



Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

January 24, 2021 10:00 A.M.

3rd Sunday after Epiphany



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.**

In light of the steady increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Franklin County, we have decided as a church to extend the suspension of in-person worship and group meetings at the church until the next scheduled Session meeting on January 25th. At that time, we will have a new Transitional Pastor, Rev. Charlotte O'Neil, and will be able to revisit our decision in light of January's data on COVID-19. Our decision is in line with advice from the Presbytery and the national church office. Our intent is to reduce the risk for our entire church community at this critical time. Thank you for your understanding and God bless you. Stay safe!

PRELUDE

"Every Move I Make"

words and music by David Ruis

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*Every move I make, I make in You; You make me move, Jesus,
Every breath I take, I breathe in You.*

*Every step I take, I take in You; You are my way, Jesus,
Every breath I take, I breathe in You.*

*Waves of mercy, waves of grace, everywhere I look, I see Your face.
Your love has captured me. Oh, my God, this love, how can it be?*

"Jesus Lead On"

words and music by Brent Helming

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*This is my cry, this is my song. You are my guiding light when the way is unknown.
And when these sunny skies turn shades of gray, I'll stay close by Your side as You lead the way.
Jesus lead on, I will follow. Jesus lead on, let Your love light the way.*

Jesus lead on, I will follow. Jesus lead on.

*Hear now this cry. Hear now this song. You are the guiding light for this journey I'm on.
And when my vision is clouded by the wind and the rain, I'll stay close by Your side as You lead the way.
Jesus lead on, I will follow. Jesus lead on, let Your love light the way.*

Jesus lead on, I will follow. Jesus lead on.

"Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"

Text: traditional spiritual. Public domain.

*Somebody's knocking' at your door; somebody's knocking' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.*

Knocks like Jesus...

Can't you hear him?...

Answer Jesus...

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"Lord, Reign in Me" words and music by Brenton Brown

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*Over all the earth You reign on high. Every mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You'd reign in me again.
Lord, reign in me. Reign in Your power, over all my dreams, in my darkest hour,
'cause You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again?*

*Over every thought, over every word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord,
'cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing, so won't You reign in me again?*

*Over all the earth You reign on high. Every mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You'd reign in me again.
Lord, reign in me. Reign in Your power, over all my dreams, in my darkest hour,
'cause You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again?*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on a prayer by Dr. Howard Thurman)

Open to us – **light for our darkness.**
Open to us – **courage for our fear.**
Open to us – **hope for our despair.**
Open to us – **peace for our turmoil.**
Open to us – **joy for our sorrow.**
Open to us – **strength for our weakness.**
Open to us – **wisdom for our confusion.**
Open to us – **forgiveness for our sins.**
Open to us – **love for our hates.**
Open to us – **Yourself for ourselves.**

MEDITATION

"You Are Before Me, Lord"

Text: Ian Pitt-Watson © 1973 Ian Pitt-Watson. Reprinted under OneLicense A-702458.

*You are before me, Lord, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too great to understand.*

*Then from your Spirit where, Lord, shall I go; and from your presence where, Lord, shall I fly?
If I ascend to heaven you are there, and still are with me if in hell I lie.*

*If I should take my flight into the dawn, if I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
Your mighty hand will rest upon me still, and your right hand will guard me evermore.*

*If I should say, "Let darkness cover me, and I shall hide within the veil of night,"
Surely the darkness is not dark to you: the night is as the day, the darkness light.*

*Search me, O God; search me and know my heart; try me, O God; my mind and spirit try;
Keep me from any path that gives you pain, and lead me in the everlasting way.*

OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Leader: God knows our needs before we ask, and our prayers prepare us to receive God's free gift of grace. Let us open our hearts to God's healing, confident that God hears and forgives us.

People: **Dear God, for the day you have given us, with all its possibilities, we thank you. For your gifts of life and love, of labor and rest, we praise you. Forgive us that too often we are ungrateful while your goodness surrounds us; that we feel alone when there are many who love us; that we despair when your strength is near at hand. Tear down the walls that separate us, make strong the ties that bind us, and help us to walk together with joy in all your ways.**

(time for silence)

Leader: Friends in Christ, there is nothing we can do to make God love us any more, and nothing we can do to make God love us any less. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and free.

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 symbolically share the peace of Christ with those around you.

MEDITATION

"Lay It All Down"

Text: Brian Marsh © 1999 Brian Marsh.

Lay it all down, I lay it all down at your feet. I give you my life, O Lord, I give you my soul.

Lay it all down, I lay it all down at your feet. Whatever I've gained I count it as loss.

I lay it all down, I lay it all down.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1

SERMON

"Running Away from God's Call"

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

MEDITATION

"Jonah's Song"

Vicki Williams

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*In my trouble, in my trouble I cried out to the Lord, my God, and,
Lord, You heard me, yes, You heard me, from the depths You heard my cry.
Though the water swirled around me, though the deep waves thundered o'er me,
Lord, You saved me, yes, You saved me. You would not let your servant die.*

*I was sinking, I was sinking in darkness to the ocean floor, and,
Lord, You heard me, yes, You heard me, from the depths You heard my cry.
When my prayer came to your temple, You stretched out your mighty hand.
Lord, You saved me, yes, You saved me. You would not let your servant die.*

"Come Back to Me"

Gregory Norbet

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*Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.*

*The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.*

*You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the nurturer of all humanity, who creates and sustains the universe by infinite power and redeeming love. We believe in Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, the Lord of life. Because of his words and works, his way with others, his use of suffering, his conquest of death, we know what life ought to be and what God is like. We believe that the Spirit of God is present with us now and always, and can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the Word and sacraments, in the fellowship of the church, and in all we do.

SHARING OUR HEARTS WITH GOD

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.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

“Go With Us, Lord”

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Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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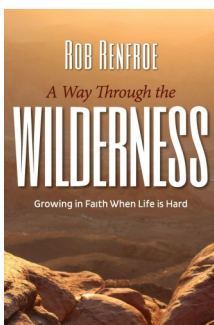
Worship Leader: Stefanie Osborne

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The next Celebration of the Lord’s Supper will be February 7.

Announcements

Faith Formation for All Ages in January



NOW through February 14, join Steve Hills as he leads *A Way Through the Wilderness* by Rob Renfro. The class will meet at 11 a.m. on Zoom after worship. Discover how the wilderness can be a training ground that God uses to deepen our trust in him. In the Scriptures we see that often God’s people went through a wilderness experience, and these experiences changed them in profound ways. At one time or another, everyone has a wilderness experience, a time when life is barren and difficult and we feel alone and desperate, not knowing where to turn. It’s impossible to go through the wilderness without being changed. There’s a way through—God’s way—that leaves us with a deeper faith and draws us closer to God than we ever imagined. With sensitivity and warmth, Rob Renfro explores the wilderness experience—what it is, how we get there, why God allows it, and how we can get through it God’s way so that we learn the lessons that can be learned only in the desolate seasons of life when we are totally dependent on God.

The class will be a combination of a video and discussion. Contact Steve Hills (stephen.m.hills@gmail.com) or Martha Hills (marthahills@mac.com) for an Zoom invite to join the class.

The Children’s Faith Formation class will continue at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom every Sunday morning. Contact Martha if you need an invite to join.

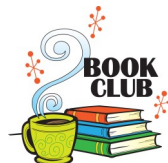
Giving Envelopes for 2021

Envelopes can be found on the table by the church office sorted alphabetically. You may pick them up anytime between 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, for the next two weeks. They will be mailed after today. If you did not find your envelopes or would like to request envelopes, please speak to Carol Fry, the church secretary, in person, or call the church office at any time (614-486-0267).



Book Club Meeting ~ Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm - via Zoom

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson led by Casey Hoch



The book club meets once a month on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Each meeting has a volunteer leader chosen in advance to lead the discussion. Books chosen and discussions about them will center on topics that provide a forum for thoughtful discussion. Books for discussion can be either fiction or non-fiction. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 23 and the book for discussion is *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. The discussion will be led by Diane Cattran. Please contact Kim Welter (419-410-0156 or kwelter.2010@gmail.com) to be included in the Zoom meeting.

Open Shelter Lunch Packing ~ Thursday evening, January 28

On Thursday, January 28, we will need to pack 200 brown bag lunches for the Open Shelter. If you can help, please contact Carolyn Schmitz to participate in this time of Covid pandemic. Thank you for your help! You can reach Carolyn at 614-488-8120 or cmschmitz@yahoo.com

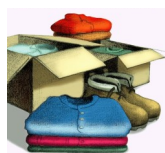


Souper Bowl of Caring ~ Sunday, February 7

The Mission Committee coordinates the collection of donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring. You are welcome to donate cans of soup or monetary donations. There will be a soup pot by the church office door for your donations which will be checked every day or you can mail your donations to the church. If you write a check, please note "Souper Bowl" in the memo line. All donations will be donated to our local Food Pantries.

Donate Flowers to Beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday Mornings

If you would like to donate flowers to beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, fill out one of the yellow envelopes labeled "Offering for Flowers." The envelopes are available from a stand on the usher's desk in the Lounge. Complete the information on the envelope, enclose your check or cash, and either put it in the offering collection on Sunday or mail it to the church office. The cost of an arrangement is \$30.00. The arrangements may be picked up following the service. You can also donate anonymously and flowers will be ordered for Sundays that have not been "claimed".



Donate Winter Clothing and Bedding

Boulevard continues to accept donations of winter clothing, coats, and bedding of all types - gently used or new. Pillows must be NEW. Please ensure that all donations are clean, and clothing must have working zippers, all buttons, and no stains. Please DO NOT bring spring or summer clothing at this time. Collections can be placed in the container in the Narthex. Donations can also be placed in a tub located on the Hamilton's front porch at 1350 Arlington Avenue, Columbus. Until the next rummage sale, donated clothing and bedding will be donated to the WESTSIDE FREE STORE MINISTRIES. Every donated item provides warmth for someone.

Support Boulevard When You Shop at Kroger

Swipe your Plus Card and Boulevard earns a percentage of your total! We currently only have 8-10 households regularly taking advantage of this opportunity to easily support Boulevard's varied missions. Sign up online at: <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>



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We Continue to Collect Pop Tabs

Bring your aluminum pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital. The profits they receive from recycling them are used to offset various expenditures of the house. We currently have a collection house in the Lounge and small house boxes are available for your home use. It may seem like a small gesture but the tabs all add up and are greatly appreciated!



Your Recycling Bin is About to Get Tubby!



Rumpke is now accepting yogurt containers, butter tubs and fruit cups. Visit their website to learn more about Rumpke's expanded list of acceptable recyclables <http://bit.ly/recycling-tubs>

As with all recycling, rinse the container and lid and replace the lid on the cottage cheese, yogurt, and butter containers (new items that can be added to your bin). Do not include the film or foil from the tops of yogurt or fruit containers. All recycling should be placed in your bin loosely - do not stack the containers. Recycle by shape and not the number on the bottom of the container. For more tips, please visit the Rumpke website.

When in doubt, please take time to check the websites, send an email, or call. It only takes a few minutes. SWACO.org; recycleright.org; info@Rumpke.com or www.rumpke.com

Thank you for being a diligent and responsible recycler and good steward!

**Please call the church office at 614-486-0267
to include someone on this Prayer List.**

CALENDAR

Prayers for Joy and Concern

Robert "Bob" Merkle – at Riverside and then will move temporarily to the Health Center at First Community to adjust his medications
Spencer Schalip – recovery from stroke (his third) (Charmaine Hamilton's brother)
Ken Frick – recovering from Covid
Amelia Hamilton – diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia (Charmaine and Mike Hamilton's granddaughter)
Steve Miller – recovering well from stroke and respiratory issues (Stefanie Osborne's father)
Mikie Bowles – back issues
Mike Keller – radiation for prostate cancer (Bonnie Grimm's brother-in-law)
Michael Frase – Crohn's disease is in remission!
Tim Parks – diagnosed with Parkinson's (Jim Parks' son and Grace Parks' brother)
Maggie Evans – cancer (family friend of the Hamilton's)
Dan Hooley – heart issues
Ellen Rennick – to regain strength
Levi Hooley – ear issues
Pat Rieve – needs kidney transplant
Terry McFadden – London Correctional
Judy McMahan – to regain strength
Cathy Mills – Brooksdale Assisted Living (Carol McFadden's friend)
Jerry Braun – cancer (Mike McKinney's brother-in-law)
Tim McLane – continuing health issues (Mikie Bowles' brother)
Mark Nelson – for healing, comfort, and peace (Mikie's Bowles son-in-law)

Prayers for Our Special Care List

Barbara Frautschi – Westminster Thurber
Evelyn Hannaway – Friendship Village of Dublin
Norma Kibbey – Westminster Thurber Assisted Living
Britta and Norman Knapp – at home
Paul McCalla – Westminster-Thurber Assisted Living
Pat Ronsheim – Westminster Thurber Assisted Living
John Schlitt – Whetstone Assisted Living
Betty Sikking – at home

Sunday, January 24

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Food Mission Sunday

10:00 am Worship: Online only
(Live on Facebook)
11:00 am Adult/Youth Zoom Class
11:30 am Children's Zoom Class

Monday, January 25

7:00 pm Session Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

9:30 am Quilters: Room 111

Thursday, January 28

6:00 pm Open Shelter Lunch Packing

Sunday, January 31

4th Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am Worship: Online only
(Live on Facebook)
11:00 am Adult/Youth Zoom Class
11:30 am Children's Zoom Class

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