



Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Worship On The Lord's Day
November 28, 2021 10:00 A.M.
First Sunday of Advent



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

Fantasy on "O Come, Little Children"

arr. Joseph H. Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Linda Wilton and George Ells

Leader: The world says, "All is lost."
God says, "All is loved."
The darkness says, "The light is dying."
The light says, "The fire is catching."
Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."
Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

Leader: As we light our first Advent candle,
People: we pray for the holy hope of God.
Leader: Come now, O Child of Mary,
People: Come now, O Prince of Hope.

*HYMN 88; vs. 1-4

"O Come O Come, Emmanuel"

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*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. (refrain)*

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (refrain)*

*O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave. (refrain)*

OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Leader: In this season so many voices wish to claim our attention, our time, and our dollars. At this font, one Voice claims our whole lives: soul, body, heart, and mind. In humility let us confess our faults to the one who proclaims our forgiveness.

People: Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped. We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see. We've stopped listening to the cries of distress we do not wish to hear. We are numb to truths that challenge us.

Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors. Revive our hearts, and restore our compassion. Clear our minds of worry and open us to see the needs of our world. Show us signs of your coming that we might stand before you, the Savior of the World, in whose name we pray. (time for silent prayer) Amen.

Leader: As sure as the sun raises every day, so sure is the salvation of God, poured out for the world in Jesus Christ. 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 583**

"Gloria, gloria"

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Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hazel Elaine Shafer

***Profession of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated on the right hand the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Response: Hymn 482; v.3**

"Baptized in Water"

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*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ the King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-36

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Jeremiah 33:14-16

SERMON

"Waiting and Wondering"

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

OFFERING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

HYMN 92

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

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*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

**God of hope, bread of life,
thank you for feeding us at your table.
Where there is despair, send us out as agents of hope.
Where there is fear, send us out as agents of peace,
until that day when you come again and make all things right. Amen.**

*HYMN 88; vs.5-7

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. (refrain)*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (refrain)*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

setting, John Carter

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Worship Leaders: Tim Harvey, Stefanie Osborne

Elder of the Month: Steve Hills

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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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Nursery Care Available Now for Worship!

The Nursery is now available from 9:30-11:30 am on Sunday mornings during the worship service. The Nursery is not currently available during the education hour. With more volunteers, we will be able to provide care in the Nursery for the second hour. To volunteer, please contact Carol Agler (614-537-5811) or Sue Harvey (614-216-5884). Thank you for caring for our most precious members.

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2021 Advent Devotional

The devotionals are available in the Lounge. Thank you to those who organized, authored, typed, collated, assembled, and helped in any other way with this year's edition. It's truly a gift!

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

CALENDAR

Prayers for Joy and Concern

Douglas Conner, son of David and Jane and brother of Rachel – in ICU at Dublin Methodist Hospital. Douglas is Type 2 Diabetic and he had an episode. He was stabilized as of Monday and was seeing a cardiologist on Tuesday

Craig and Gail, his wife – Craig diagnosed with stage 4 cancer (friends of Lamar and Sandy Zigler)

For the Schmidt and Herpel families and friends on the sudden death of Michael's dad, Bill Herpel

Hilda Herpel – recovered from 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 and her family – Deb is in hospice care (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)

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 28

First Sunday of Advent

Significant Six Sunday

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:
The Wonder of Christmas

Monday, November 29

6:30 pm Scouts BSA: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 30
7:30 pm AA: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 1

7:00 pm Cub Scout Troop 28 Pack
Meeting: Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm NA: Room 111

Thursday, November 2

7:30 pm GA: Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Cents-Ability Sunday

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

Congregational meeting
immediately following
worship

11:00am Coffee Hour: Lounge

11:00 am Classes for All Ages:
The Wonder of Christmas

Attendance, November 21, 2021: 57

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 ~ Next Sunday, December 5

Immediately following worship service

The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elder and Deacon candidates for Class of 2024.

**Sunday School will immediately follow the brief Congregational meeting.*

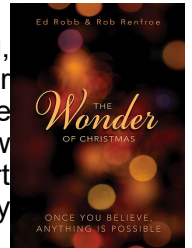


The Blessing Tree

Please take a moment to add your own wish to the Blessing Tree located in the Lounge. Let's fill it with thoughts and prayers, and pause to read and reflect on what others have shared.

"The Wonder of Christmas" Book Study ~ Beginning TODAY, 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. There are classes for all ages!



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.

The Significant Six ~ Fourth Sunday of the month

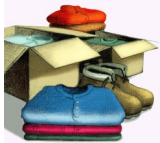
Personal care items are always requested by the clients at food pantries and are typically in very short supply there. These items are not covered by food assistance programs. Please consider purchasing some of these items for donating to our local food pantries.



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. 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 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).

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>



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

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.

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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