

Boulevard Presbyterian Church Worship On The Lord's Day October 24, 2021 10:00 A.M. 22nd 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

Be Thou My Vision Nearer My God to Thee For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Marsha Sisco arr. Michael Bailey arr. Tari-Jean Lybbert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 118, NRSV)

- Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
- People: God's steadfast love endures forever.
- Leader: We have nothing to fear
- People: for God is on our side to help us.
- Leader: Open the gates of righteousness,
- People: that we may enter and give thanks to God.
- Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
- People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- People: Give thanks; God's faithful love lasts forever.

*HYMN 197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Text: Jennette Threlfall. Public domain.

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

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

People: God of costly love, it was not enough for you to take on human flesh and form, to live with us. It was not enough for you to live humbly, without power, and share rich blessings with those on the margins. To conquer our sin, you accepted its penalty. To offer us life, you suffered death.

Forgive us, God, when we forget the cost of your love. Forgive us, God, when we act as those who do not know you. Forgive us, God, when we fail to stand with you in your service. Give us a new heart and a right spirit, that we might live for you, to your glory. (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 647 *"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"* Text: Henry Smith © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music). Reprinted under CCLI License # 34075.

> Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong," Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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SERMON

"Bold Faith"

Mark 11:1-14

Mark 11:15-33

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

*HYMN 749

"We Are Called"

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Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and violence will be no more! (refrain)

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! (refrain)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people. We believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us and to free us from all forms of oppression. We believe in the Spirit of God who works in and through all who are turned toward the truth. We believe in the community of faith which is called to be at the service of all people. We believe in God's power to transform, fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth where justice and peace will flourish. Amen.

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 436

"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" Text: John J. Moment, alt. Public domain.

God of compassion, in mercy befriend us, giver of grace for our needs all-availing. Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us, patience untiring and courage unfailing.

Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us, stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling. Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us, guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us, you who the stars in their courses are guiding? What shall we fear, with your power to protect us, we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: People of God, go with bold faith to make a difference in our 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

Wondrous Love

arr. Jennifer Fink

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Worship Leaders: Sandy Ferguson, 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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We welcome Ella Bryan as pianist/accompanist today. Ella is the band and general music teacher at St. Brendan the Navigator School in Hilliard (K-8) and the daughter of Pastor Charlotte.

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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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REMINDER: 2022 Pledge Campaign

Next Sunday, October 31, is the deadline for getting your pledge cards to church. Please send or bring your cards to the church on or before that date. Let us celebrate what we have done this past challenging year and pledge to continue our work in the coming year.

"Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant." — William A. Ward

Prayers for Joy and Concern

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

CALENDAR

| Sunday, October 24 | |
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| 10:00 am | Worship: Sanctuary |
| 10.00 am | In-person and live-streamed |
| | on Facebook |
| 11:00 am | Classes for All Ages: |
| 11.00 am | Welcome All |
| Monday, October 25 | |
| 6:30 pm | Scouts BSA: Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Session Meeting: Chapel |
| Tuesday, October 26 | |
| 7:00 pm | Book Club Zoom Meeting |
| 7:30 pm | AA: Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday, October 27 | |
| 9:30 am | Quilters: Room 111 |
| 7:30 pm | NA: Fellowship Hall |
| <u>Thursday, October 28</u> | |
| 7:30 pm | GA: Fellowship Hall |
| <u>Sunday, October 31</u> | |
| | All Saints Sunday |
| 10:00 am | Worship: Sanctuary |
| | In-person and live-streamed |
| | on Facebook |
| 11:00 am | Classes for All Ages: |
| | Follow Jesus |

Attendance, October 17, 2021: 35 (Columbus Marathon)

<u>Staff</u>

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

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Mission Drive for October is Heifer International

Heifer works with communities to end hunger and hardship by bringing sustainable agriculture and commerce opportunities to areas with a long history of poverty. While there are many ways to help Heifer in their work, we are continuing to focus on providing animals to those in need. The animals these families receive from Heifer provide them with both food and a source of reliable income as products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market. Recipients are then required to pass on part of their gift to a neighbor in need. As many families in an area gain this sustainable type of income, it brings hope and new opportunities for their community.



Goat milk is rich in protein and makes tasty cheese and yogurt. A single goat can give up to a gallon of milk per day. Goats thrive on unproductive land and keeping a goat costs one sixth as much as keeping a cow.



Water Buffalo can plow a field or pull a heavy load with ease. Using a water buffalo to plow increases a field's output by four times more than if plowed by hand. They eat weeds and grasses in areas that might not support other livestock and provide 5% of the world's milk.



Llamas walk well on steep slopes helping families living in mountainous areas to carry loads. Families comb or shear their fur, and the fleece is used to make ponchos and sweaters or sold to others to provide income for the family. Llamas can live up to 20 years.

As we will be making one combined gift from the church, please make your check out to Boulevard and to put <u>Heifer</u> in the memo line of your check. Thank you for helping show Christ's love to those in need.

Announcements

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

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 units in the Follow Me series. Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living is a thirty-six-unit curriculum based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Written for people of all ages who wish to live out their faith, this new curriculum examines where these practices are found in the Bible

and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now. Each week is a separate study, so you are welcome to attend any or all sessions. We look forward to you joining in!

October 24—Welcome All: "Challenge Othering" — Luke 7:36-50 October 31-Follow Jesus: "Accept Jesus' Invitation" November 7-Follow Jesus: "Follow Jesus in Community" November 14—Follow Jesus: "See through the Lens of Love" November 21-Follow Jesus: "Teach Others to Follow Jesus"

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!

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!

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for a place to volunteer? Are you already in the building for worship? Are you willing to donate your time during one worship service every couple of months to Boulevard's youngest children? If so, we have a place for you! We have a need for people to volunteer in the nursery. You get to create your own schedule with the children when you are best able to share your time! We will need two persons every Sunday. More information will be published as it is known. Thank you for considering this way to help our most precious members.

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

Advent devotionals

Advent will soon be here! Reminder: to those who have offered to provide a devotional, we need you article in the office by November 1 to ensure we have time to layout, print, and assemble the devotionals and have them ready for the first Sunday in Advent. Please contact Kyme Rennick at KWRennick@earthlink.net or Carol in the office with any questions.

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-searchprocess.pdf









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 rakes 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

<u>The Significant Six</u> ~ 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.

- 1. Toothbrushes for adults and children
 - (single brush rather than multi-pack)
- 2. Toothpaste
- 3. Disposable razors

- 4. Feminine hygiene products
- 5. Bars of soap (not body wash)
- 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.

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 faithbased 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

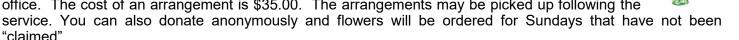
The Nominating Committee will soon be soliciting names for Elders (Session) and Deacons for 2022. The congregation has been apart for a long time now; some are returning weekly, some less often, and still others have not yet chosen to join in our live worship. In spite of all the challenges we have all 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

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 "claimed".









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 varn 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 Lavette 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.

Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

The pull tabs collection was begun through the Presbyterian Women's Group. Even though the PW was disbanded. Linda Mahoney continues to encourage collecting 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 large collection house in the



Lounge. A large house is also in the Fellowship Hall. We can provide you a small house for individual home use. It may seem small but it all adds up and is greatly appreciated.

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 many important missions.
 - Sign up online at: https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/

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