

*HYMN No. 17

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Sussex Carol”

Noel Rawesthorne

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

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Worship Leader: Kevin Hicks

Greeters: Bonnie and David Grimm

Wee Worship Teacher: Martha Hills

Elder of the Month: Debbie Shealy

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*The flowers are given anonymously to the glory of God
in celebration of the First Sunday of Advent!*

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Nursery for Children 3 Years and Younger ~ Room 208 (off the Lounge)

Wee Worship ~ Room 113 (downstairs)

Large print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available from the ushers.

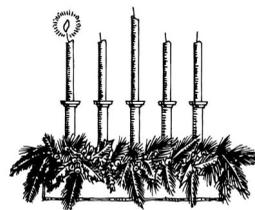
**The sound system has hearing assists for those with hearing difficulties and may be used
anywhere in the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for help.**

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

Staff

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

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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord’s Day

November 27, 2016 11:15 A.M.

1st 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

“Unexpected and Mysterious”

Calvin Hampton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“Psalm 122”

Hal Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Grant and Kit Stephens

***HYMN OF PRAISE (tune: Sussex Carol)**

Psalm 122

**How beautiful does Zion stand, a city built compact and fair;
The people of the Lord unite with joy and praise to worship there.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord.
Zion sing; sing out your peace and joy.**

**They come to learn the will of God, to pay their vows God’s grace to own,
For there is judgment’s royal seat, Messiah’s sure and lasting throne.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord.
Zion sing; sing out your peace and joy.**

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**For Zion's peace let prayers be made; May all that love you prosper well!
Within your walls let peace abide, and gladness with your children dwell.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord.
Zion sing; sing out your peace and joy.**

**For love of friends and kindred dear; My heart's desire is Zion's peace,
And for the house of God, the Lord, my loving care shall never cease.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord.
Zion sing; sing out your peace and joy.**

***OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**

Ever-present God, we know that despite our wishes, we cannot hide our sins from you. You know fully who we are and what we do. You know the times when we pretend to not hear your word and the times we simply ignore your will. You know the times when we are convinced we know better than you and the times we think your way is foolish. Forgive our sins, we pray. Teach us to live in a way that continuously brings honor and glory to your name! Amen.

Silent Confession

Response (Hymn No. 44, v. 4)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**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!**

***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.

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SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 550)

Isaiah 2:1-5

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 806)

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

Are We Ready?

Preston Shealy

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 8

Lift Up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*PROFESSING OUR FAITH

(from Jay Rochelle)

Into the midst of a broken life and a frightened community and a confusing world comes the Christ, bearing gifts: forgiveness for past hurts, joyful new life, and wholeness for all people and creation. We celebrate these gifts as we celebrate God's presence. God comes among us gathered here, and this is not by our own doing.

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

"Advent Prayer"

Allen Pote

Come holy Jesus, Come to free us from our sin.

Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within.

*Inspire each heart with illumined surprise, enkindle a flame anew.
increase our faith and strengthen our lives, show us the joy of living life in you.*

Come holy Jesus, Come to free us from our sin.

Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within. Amen. Amen.

*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

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

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Carolyn Williams, upcoming knee replacement

Connie Freeman, at home

Joanne Sheets, at daughter's home

Mark Nicholson

Bruce "Smitty" Smith, recuperating at home

Suzanne Trombley, recovering at home

(sister-in-law of Carol Fry)

Leni Leyboldt, at home

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

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".

CALENDAR

Today

1st Sunday of Advent

Food Mission Sunday

9:00 am Worship: Chapel

10:00 am Classes for all ages

11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary

Monday, November 28

7:00 pm Session: Chapel

Boy Scouts: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 29

11:45 am Staff: 300

Wednesday, November 30

9:30 am Quilters: 111

7:00 pm Nominating Committee: Chapel

Thursday, December 1

10:30 am Presbyterian Women's Gathering:
Lounge

6:00 pm Music Team: Chapel

6:30 pm Bell Choir: Balcony

7:30 pm Chancel Choir: Sanctuary

Friday, December 2

6:30 pm First Friday Free Family Film:

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

Cents-Ability Sunday

9:00 am Worship: Chapel

10:00 am Classes for all ages

Tree Decorating: Sanctuary

1:15 am Worship: Sanctuary

12:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry: Lounge

5:00 pm Youth Group Program

STEWARDSHIP IS . . . Thinking of ways to give of yourself at Christmas!

We Rejoice and Give Thanks

Sunday, November 20, 2016

General Sunday Offering: \$3,777.00

God's People Gathered: 147

Sunday School Classes - 10:00 AM

Nursery Care 208

3 years and younger

Preschool ~ Ages 3-5 201/202

Grades K-3rd 113

Grades 4th-6th 308

Grades 7th-12th 107

Adults 111

The Redemption of Scrooge

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Advent Devotional ~ available TODAY

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 ~ Begins TODAY 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!

Food Mission Sunday ~ TODAY, November 27th

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 Pasta (i.e., Spaghettios)
- ♦ Canned Chicken
- ♦ 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 with the "Food Mission" sign on it.

NNEMAP also accepts **HOTEL** shampoo, soap, lotion and coffee packets provided to guests. These sample products can 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!**

Community Christmas Boxes - Food Collection ~ through Sunday, December 11th

In your shopping, please remember to check the list of food items requested for the Christmas Boxes and give what you can to this worthy project.

Presbyterian Women's Gathering ~ Thursday, December 1st

All women are invited to the Presbyterian Women's Gathering on Thursday, December 1st, at 10:30 AM in the Lounge. The Grandview Dulcimers will present the program. A light brunch of fruit, pastry, coffee, and tea will be prepared by the Coordinating Team.

First Friday Free Family Film ~ December 2nd at 6:30 PM

The next film will be *The Polar Express* on Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 PM. Chairs will be set up or you can bring your own comfy chair. You can also bring a sleeping bag or pillow to relax and watch a movie with your family. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The movie is **free!!** Concessions ~ popcorn, candy, drinks ~ are available for a nominal fee.

Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ Next Sunday, December 4th 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.

Christmas Decorating 2016 ~ Sunday, December 4th

On Sunday, December 4th, the large tree will be in place in the sanctuary for any and all adults and kids to decorate during Sunday School / between worship services that morning. Mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun!

Be sure to order your Poinsettias! - through Sunday, December 11th

The poinsettias will serve as memorials or in honor of loved ones whose names will be printed in the worship bulletins on Sunday, December 18th 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 11th**. 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.

Mark Your Calendars!

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

Thursday, December 15th

Home Baked Cookies Delivered to Church

Friday, December 16th at 6:00 PM

Tape and Label Boxes

Saturday, December 17th at 9:30 AM

Pack and Assemble Boxes

Sunday, December 18st at 12:30 PM

Deliver Boxes

Each activity will take place in Fellowship Hall.

Amazon Purchases Also Benefit Boulevard Presbyterian Church

How many of us shop online at Amazon? Well, if you are an Amazon shopper you now have an easy way to also support Boulevard when making purchases through Amazon. Boulevard is now registered with Amazon as a charitable organization.

That means Boulevard will receive a 0.5% charitable donation based on the price of all eligible purchases made **through Boulevard's link** to Amazon.Smile. How do you access the specific link for Boulevard Presbyterian Church?

- ◆ Go to the home page for Boulevard's website;
- ◆ On the upper left side of the page is **Boulevard Presbyterian Church "Reaching out to make Disciples"** Directly below this information you will find the following link;
- ◆ **Support Boulevard Presbyterian Church Shop at smile.amazon.com**
- ◆ Click on these words and you will automatically be linked to Amazon and can begin shopping. All of you eligible purchases will be tallied and Boulevard will receive a 0.5% charitable donation.

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 djllmahoney@gmail.com or 614-291-5725.

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