



**Boulevard Presbyterian Church**  
**Worship On The Lord's Day**  
**December 5, 2021 10:00 A.M.**  
**Second 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

*"The Little Drummer Boy"*  
*"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*  
*"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Alaina Engdahl and Casey Hoch

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord."  
A choir sings in the silence,  
"Come Emmanuel."  
Every valley shall be filled.  
Every heart shall be made whole,  
for peace is stronger than turmoil,  
and love is louder than hate.

Leader: As we light our second Advent candle,  
**People: we pray for the holy peace of God.**  
Leader: Come now, O Child of Mary.  
**People: Come now, O Prince of Peace.**

\*HYMN 91

*"Come, Come, Emmanuel"*

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*Refrain: Come, Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

*Verses: soloist*

OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God seeks to smooth those places made rough by sin. With humility and hope, let us make our confession.

**People: Almighty and all-loving God, we hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond. A voice tells us to turn around, but we prefer our own ways. You seek to purify us in love, but we constantly elude your searching hand. Our sin leads us in other directions, away from you, away from life.**

**Look with mercy upon us. Clear a place within us so that something new might be born, something that might return us to the way you have shown us in Jesus Christ.**  
*(time for silent prayer) Amen.*

Leader: From the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. This is 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**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Philippians 1:1-11

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 14-16

**SERMON**

"The Spiritual Disciple of Silence and Listening"

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

**\*HYMN 94**

**"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"**

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*Now the heavens start to whisper, as the veil is growing thin.  
Earth from slumber wakes to listen to the stirring, faint within:  
Seed of promise, deeply planted, child to spring from Jesse's stem!  
Like the soil beneath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to welcome him.*

*Heavy clouds that block the moonlight now begin to drift away.  
Diamond brilliance through the darkness shines the hope of coming day.  
Christ the morning star of splendor gleams within a world grown dim.  
Heaven's ember fans to fullness; hearts grow warm to welcome him.*

*Christ, eternal son of justice, Christ the rose of wisdom's seed,  
Come to bless with fire and fragrance hours of yearning, hurt, and need.  
In the lonely, in the stranger, in the outcast, hid from view;  
Christ who comes to grace the manger, teach our hearts to welcome you.*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(adapted from Fiona Barker, the Iona Community)*

**We believe that when we are stretched thin, challenged and doubting,  
we walk with God.**

**We believe that when we are in the midst of the life-giving, the exciting and the nourishing,  
we walk with God.**

**We believe that when we question every decision and when we are truly certain,  
we walk with God.**

**We believe that when we walk with hesitance or dance with enthusiasm,  
we walk with God.**

**OFFERTORY**

**"Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name"**

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*Hush, hush, somebody's calling my name. Hush, hush, somebody's calling my name.  
Hush, hush, somebody's calling my name. O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?*

*Hush, hush, somebody's calling your name. Hush, hush, somebody's calling your name.  
Hush, hush, somebody's calling your name. O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall we do?*

*Watch, wait. Jesus is coming soon. Watch, wait. Jesus is coming soon.  
Watch, wait. Jesus is coming soon. O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall we do?*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**"Thank You, God, for Your Creation"** (Tune: Regent Square)

Stephens

*Thank you, God, for your creation; Bless, O Lord, these gifts we bring.  
Thank you, God, for Christ the Savior, your own precious offering.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Bless, O Lord, these gifts we bring.*

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 347

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

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*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.*

*At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!"*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: May God's blessing be ours:

People: **a blessing of loving kindness,  
a blessing of hope and courage,  
a blessing of listening and love.**

Leader: God's blessing be ours always.

People: **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*"Prepare the Way, O Zion"*

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*Worship Leaders: Sandy Ferguson, Stefanie Osborne*

*Elder of the Month: Linda Wilton*

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*Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Linda Mahoney's birthday.*

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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 a.m. 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.

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

## **CALENDAR**

### **Prayers for Joy and Concern**

David Conner's father, Dean Conner – in hospital with complications from his pacemaker  
Douglas Conner, son of David and Jane and brother of Rachel – at home  
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, 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  
11:00 am Coffee Hour: Lounge  
11:00 am Classes for All Ages:  
*The Wonder of Christmas*

### **Monday, December 6**

6:30 pm Scouts BSA: Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, December 7**

7:00 pm Faith Formation Committee  
7:30 pm AA: Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, December 8**

7:30 pm NA: Room 111

### **Thursday, December 9**

7:30 pm GA: Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, December 12**

#### ***Third Sunday of Advent***

10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary  
In-person and live-streamed on Facebook  
11:00am Coffee Hour: Lounge  
11:00 am Classes for All Ages:  
*The Wonder of Christmas*

**Attendance, November 28, 2021: 60**

#### **Staff**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil  
Office Manager: Carol Fry  
Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens  
Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles

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## Advent and Christmas at Boulevard

### 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!



### 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.

### Order Your Poinsettia through December 12

Poinsettia order envelopes are available in the Lounge. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. You can also call the church office at 614-486-0267. Please remember to write "Poinsettia" on the memo line of your check. The poinsettias will serve as memorials or in honor of loved ones whose names will be printed in the worship bulletins on Sunday, December 19, and Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase or donate a poinsettia, we will accept orders through Sunday, December 12. The poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas Eve.



### December 12 – Decorate the Tree!



All are invited, both young and 'young at heart', to help decorate the Sanctuary Christmas Tree with Chrismon ornaments following worship. You can grab a quick treat from the Lounge, help decorate, and still attend one of the ongoing Christian Education classes being offered for all ages. So, come and make it a family affair!

### December 15 – “Mid-Winter’s Night” Service, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

For some, this time of year presents emotional challenges, especially after experiencing loss or change. For others, the holidays are non-stop activity and noise. You are invited to come away from the overload by stilling yourself in the Chapel for a quiet, candlelit time of readings and prayer.



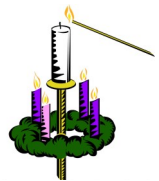
### December 24 – Outdoor Luminaries Set-Up, 4:00 p.m.



Please come help set up outdoor luminaries around the church property for Christmas Eve. The church and the luminaries always look so cheerful and inviting on Christmas Eve. Boulevard's unique triangle-lot location makes us very visible to passers-by, so come and help us shine our lights for the community! Please call Alex McCormick to volunteer. 614-747-1082

### December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Child Care Available

Christmas Eve Worship returns with a candlelit "Lessons and Carols" service with Communion. For the service this year, you are invited to bring, wrapped in white tissue paper, gifts of personal hygiene items, toilet paper, tissues, feminine sanitary products, and diapers. Like the wisemen, you will have the opportunity during the service to come forward with your gifts and lay them by the manger to make a big, snowy pile. This will be a terrific 2022 jump-start to our ongoing "Significant Six" contributions to NNEMAP!



### December 26 – First Sunday of Christmas



You may be inclined to stay in your matching holiday p.j.'s, but come celebrate Christ's birth on this last Sunday in 2021 with a casual worship service and carol sing. Grab a hymnal and call out your favorites! Kids (and their parents) may be tempted to bring blankets and settle in for a story right by the Sanctuary Christmas Tree!

### January 2 – Happy New Year! First Sunday in 2022!! Epiphany!!!

It's the start of a new year with all the possibility of the fresh hope of God's promises. Look forward to receiving a "Star Gift" during worship. A star gift is simply a star-shaped piece of paper with a word printed on it. You are asked to reflect on that word for the coming year. You are invited to ponder what personal significance this word might have, and how God might be speaking to you through this simple message. Often the words seem very timely, as if they were indeed designated for the recipient. It is this sense of providence and wondering that reminds us how God might be working in our lives throughout the year.



## Announcements

### Special Meeting of the Congregation ~ TODAY, December 5

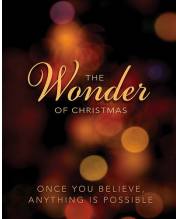
Immediately following worship service

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 Wonder of Christmas" Book Study ~ through December 19



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!

### Grandview High School Holiday Choral Concert – Here at Boulevard!

**Tuesday, December 15, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

The Concert Choir and The Grandview Singers will present their annual Holiday Concert at Boulevard this year! While Grandview's high school building is under renovation, performance and athletic space has been at a premium. Boulevard is glad to be able to offer its space for the students to present this free concert, accompanied by our own Mary Ann Stephens!



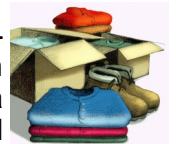
### Prayer Warriors, Arise!



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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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>





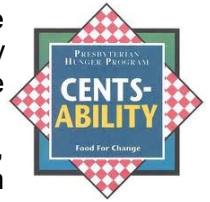
## On-Going Contributions and Projects

### 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.

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 information table in the Lounge!



### 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.

### Collecting Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House



Boulevard's pull tabs collection was begun a few years ago through the Presbyterian Women's Group. Even though the PW was disbanded, Linda Mahoney continues to encourage collecting aluminum pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital. To date we have contributed over 100 pounds. The profits they receive from recycling them are used to offset various expenditures of the house. We currently have a large collection house in the Lounge. A large house is also in Fellowship Hall. Hopefully this captures participation from the groups that utilize this area during the week. There are also small houses on each floor of Thurber Tower. There are small collection houses for individual home use on the table in the Lounge. It may seem small but all the donations add up and are greatly appreciated.

### Support Boulevard When You Shop at Kroger

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