



Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Worship On The Lord's Day
November 14, 2021 10:00 A.M.
25th 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

Partita on "O Sons and Daughters"

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 95)*

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord

People: and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

People: singing joyful songs of praise.

*HYMN 255

"O Sons and Daughters"

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*O sons and daughters, let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

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

People: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being. Your face is hidden from us by our sins, and in the blindness of our hearts, we forget your mercy. Remove from us all our offenses, and deliver us from our proud thoughts and our vain desires. Give us reverent and humble hearts that we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength.

(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 581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 4:6-7

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John 20:24-29

SERMON

"Is It Wrong to Doubt?"

Rev. Linda Mercadante

***HYMN 817**

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

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*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

***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.

OFFERTORY

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

Donna Kasbohm

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Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.

Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.

Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the market-place.

Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace.

When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth.

Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.

Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.

***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 heavenly 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 257

"The Risen Christ"

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The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet from garden tomb through darkened city street, unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear, and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side, breathes out his Spirit on them to abide whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe; new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand the bread for those who fail to understand, reveals himself, despite their lingering tears, enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand with those oppressed in this and every land, till all are blessed and can a blessing be, restored in Christ to true humanity.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Kedron" (These Things Did Thomas Count as Real)

Peter Pindar Stearns

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Worship Leaders: Kyme Rennick, Stefanie Osborne

Elder of the Month: Steve Hills

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*Flowers today are given to the glory of God and:
in celebration of Mary Ann Stephens' birthday today;
in celebration of Michael and Melissa Schmidt's anniversary (11/12);
and in celebration of the arrival of Kyme and Ian Rennick's son-in-law to Ohio.*

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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.

"Come and See"

Classes for all ages have begun again live and in person. In John 1:35-51 Jesus invites his first disciples to, "Come and see!" Today, he is inviting us, his followers at Boulevard to do the same. You are invited to come and see what deepening your faith in following Jesus is all about. Join us after worship from 11-12 p.m. each week! Adults meet in the Chapel. Youth meet in the Lounge. Children (K-5th grade) meet in Rm 301-302.

We are exploring 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.

November 14—*Follow Jesus: "See through the Lens of Love"*

November 21—*Follow Jesus: "Teach Others to Follow Jesus"*



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

CALENDAR

Prayers for Joy and Concern

For the Schmidt and Herpel families and friends on the sudden death of Michael's dad, Bill Herpel
Hilda Herpel – ill with COVID (Michael Schmidt's mother)
Joni Brehens – extremely ill in ICU (friend of Pastor Charlotte)
Peggy and John Odum – Peggy is very ill with cancer and John has Parkinson's (Bonnie Grimm's cousin and husband)
For the family and friends of Kim Kaiser – who passed away 10/22 (Allyson Engdahl's brother-in-law)
For Merri Bame's family – her mother, Sue, is being released from a facility to live at home
Steve – recovery from back surgery (Sandy Zigler's brother)
Lee and his daughters' family – for healing (Lamar Zigler's brother)
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)
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!
Tom Neff (Sally Neff's son)
Rodger Lynch – recovery from surgery to remove cancerous mass (Charmaine and Mike Hamilton's friend)
David Reynolds – 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
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, November 14

10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed on Facebook
11:00 am Coffee Hour: Lounge
11:00 am Classes for All Ages:
Follow Jesus

Monday, November 15

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

Tuesday, November 16

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

Wednesday, November 17

9:30 am Quilters: Room 111
7:00 pm Tiger Cub Den Meeting:
Room 111
7:30 pm NA: Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 18

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

Sunday, November 21

Christ the King Sunday
10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed on Facebook
11:00am Coffee Hour: Lounge
11:00 am Classes for All Ages:
Follow Jesus
4:30 pm YWCA Dinner Delivery

Attendance, November 7, 2021: 53

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

Prayer Warriors, Arise!

The Faith Formation Committee is looking for people who are interested in starting a prayer group who will meet weekly to pray for the future mission/vision of Boulevard, our pastor nominating committee (both for those who will be called and to support them when their mission begins), and for the person whom God will call as our next pastor. This group would meet weekly in the Chapel, though people could attend as their schedules allowed. Day and time could be flexible depending on those who are interested in being involved. The time involved will probably be an hour at most and will be a time of meditation and prayer. If you are interested please contact Martha Hills at marthahills@mac.com or 614-364-5303. You can also indicate your interest on the friendship pads in the Sanctuary or by contacting the church office. We will begin meeting the first week of December.



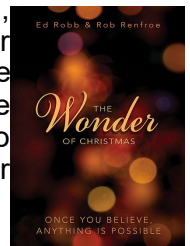
4th Annual Leaf Raking for Youth & Families

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. Any tips received will be donated to Heifer International. 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 Formation Committee members if you have any questions: Alaina Engdahl, Charmaine Hamilton, Martha Hills, and Jill Hooley



“The Wonder of Christmas” Book Study ~ Beginning November 28

Sometimes, as adults, we lose the wonder of Christmas. This year, in the craziness of shopping, wrapping, baking, decorating and more, give yourself the gift of a few minutes to breathe, clear your mind and focus on the true wonder of Christmas. Join your fellow “wonder seekers” in the Chapel after worship each Sunday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. to stop, refresh your minds and allow the wonder of Christmas to once again dominate your heart and thoughts as we watch a short video and have a discussion led by Cindy McKay. In the Lounge, you can preview the study book for the series and sign up to order a copy. Sessions for all ages begin November 28.



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 need two people to volunteer in the nursery every Sunday. Please contact Carol Agler at directrcwa@aol.com or 614-486-1274 to be added to the rotation. Thank you for caring for our most precious members.



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).



What a Beautiful Parking Lot!

Resurfacing of the Second Avenue parking lot was completed on November 3rd and 4th by Bruck Construction. The easternmost portion of the lot was in good condition and only needed coating and restriping. The western lot was in poor condition and needed portions excavated, repaired, and totally resurfaced with a fresh layer of pavement and stripes. Ian Rennick and Mac Swinford trimmed the parking lot trees on November 2nd in preparation for the influx of heavy machinery. Thanks to the Property Committee members for researching and scheduling this much-needed improvement.



There are no more potholes in the parking lot, BUT now there is a \$20,000 pothole in the Major Property Fund. Please consider making a special donation toward this improvement project. See Ian Rennick if you have any questions.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley YOUTH RETREAT 2022 News and Update!



The Youth Retreat has been postponed. After careful consideration, acting with the utmost caution and concern for the youth and their parents, the youth retreat planning team decided that an indoor overnight event with kids from around the presbytery is too risky and/or too exclusionary if vaccines are required. Therefore the retreat has been postponed to November 12-13, 2022. *From Kathi Bubb, chair of the PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach.*

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>



Called to Serve



The Nominating Committee are soliciting names for Elders (Session) and Deacons for 2022. In spite of all the challenges we have all faced in the last few years, 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 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

Layette Project Helps New Parents in Our Community

Collect Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Use Your Amazon Purchases to Benefit Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Support Boulevard When You Shop at Kroger