



Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Worship On The Lord's Day
October 10, 2021 10:00 A.M.
20th Sunday after Pentecost



Boulevard Church's Session met recently and voted to abide by the recently established CDC guidelines for masks. The CDC has created four measures for community spread of the COVID virus: blue, yellow, orange, and red. Franklin County quickly moved from yellow to orange to red in the last three weeks. Given the rapid spread of the Delta version of the virus, the CDC has recommended that both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons be masked.

We are sorry to have to require masking again but ask for your cooperation. We will let you know about any additional changes in policy should Franklin County move to red or return to yellow or blue. Thank you.

Steve Hills, Chair, COVID Committee

**please stand, if able*

PRELUDE

"St. Patrick's Breastplate" (I Bind unto Myself Today) John Hebdon Schaffner

"By Gracious Powers" (Hymn 818)

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*By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting, come what may,
We know that God is with us night and morning and never fails to greet us each new day.*

*Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented, still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.*

*And when this cup you give is filled to brimming with bitter suffering, hard to understand,
We take it thankfully and without trembling, out of so good and so beloved a hand.*

*Yet when again in this same world you give us the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
We shall remember all the days we lived through, and our whole life shall then be yours alone.*

This text (made from the author's last poem) turns in the middle of stanza two, where broad affirmations yield to a prayer continuing through the rest of the hymn, a prayer that testifies to deep confidence. The minor tune helps to convey such tensions in the life of faith.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

People: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

Leader: We are here because we want to be God's people.

People: We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to God.

*HYMN 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

Text: "K" in John Rippons's A Selection of Hymns, alt. Public domain.

*1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Leader: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin and our need for God.

People: **God of love, serving you is our perfect freedom, yet we confess that we rebel against you. You call, but we do not listen. We pull against your guidance; we walk astray from your path, and we fail to return your love. In our sin, we think of ourselves as free and separate ourselves from you.**

Look upon us with mercy, God of love. Do not treat us according to our deserving, but according to your great compassion. Place within us the desire to serve you that we might live faithful and joyful lives. *(time for silent prayer)* **Amen.**

Leader: Just as Jesus healed all who came to him, he lifts our burdens from us, removes our past failures, and turns us to new life. Friends, trust and believe the good news.

People: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*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.

*RESPONSE: HYMN 427

"Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart"

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**All - Refrain: Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.
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Leader: *This our sinful hearts require: flame of God's refining fire,
Working in us day by day till the dross is burned away. (refrain)*

Leader: *Jesus knows our deepest fears, knows the pain of hidden tears.
By his words of love and peace every heart can find release. (refrain)*

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:1-29

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:30-50

SERMON

"Salt, Prayer, and Faith"

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

*HYMN 314

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

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*Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.*

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (refrain)*

*Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (refrain)*

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (refrain)*

*Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. (refrain)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We need not look up to find God, we need only look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another. We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat. We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

OFFERTORY

“Refiner’s Fire”

Brian Doerksen

Text: Brian Doerksen

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*Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.
Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire is to be holy, set apart for You Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for You my master, ready to do Your will.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.*

*DOXOLOGY: HYMN 606

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Text: Thomas Ken. Public domain.

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

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.

*HYMN 313

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

Text: Spiritual. Public domain.

*Lord, make us more holy, Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again; holy, holy. holy, until we meet again.
Lord, make us more loving...
Lord, make use more patient...
Lord, make us more faithful...*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

arr. by John A. Behnke

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Worship Leaders: Melissa Schmidt, Stefanie Osborne

Elder of the Month: George Ells

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

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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.

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

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

CALENDAR

Prayers for Joy and Concern

Safe travel for family and friends
Newborn twin grandchildren – in NICU for two months, born 9 weeks early,
but doing well (friends of Tim and Sue Harvey)
Kim Kaiser – in ICU with COVID (Allyson Engdahl's brother-in-law)
Employees of small stores in Columbus area targeted for armed robberies
Deb Kackley – moved to rehab, going home soon (Allyson Engdahl)
Bill Frase – prayers of thanksgiving – cancer free!
The family and friends of Julie Jones – passed away peacefully (9/26)
(Charmaine and Mike Hamilton's friend)
For the Harr family on the sudden loss of Donna (Kathy Chaffin's niece)
George and Susan Ells and family – George's brother passed away 9/26
Tom Neff (Sally Neff's son)
Rodger Lynch – recovery from surgery to remove cancerous mass
(Charmaine and Mike Hamilton's friend)
David Reynolds – now home; diagnosed with aortic aneurism
(Pat Nicholson's great-nephew)
Ron Geiszler – undergoing chemotherapy (Allyson Engdahl)
Jim Treadway – stage 4 colon cancer; chemotherapy
(Jim and Kathie Bailey's nephew)
Judy – recovering from concussion and fractured skull due to fall;
in rehab center in Frisco, Texas (Linda Wilton's cousin)
Former members Dan and Mary Headapohl and their daughter, Miranda
Eva Hills – recovery from stroke (Steve and Martha Hills' daughter-in-law)
Aunt Irma and Jennique – recovery from car accident
(Mike Hamilton's 90-year-old aunt and cousin)
Wilmadeen Rieser – healing well and at home! (Mike McKinney's mother)
Gwen Jackson – receiving chemotherapy
Terri Randal – cancer has recurred (Bill Bell's friend)
Larry and Sue Bame – surgery/dementia support (Merri Bame's parents)
Karla Holton – treatment for lung cancer (Charmaine Hamilton's friend)
Grace Parks – continued recovery from shingles
Spencer Schalip – medical concerns (Charmaine Hamilton's brother)
Amelia Hamilton – diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia
(Charmaine and Mike Hamilton's granddaughter)
Tim Parks – Parkinson's disease
(Jim Parks' son and Grace Parks' brother)
Maggie Evans – cancer (teenage friend of the Hamilton's)
Terry McFadden – Allen Oakwood Correctional
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

Glenn and Sara Beaber – at home
Ellen Buzzelli – Brookdale Senior Living
Barb Frautschi – Westminster-Thurber
Evelyn Hannaway – Friendship Village of Dublin
Helen Hoehl – memory care, Hilton Head Island, SC
Norma Kibbey – Westminster-Thurber Assisted Living
Brita and Norman Knapp – at home
Paul McCalla – Westminster-Thurber Assisted Living
Betty Sikking – at home

Sunday, October 10

10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed
on Facebook
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
11:15 am Town Hall: Pastoral Search
Process

Monday, October 11

6:30 pm Scouts BSA: Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, October 12

7:00 pm Worship and Music Committee
Meeting: Chapel
7:30 pm AA: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 13

9:30 am Quilters: Room 111
6:30 pm Preschool Training: Lounge
7:30 pm NA: Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 14

1:00 pm Staff Meeting: Lounge
7:30 pm GA: Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 17

10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed
on Facebook
11:00 am Classes for All Ages:
Welcome All

Attendance, October 3, 2021: 55

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil
Office Manager: Carol Fry
Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens
Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles

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Announcements

Special Meeting of the Congregation ~ TODAY following worship

Please stay after the worship service today for a Congregational Meeting to approve a revision to the By-Laws and to elect the members-at-large to this year's Nominating Committee. After the meeting, there will be an opportunity to hear where we are in the process of calling a new pastor.



October Newsletters can be found by the Northwest doors, on the table in the Lounge, and on the website: www.blvdchurch.org.

Education Hour ~ 11 a.m.-12 p.m. each Sunday - in person classes

The education hour for all ages returned on Sunday, September 19. Adults and youth meet in Fellowship Hall, K-5th graders meet in Room 301/302 on the third floor. Join us each week as all ages explore a four-week unit entitled *Welcome All*. This is the first of a series of units designed to help the participants deepen their faith in many areas as they learn to follow Jesus more closely. Each week explores a different aspect of welcoming, looking at its Biblical roots, its history and present day expression in the church as well as allowing each person to explore how they might follow Jesus more closely in their own lives. Each week is a separate study, so just because you missed one you will still be able to learn from the ones you can get to. The schedule is as follows:



October 10 - NO CLASS—CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 17 - "Know Your Gifts" - Luke 10:38-42

October 24 - "Challenge Othering" - Luke 7:36-50

We're looking forward to you joining in!

Advent devotionals



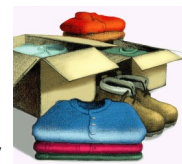
It may be hard to believe but Advent will soon be here. In preparation we will be putting together another Advent Devotional written by Boulevard church members. We will need 27 individuals, groups or families to agree to write a short poem, paragraph, or whatever you are inspired to do, based upon scripture. If you are interested please contact Kyme Rennick at KWrennick@earthlink.net and she will provide you with several Bible verses from which to choose for your inspiration. If you are not familiar with the devotionals there are some samples in the Lounge of past publications, as well as a sign up sheet. To ensure we have time to layout, print, and assemble the devotionals we will need your submission sent to the church office by November 1. Please contact Kyme with any questions and let her know if you feel called to participate this year.

West Side Free Store Ministries Fall and Winter Collection — beginning now

WSFM is an ecumenical faith-based, 501(c)(3) designed to share resources, build relationships, and create community on Columbus' west side. They provide free store items (clothing, shoes, books, etc.), light food and beverages, and meals on Saturdays.

Charmaine Hamilton has started collecting fall and winter clothing for the Free Store. You may leave your items in the blue bin in the Lounge, on her front porch (1350 Arlington Avenue), or take them directly to West Side Free Store Ministries, at 61 S. Powell Ave. 43204, (same street as West High School). Drive to the alley behind the Methodist Church and ring the bell. New Donation Hours—Thursdays: 4-5 p.m.; Saturdays: 11am-1pm.

Current needs are men's pants, blankets and towels. New pillows and undergarments are always appreciated. Remember to donate clean clothing with all buttons, working zippers, and no stains. Many recipients do not have washers and dryers. Thank you for keeping our neighbors warm. For more information contact Charmaine Hamilton at charmainehamilton@hotmail.com or 614-579-0622 (call or text).



Called to Serve

The Nominating Committee will soon be soliciting names for Elders (Session) and Deacons for 2022. The congregation has been apart for a long time now; some are returning weekly, some less often, and still others have not yet chosen to join in our live worship. In spite of all the challenges we have all faced, we continue onward in our journey to serve our Lord. The Nominating Committee is asking each member to take some time to reflect on who our leaders will be, pray over this decision, and reflect again. As we move forward, these names will be voted on, and it helps if the membership has prayed for guidance ahead of time. Please take time to prayerfully consider who would serve this Body as we all continue to serve those around us. Thank you for doing this - in being specific in your prayer requests, and your faithfulness moving forward.



—The Nominating Committee



There will be a **New Member Class** starting in the near future. Please talk to Pastor Charlotte if you are interested.

The Significant Six ~ Fourth Sunday of the month

Personal care items are always requested by the clients at the food pantries and are typically in very short supply there. These items are not covered by food assistance programs, and it is distressing to think that articles such as toilet paper or feminine hygiene products are considered luxuries in some households. As the Mission Committee endeavors to work with our partners in ways that they find to be the most useful, we are introducing “The Significant Six” and hope that you will purchase some of these items as you are able to when shopping.



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| 1. Toothbrushes for adults and children
(single brush rather than multi-pack) | 4. Feminine hygiene products |
| 2. Toothpaste | 5. Bars of soap (not body wash) |
| 3. Disposable razors | 6. Toilet paper |

Sometimes more than food is required in order to have a healthy and decent lifestyle, and we can make a difference in helping to provide dignity to those in need. And, of course, any food items that are brought in will still be taken to the pantry and are still welcomed by the pantry.

On-Going Contributions and Projects

Donate Plastic Bags for Plarn Mats

Carol Fry, our church secretary, has been making plarn mats for the homeless and underprivileged for many years. Plarn is plastic yarn made from plastic grocery bags. The mats are 3' x 6' and are taken to NNEMAP for distribution. Each mat uses 500-700 bags, keeping a LOT of bags out of the landfill, and the little bits of the bags that are cut off can still be recycled!



There is a trash can/recycle bin in the Lounge for plastic bags to be donated to this mission. Please donate only “crinkly” grocery bags. Target, Kroger, Meijer, Giant Eagle, Dollar General, Walmart—all of these are good for mats. “Stretchy” plastic bags that are similar to trash bags or thick plastic bags like Arbys or Wendys can all be taken to the recycling bins at Giant Eagle.

Layette Project Helps New Parents in Our Community



Linda Wilton continues to coordinate the collecting of items for the Layette Project through Church Women United that provides basic baby needs to parents that don't have the resources to provide for their little ones. You can help by donating supplies for needy families in our local community.

Most needed items:

- Baby clothing from newborn up to one year, new or gently used.
- Small bottles of lotion, shampoo, powder.
- Small containers of wipes.

Please, no large economy sizes of bottles or wipes. (All items are placed in a single paper bag for the new parents and large bottles take up space for other needed items.)

Please bring your items to church and drop them off in the wicker basket in the Narthex or contact Linda Wilton at 614-486-4233. Thank you for your generosity.

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