



Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Worship On The Lord's Day
October 17, 2021 10:00 A.M.
21st 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

"Wareham" (The Church of Christ in Every Age)

J. Bert Carlson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 8)*

Leader: Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

People: You made your glory higher than the heavens!

Leader: When we look at everything you have made – the skies,

People: the moon and the stars that you firmly put into place,

Leader: who are we that you think about us?

People: Yet, you have made us only slightly less than divine

Leader: and crown us with glory and grandeur.

People: You have put everything in our care –

Leader: all the animals that run on the earth, the birds of the sky, and everything in the sea.

People: Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

**HYMN 689*

"When the Morning Stars Together"

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*When the morning stars together their Creator's glory sang,
and the angel host all shouted till with joy the heavens rang,
then your wisdom and your greatness their exultant music told,
all the beauty and the splendor which your mighty works unfold.*

*When in synagogue and temple voices raised the psalmists' songs,
offering up the adoration which alone to you belongs;
when the singers, trumpets, cymbals all combined, your praise to share,
awestruck people saw your glory fill the sacred house of prayer.*

*Voice and instrument in union through the ages spoke your praise.
Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems told your faithful, gracious ways.
Choir and orchestra and organ each a sacred offering brought,
while, inspired by your own Spirit, poet and composer wrought.*

*Lord, we bring our gift of music; touch our lips and fire our hearts.
Teach our minds and train our senses; fit us for these sacred arts.
Then with skill and consecration we would serve you, Lord, and give
all our powers to glorify you, and in serving fully live.*

OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

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

People: **God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first, and trust in things that do not last. Too often we choose things that are easy over things that are good; we chase after power and wealth; we push aside those who are in our way, ignoring the needs of others.**

Teach us your ways of your grace and love. Help us to follow Jesus in serving others by bringing peace and healing to the last and the least. *(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 447

"We Are Forgiven"

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*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:1-22

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Mark 10:23-52

SERMON

"The Economy of God's Kingdom"

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

*HYMN 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Text: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne; vers. Eleanor Hull

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (-United Church of Canada, 1968)

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"
Diane Cattran, flute

setting, Jayne Southwick Cool

*DOXOLOGY: HYMN 606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*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 727

"The Servant Song"

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*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: People of God, go in peace and walk humbly in the world.

People: **We go with the healing love of Christ, the wisdom of God,
and the strengthening power of the Spirit.**

Leader: Thanks be to God!

People: **Amen!**

POSTLUDE

"Rockingham Old" (A Grateful Heart)

Robert J. Powell

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Worship Leaders: George Ells, Stefanie Osborne

Elder of the Month: George Ells

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*Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Charlotte
in appreciation for all her hard work at this time for our church.*

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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.

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

Prayers for Joy and Concern

For Merri Bame's family – as her mother, Sue, is being released from a facility to live at home
For the family and friends of Katharina Jung who passed away 10/14 (Michael Schmidt's aunt)
Steve – recovery from back surgery (Sandy Zigler's brother)
Lee and his daughters' family – for healing (Lamar Zigler's brother)
Safe travel for family and friends
Newborn twins of Carol and Chad Clawson – 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!
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)
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)
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 Sicking – at home

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 17

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

Monday, October 18

6:30 pm Scouts BSA: Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 19

7:30 pm AA: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 20

9:30 am Quilters: Room 111
7:30 pm NA: Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 21

7:30 pm GA: Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 24

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

Attendance, October 10, 2021: 55

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil
Office Manager: Carol Fry
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Announcements

Denominational Resources on the Pastoral Search Process

Presbyterian Church (USA) link

<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/clc/revised-calling-pastor/>

Presbytery of Scioto Valley link

<https://media.myworshiptimes31.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/2019/03/29191610/PSV-Pastor-search-process.pdf>



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

Education Hour for All Ages ~ 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 and K-5th graders meet in Room 301/302 on the third floor. Join us each week as we explore a four-week unit titled *Welcome All*. This is a study unit designed to help participants deepen their faith 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 you are welcome to attend any or all sessions. The schedule is as follows:

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!



Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts Fruit Sale Fundraiser



Cub Scout Pack 28 and Boy Scout Troop 73 are selling boxes of Florida Indian River Groves oranges, grapefruit, apples, mandarins, and pears. This first-rate fruit is hand-picked at the peak of ripeness and departs the facility within 24 hours! Box sizes are 10, 20 and 40 pounds, and prices start at \$20. This fresh, healthy fruit will be delivered to you as soon as it arrives in Columbus.

Would you like to help fill Boulevard's Community Christmas Boxes this year? Order a box of fruit, and the scouts will drop off your donated box in time for the sorting and bagging of food items.

Please order before October 29 at www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com with a credit card; Fundraising Group #1025108. Delivery is estimated to be early to mid-December. Wish to order in person or by a check? Call Tracy Garrett @ 614-595-3530.

Cub Scout Pack 28 has been meeting at Boulevard Presbyterian Church since 1938, and Boy Scout Troop 73 since 1928.

Thank you very much!

Book Club Discussion ~ Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, please join the Boulevard Book Club at our Tuesday, October 26 discussion of *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri, led by Alaina Engdahl. We will meet via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Please contact Kim Welter (kwelter.2010@gmail.com) to be included in the Zoom meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, **November 16** on *Hallelujah Anyway* by Anne Lamott, discussion led by Sandy Ferguson. All are welcome!



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

Advent devotionals

Advent will soon be here. In preparation we will be creating another Advent Devotional written by Boulevard church members. There is a sign up sheet in the Lounge for ten more individuals, groups, or families to write a poem, paragraph, or whatever you are inspired to do, based upon scripture. Please contact Kyme Rennick at KWRennick@earthlink.net and she will provide you with several scripture selections 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. To ensure we have time to layout, print, and assemble the devotionals we need your submission sent to the church office by November 1. Please contact Kyme with any questions or let her know you feel called to participate this year.



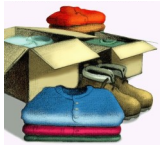
4th Annual Leaf Raking for Youth & Families

Please check with your neighbors and community members to see if they would like Boulevard Youth, their families, and members to rake their yards. This outreach provides an opportunity to rake leaves for individuals needing assistance including: physical limitations, illnesses, surgeries, caretakers, families with newborn babies, etc. We stay in the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff neighborhoods. There is no cost to the residents. The youth will decide where to donate any tips received.



A sign-up list will be located in the Lounge for families needing help. A separate sign-up list will be for youth, families, and members available to rake. We welcome assistance from all members who may have an interest in participating in this community outreach. Please contact any Faith Development Committee members if you have any questions: Alaina Engdahl, Charmaine Hamilton, Martha Hills, and Jill Hooley

Westside Free Store Ministries Clothing Collection for Fall and Winter



Boulevard is now collecting fall and winter clothing for the Westside Free Store. WFSM is a faith-based organization designed to share resources, build relationships, and create community on Columbus' west side. Since opening their doors in August 2004, they have become known as a hospitable community resource. Meals are served and guests may shop for clothes and small household items the three days a week they are open.

The Westside Free Store is always taking donations for gently used clothing and shoes for women, men and children, as well as small household items. Most needed right now 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. You may leave your items in the blue bin in the Lounge. 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 persons 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

The Significant Six ~ Fourth Sunday of the month



Personal care items are always requested by the clients at 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 continues to work with our partners in ways that they find to be the most useful, we hope that you purchase some of these items when shopping for donation.

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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 |

Items can be dropped off in the Food Pantry Collection box in the Lounge. Sometimes more than food is required in order to have a healthy and decent lifestyle, and we can make a difference by helping to provide dignity to those in need. Any food items that are brought in will still be taken to and welcomed by the pantry.

Donate Flowers to Beautify the Chapel and Sanctuary on Sunday Mornings

If you would like to donate flowers to beautify our worship spaces on Sunday mornings, please pick up one of the yellow envelopes labeled "Offering for Flowers." The envelopes are available from a stand in the Lounge or the church office. Complete the information on the envelope, enclose your check or cash, and either put it in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office. The cost of an arrangement is \$35.00. The arrangements may be picked up following the second service. You can also donate anonymously and flowers will be ordered for Sundays that have not been "claimed".



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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