



Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

October 3, 2021 10:00 A.M.

19th Sunday after Pentecost



World Communion Sunday

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

"Siyahamba" (Zulu melody) *Setting by John Carter*
"Come, Let Us Eat" (Liberian call-and-response hymn) *David Cherwien*
"Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Things" (Native American melody) *Emma Lou Diemer*
"Now We Offer" (Nicaraguan folk tune) *Setting, Jeffrey Honore*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather from the west to the east,
People: from the south to the north,
Leader: to celebrate the God of peace,
People: who is always present in our own acts of peace.
Leader: This God of peace accompanies us
People: in each and every circumstance around us.
Leader: We praise God's name!
People: Amen!

*HYMN 390

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!" *Cameroon*
Text: traditional Cameroon song. Public domain.
Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
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OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Leader: Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare to tell the truth about ourselves and the world. In the confidence of God's children, let us confess our sins.

People: Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the powerful.

Forgive us, Lord, for not living according to your will, and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Amen.

Leader: God accepted us simply because of our faith and has forgiven our sins through Jesus Christ.
May God help us to continue to preach peace to those who are near and far.

People: Amen.

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 598 "Amen, We Praise Your Name" (Amen, Siakudumisa) South Africa
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*Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, bawo. Amen, bawo. Amen, we praise your name, O God!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stefanie Osborne

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 100

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:18-21

SERMON

"We Carry the Promise"

Alaina Engdahl

Michael Schmidt

Allyson Engdahl

Charmaine Hamilton

Mary Ann Stephens, assisted by Merri Bame

OFFERING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

HYMN 660

"Lord, We Thank You for This Food"

Taiwan

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*Lord, we thank you for this food, help us share with all in need;
Body, soul refresh anew to live the Gospel, serve your people,
Lord, we thank you for this food, help us share with all in need;
Body, soul refresh anew to live the Gospel, give your people love.*

This sung table grace provides words for a melody from the Bunun people of Taiwan. Because the "tom tom" lines in the lower voices of this setting are intended to imitate the sounds made when pounding rice, this sung prayer is also a way of remembering all whose labors feed us.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right ... who forever sing to the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

O God, send us out from this table to answer Jesus' call into new life. Give us the courage to follow him with joy and gladness, especially where the road is difficult and the way uncertain. Set our feet in his holy way that our lives may be signs of his life, and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

*HYMN 765

"Song of Hope"

Argentina

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*May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Old Hundredth"

setting, Michael Burkhardt

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

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The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and the Assurance of Pardon are from "Worship for World Communion Sunday 2021," published by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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*Worship Leaders: Tim Harvey, Stefanie Osborne
Elder of the Month: George Ells*

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Flowers today are given anonymously 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

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
Deb Kackley – hospitalized with bad reaction to chemo (Allison Engdahl)
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 3

World Communion Sunday

Stewardship Sunday

Cents-Ability Sunday

10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed
on Facebook

11:00 am Potluck/Cookout

Monday, October 4

6:30 pm Scouts BSA: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 5

7:30 pm AA Meeting: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 6

9:30 am Quilters: Room 111

6:30 pm Preschool Training: Chapel

7:00 pm Cub Pack: Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm NA Meeting: Room 111

Thursday, October 7

7:30 pm GA Meeting: 111

Sunday, October 12

10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed
on Facebook

11:00 am Congregational Meeting

11:15 am Town Hall Meeting: Pastor
Search Process

Attendance, September 26, 2021: 43

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

Stewardship Kickoff Lunch ~ Sunday, October 3 at 11 a.m.

The theme for this year's stewardship season is *The Parable of Mustard Seed and The Yeast*. Like the mustard seed, no gift is too small because we have the promise of the Kingdom of Heaven. During worship on Sunday, October 3, we will celebrate how we have carried this promise through the pandemic. Members will share how the creativity, dedication, and generosity of this congregation supported the missions and ministries of Boulevard Presbyterian Church during this challenging year. Please join us immediately after the service on October 3 for a fellowship lunch on the front lawn, featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes and (you guessed it!) mustard.



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

Cents-Ability Sunday ~ Today, October 3

Cents-Ability is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Congregations invite every member — of all ages — to contribute a few cents at every meal. With your donations we have funded local and international hunger projects such as NNEMAP, the YWCA Family Center, PCUSA missionary support for the Heifer International project in Honduras, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program, to name a few. Please remember to save your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters each day. Bring your change to church, and add it to the Cents-Ability jar on the information table in the Lounge!



Special Meeting of the Congregation ~ October 10 following worship

Please plan to stay after the 10 a.m. worship service 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 from our current Elders regarding where we are in the process of calling a new pastor.



Education Hour Is Back ~ 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:



- September 19 - "Welcome Others as God Welcomes You" - Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Genesis 2:4b-25
- September 26 - "See Christ in Every Person" - Matthew 25:31-46
- October 3 - NO CLASS—CONSECRATION SUNDAY PICNIC
- 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!

Planning ahead

As we are making our way back to whatever "normal" or "usual" is, Boulevard is beginning to look ahead to life and what it brings to us here at the church. We need to consider our leadership as we move forward. The Nominating Committee will soon be soliciting names for Elders (Session) and Deacons. 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 put up for a vote, and it helps if the membership has done some praying 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



Help Maintain Our Compost Bins

The compost bins located near our community garden are intended for church related plant-based waste only. Due to complaints from our neighbors, please, no food related by-products are to be composted. Food based by-products can be dropped off in the Food Waste Recycling Drop-Off Bins, located near the railroad tracks at the old Grandview Heights Services Facility at the corner of Glendale Ave. and Douglas St.

See: <https://www.grandviewheights.gov/308/Food-Waste> for more details.



Donate Flowers to Beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday Mornings



If you would like to donate flowers to beautify our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, please pick up one of the yellow envelopes labeled “Offering for Flowers.” The envelopes are available from the usher’s desk 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 was raised this year to \$35.00. 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 designated.

Ongoing Projects to Support Boulevard and the Community

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 should be taken to the recycling bins at Giant Eagle or Kroger.

Layette Project Helps New Parents



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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