
Office Managers:	Carol Fry Linda Johnson
Building Manager:	Mark Key
Preschool Admin:	Mikie Bowles

***We welcome the Rev. Cynthia F. Burse as guest preacher today.***

Rev. Cynthia F. Burse serves as an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) and is a clergy member-at-large in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Rev. Burse is a 2004 Master of Divinity graduate of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (formerly at the Interdenominational Center (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia) and member of the seminary’s Board of Trustees. She has previously served on the Presbytery of Scioto Valley’s Council, as Moderator of the Synod of the Covenant’s Cabinet on Ethnic Church Affairs (CECA), and is currently the Moderator of the Synod of the Covenant.

Rev. Burse received her Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree with an emphasis on “Prisons, Public Policy and Transformative Justice” in May 2015 from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, NJ. Rev. Burse is also the Principle of *The House of Redemption*, a 501c3 non-profit organization that serves: returning citizens post-incarceration to secure and establish homes; provides various related educational programs and activities; promotes public awareness regarding the issue of mass incarceration; and contributes to research in the field of reentry housing.

Prior to her ordination as a minister in the PCUSA, Rev. Burse received her Bachelor of Nursing degree from Hampton Institute (now University) in Hampton, Virginia and served for 22 years as a practitioner in Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Units and as an intravenous therapy clinical specialist (CRNI). A native of Newport News, Virginia, she is the proud mother of a wonderful son, Alex. Her hobbies include reading, gardening and watching old westerns, and reading.



**Nursery for Children 3 Years and Younger ~ Room 208**

**Wee Worship ~ Room 113**

**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.**

**The Lord’s Supper is celebrated the first Sunday of the 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	
Preschool ~ Ages 3-5	201/202
Grades K-3 <sup>rd</sup>	113
Grades 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	308
Grades 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	107
Adults	111

### **YWCA Family Center Dinner Hosting ~ TODAY, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

We will be preparing and serving dinner at the YWCA Family Center today. There are many ways to help! You may help by providing food, preparing food, or helping to serve at the Family Center. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Lounge. Please plan to join us and let us know how you will be able to help! **We will meet at the church at 4:30 PM to carpool to the Center.**

### **2016 Older Adult Rally ~ Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

#### **Geneva Hills Center Lodge ~ Cost Including Lunch: \$15.00**

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Older Adult Ministries Task Team invites everyone to the 2016 Older Adult Rally on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Geneva Hills Center Lodge in Lancaster from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

The program of the day is: “*Sacred Chutzpah: Abraham and Sarah as Models for Aging*” and is presented by Guest Leader Rabbi Cary Kozberg.

This event is especially designed for older adults, but welcomes persons of all ages! Food and fellowship / casual attire / accessible space. Music by Kelly’s Bridge Band.

### **Youth Rally at Geneva Hills ~ Next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00 pm**

If any youth are interested, please contact the office (614-486-0267) by Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> to attend along with youth from Covenant Presbyterian.

### **Food Mission Sunday ~ Next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Plus** - We are adding an Oral Hygiene focus as well. Please consider donating toothpaste and/or toothbrushes (adult or child sizes) along with your food donations.

Please place your donations in the large wooden cabinet in the Narthex, the one with the ‘Food Mission’ sign on it.

NNEMAP is still accepting the **HOTEL** shampoo, soap, lotion and coffee packets provided to guests. Don’t throw these sample products away as they 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. ***A BIG THANKS FROM NNEMAP!***

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ Next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Lounge**

Boulevard’s Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet next Sunday 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. Upcoming meetings: September 25; October 30; December 4; and January 29.

### **Open Shelter Lunch Packing ~ Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

On Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be packing 200 brown bag lunches for the Open Shelter. We have sign-up times for people to arrive at 6:00 PM or 6:30 pm. Please sign up on the list in the Lounge. Last minute volunteers are always welcome! Ideally we would like to have 10-15 people signed up to participate. Thank you for your help. For more information, please contact Carolyn Schmitz at 614-488-8120 or cmschmitz@yahoo.com

### **Save Your Aluminum Pull Tabs**

Boulevard Presbyterian Women is initiating a new project of collecting pull tabs from pop, vegetable, fruit, pet food or any other type pull tab cans. The tabs will be 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 [dillmahoney@gmail.com](mailto:dillmahoney@gmail.com) or 614-291-5727.

### **Childcare Employment Opportunity on Sunday Mornings**

We are looking for an additional nursery and childcare worker. Someone who will share love, patience and faith with the children and their families who come through our program. If you have questions, would like more information, know someone who might be interested in this position, or would like to apply, please contact Linda Johnson or Preston Shealy at Boulevard (614-486-0267 or [office@blvdchurch.org](mailto:office@blvdchurch.org)). The Childcare worker description along with an application form are posted on the church website: [www.blvdchurch.org](http://www.blvdchurch.org).

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