

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

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Worship Leader: Alaina Engdahl

Greeters: Sandy Ferguson and Grace Parks

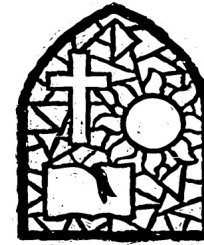
Wee Worship Teacher: Stephanie Silver

Elder of the Month: Jim Bailey

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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.***



Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

September 18, 2016 9:00 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.*

GATHERING

We Are Gathering (Siyahamba)

**We are gathering in the light of God,
We are gathering in the light of God (repeat)**

**We are gathering, we are gathering,
We are gathering in the light of God. (repeat)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those near you.

*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.

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*SONG

Shout to the Lord

Chorus:

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
We sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever we'll love You, forever we'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise we have in You.**

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship You. (repeat chorus)**

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

*RECEIVE GOD'S HEALING AND 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.*

Song of Praise

Glory to God

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! (repeat)

To God be glory forever! (repeat)

Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, amen!

Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, amen!

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 Chapel.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

This Thing We Call Love

Rev. Cynthia Burse

*SONG

Love the Lord Your God

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

PRAYING FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Following each petition, God's people respond:

Leader: Loving God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Offering Response

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

Thank you, Jesus, amen! Alleluia! Amen!

*Prayer of Dedication

Thank You, Jesus

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Leader: This is the Lord's table – not ours – and Jesus always welcomed everyone to have a seat at the table.

People: **Committed followers or those just checking Jesus out are welcome to come and eat from this table.**

Leader: You are welcome to come whether you agree or disagree with Jesus. You are welcome to come whether you are repentant and feeling great or unrepentant and your life is totally messed up. You are welcome to come even if you have no idea what any of this really means.

Leader: **This is the Lord's table – not ours – and because Jesus always welcomed everyone to have a seat at the table, so do we.**

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.

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 inner aisles and return by the outer 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

**Life-giving bread, as our hearts are transformed anew,
And life-giving wine, may we share in a life with you. (repeat)**

Life-Giving Bread

*SONG

**My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
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My Life Flows On

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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 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
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: Chapel
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 a loved one 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

| <u>Staff</u> | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 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

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.



Sunday School Classes - 10:00 a.m.

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| Nursery Care | 208 |
| 3 years and younger | |
| Preschool ~ Ages 3-5 | 201/202 |
| Grades K-3 rd | 113 |
| Grades 4 th -6 th | 308 |
| Grades 7 th -12 th | 107 |
| Adults | 111 |

YWCA Family Center Dinner Hosting ~ TODAY, September 18th

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 24th ~ 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 24th 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 25th from 1:00-6:00 pm

If any youth are interested, please leave a message in the office (614-486-0267) **TODAY**, September 18th, to attend along with youth from Covenant Presbyterian.

Food Mission Sunday ~ Next Sunday, September 25th

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ Next Sunday, September 25th 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 29th

On Thursday, September 29th, 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 or 614-291-5727.

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