



Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Worship On The Lord's Day
November 7, 2021 10:00 A.M.
24th Sunday after Pentecost



Boulevard Church's Session met and voted to abide by the established CDC guidelines for masks. 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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Theme; Cantabile; Fantasia

John A. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 85)*

Leader: Gracious God, you are kind and generous.

People: You have forgiven our wrong-doings and covered our sin.

Leader: The Lord God speaks peace and guides our way.

People: In God, love and truth have met; righteousness and peace are joined.

Leader: Let us offer our thanks and praise.

People: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 360

"Christ Is Coming!"

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*Christ is coming! Let creation from its groans and labor cease;
let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of peace.*

*Earth can now but tell the story of your bitter cross and pain;
we shall yet behold your glory, Lord, when you return to reign:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.*

*With that blessed hope before us, flutes are tuned and harps are strung;
let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the song.*

*Long your exiles have been pining for your promised rest and home,
but in heavenly glory shining, soon the risen Christ shall come.
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Joyful, shout the victory psalm.*

OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

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

People: Patient and loving God, as we wait for the coming of your kingdom, you call us to lead lives of holiness and godliness. Yet, we are slow to change our ways, even when we know they do not please you and harm others. We have lived only for ourselves and not for you. Forgive our carelessness in not following your will.

Cleanse us, O God, that we would be without spot or blemish in your sight. Establish your rule in our hearts, that we may follow Jesus in all we say and do.
(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.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:1-20

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Mark 13:21-37

SERMON

"Watching and Waiting"

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

***HYMN 378**

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

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*We wait the peaceful kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh,
when lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike;
a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.*

*Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start?
We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.
Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:
we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.*

*When wars of desolation and hate come to an end,
when nation meets with nation and calls the other "friend,"
still peace in all its fullness will only have begun:
shalom for all creation begins with justice done.*

*That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way,
to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God's newborn day.
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains,
to bring through word and table the day when justice reigns.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (—A Brief Statement of Faith, lines 52-57,65-76)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

OFFERTORY

"O Day of Peace"

setting, Marshall S. Barnhouse III

***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 377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world, The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"The Day is Surely Coming" (Tune: Llangloffan)

arr. Aaron David Miller

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Worship Leaders: Merri Bame, 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.

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

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
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)
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

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 7

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:
Welcome All

Monday, November 8

6:30 pm Scouts BSA: Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Member Care Committee:
Lounge

Tuesday, November 9

7:30 pm AA: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 10

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

Thursday, November 11

7:00 pm NA Officers Meeting: 111
7:30 pm GA: Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 14

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

Attendance, October 31, 2021: 58

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

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



Today is Cents-Ability Sunday!



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. Cents-Ability originated in 1976 as "Two-Cents-A-Meal," a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger. 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.

In October \$15.96 was donated to Cents-Ability. This brings our total collection to \$332.54 for this year. Please remember to save your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters each day, then bring your change to church, and add it to the Cents-Ability jar on the table in the Narthex!

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 — 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!**



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"

Nursery Volunteers Needed



Are you looking for a place to volunteer? 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 two people every week to volunteer in the nursery. You get to create your own schedule with the children when you are best able to share your time!

Please note your willingness to serve on the friendship pads or call the church office. Thank you for considering this way to help our most precious members.

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



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

Denominational Resources on the Pastoral Search Process

Presbyterian Church (USA) link

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

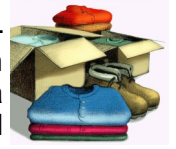
Presbytery of Scioto Valley link

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



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

Give a Gift that Keeps on Giving!

A donation to Heifer provides a wonderful blessing to those in need, but did you also know it can help you with your Christmas shopping? Are you running out of ideas for a Christmas gift for that hard-to-shop-for person? Give them a pig! Or a goat! Or a sheep! How about a flock of chickens? Or maybe a honeybee hive?

Your donation to Heifer International in their honor will not only be a blessing to the family receiving the animal but will also be a gift that exemplifies the true spirit of the Christmas season. We have lovely Heifer Christmas cards that can be personalized with calligraphy for you to give the recipient. Please contact Allyson Engdahl (614-488-7252 or erical73@yahoo.com) to receive one. We hope to have them available during Coffee Hour starting mid-November and running through mid-December.



The following is a partial list of the resources Heifer can provide and their cost:

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| Heifer | \$500 | Water Buffalo | \$250 | Pig | \$120 | Llama/Alpaca | \$250 |
| Goat | \$120 | Honeybees | \$30 | Sheep | \$120 | Flock of Chickens | \$20 |

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

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

Donate Items for the Layette Project

Donate Pull-Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Sign Up for Kroger Community Rewards and Amazon Smile to Benefit Boulevard