



Boulevard Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve Candelight Service

December 24, 2021 7:00 P.M.



Boulevard Church's Session met and voted to abide by the 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 is currently in the red zone. The CDC has recommended that both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons be masked.

We ask for your cooperation in masking while at Boulevard. We will let you know about any additional changes in policy should Franklin County move to orange or return to yellow or blue. Thank you.

Steve Hills - Chair, COVID Committee

**please stand, if able*

Preludes	<i>"The First Noel" Carillon-Sortie</i> Mary Ann Stephens – organ	<i>setting, Franklin Ashdown</i>
	<i>"Away in a Manger"</i>	<i>Traditional</i>
	<i>"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"</i>	
	<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	
	<i>"What Child Is This"</i>	
	Mac Swinford – guitar	
	<i>"I Wonder as I Wander"</i>	<i>Traditional</i>
	Mike Eberle – fiddle	
	<i>"O, Holy Night"</i>	<i>Traditional</i>
	Emina Osborne – cello	

Welcome Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

Lighting of the Advent Candles Kevin, Jennifer, Gabrielle, and Emersyn Hicks

*Hymn 133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Text: John Francis Wade; trans. Frederick Oakeley, alt. Public domain.

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!*

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created! (refrain)*

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (refrain)*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (refrain)*

Service of Lessons and Carols

Bidding Prayer and 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 119

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Text: Charles Wesley, alt. Public domain.

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.*

*Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. (refrain)*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

*Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. (refrain)*

First Lesson

The Prophet Isaiah Tells of the Birth of Jesus

Kyme Rennick

A Reading of Hymn 129

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Second Lesson

The Angel Gabriel Visits the Virgin Mary

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

Hymn 98; v.1,4

"To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary"

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*To a maid whose name was Mary, the angel Gabriel came.
Fear not, the angel told her, "I come to bring good news,
Good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."*

*"Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.
His name shall be called Jesus, God's offspring from on high.
And he shall reign forever, forever reign on high."*

Third Lesson

St. Matthew Tells of the Birth of Jesus

Martha Hills

Hymn 113

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Text: French carol, trans. James Chadwick, alt. Public domain.

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Fourth Lesson

St. Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus

Everest Osborne

Hymn 136

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Text: John W. Work Jr. Public domain.

*Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (refrain)*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (refrain)*

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (refrain)*

The Gift

During this time, the ushers will invite you to come forward to take your communion elements from the Table. Please take them back to your seat and wait to consume them until the proper time in the communion service.

At this time, you may also bring your White Gifts forward and leave them by the Manger at the base of the Christmas Tree.

Special Music

"The Three Kings"
Mary Ann Stephens - organ

Gordon Young

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of 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 and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise ...

... Therefore we praise you joining our voices with the celestial choirs

and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: 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.**

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty ...

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Sharing the Light of Christ

Sixth Lesson

St. John Unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation

Tim Harvey

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sharing of the Light

The pastor will light her candle from the Christ candle. Our candle holders for this evening will come forward to light their candles, and stand in the aisles for "Silent Night." For safety, we will remain seated.

At the conclusion of the service, you are invited to take a candle from an usher at the Northwest door and go outside to the Manger Scene. There we can safely share the light of Christ together before we leave for the evening.

Hymn 122

"Silent Night"
Text: Joseph Mohr. Public domain.

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright!
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Benediction

Pastor: When the song of the angels is stilled; when the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with the flock,
The work of Christmas begins.

People: **To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To rebuild our world,
To bring peace among all people,
To be joyous in our hearts.**

*Hymn 134

"Joy to the World"

Text: Isaac Watts. Public domain.

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Postlude



We wish you a blessed Christmas.

If you are visiting tonight, please consider joining us for Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m.

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Interim Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

Music Coordinator/Organist: Mary Ann Stephens



***Poinsettias are given
in honor or memory of the following:***



Given by:

Shawn, Susan, and Mary Ebert

Bill and Katy Frase

Charlotte and John O'Neil
Ian and Kyme Rennick
Beth Walli

Lamar and Sandy Zigler

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Ellen Rennick
Michael, Melissa, and Katie Schmidt

Beth Walli
Jacqie Walli
Lamar and Sandy Zigler

In honor of:

Errol and Mary Edith Sambuco;
and Sharon Ebert

Our family: Michael, David, Lisa,
Laureen, and Ryan

Their children: Patrick, Ella, and Garrick
Our children and their spouses
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Our children and their families: Brian,
Lydia, Amelia, and Vivian Zigler;
Jason, Lindsay, Ethan, and Evan Dray;
David and Jennifer Zigler

In loving memory of:

Richard Ebert

Deb Kackley

Our parents: William and Mary Frase;
William and Florence Goshorn

R. L. and Alice Nungester

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Their parents

Ted Rennick

Michael Schmidt, William Herpel,
and Katharina Jung

Jack and Peggy Davis

her sister, Jayne Davis

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