



Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Worship On The Lord's Day
January 2, 2022 10:00 A.M.
Epiphany Sunday



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*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted Isaiah 60:1-3)*

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Your light has come.

People: The glory of the Lord has shone upon us.

Leader: Though darkness covers the earth
and troubles the nations,

**People: the Lord will shine upon you
and God's glory will appear.**

Leader: Nations will come to your light
and kings to your dawning radiance.

**People: With the kings who came to worship Jesus,
let us worship God.**

CAROL *You are invited to place your White Gifts by the manger.*

OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Leader: The light of Christ shines in our lives, even in the corners where darkness waits. Let us seek God's forgiveness as we pray together.

People: Eternal God, wondrous star, light no darkness can overcome, remove the sin in our hearts. Forgive us from turning from your way, for denying your truth, for resisting the life that you would have us live.

Refresh us and restore us. Center us on the brilliant light of Jesus Christ that we may see him more clearly and follow him, this day and every day.
(time for silent prayer) Amen.

Leader: Grace, mercy, and love – these are the gifts God has given us in Jesus Christ. 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.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

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Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON

“Finding Our Way from Here”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(adapted from a poem by Ann Weems)*

We believe...

Christmas comes every time we see God in other persons.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God became flesh and joined humanity – once and for all, with grace and with certainty.

Christmas comes even in the face of hatred and war – and there is nothing too terrible to stop it, no one strong enough, no hurt deep enough, no curse shocking enough, no disaster shattering enough.

For someone on earth will see the star, hear the angel voices, run to the stable, and know peace and goodwill.

Christ is born!

OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE WHITE GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Star Child”

Carlton R. Young

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

You are invited to come forward to receive your Communion elements and a Star Gift from the Communion Table. Please return to your seat so that we can share Communion together.

Prayer after Communion

God of grace and peace, as you have shared your life with us through the child in the manger and in this simple meal together, let us share your life with others as the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

CAROL

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders: Jon Stephens, Stefanie Osborne

Elder of the Month: Lamar Zigler

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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.

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.

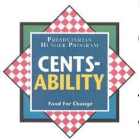
Announcements

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.



TODAY is Cents-Ability Sunday ~ January 2!



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!

White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity by Robert P. Jones

Mark your calendars for 2022! January 2, 9, 16, and 23 (come to one or all)

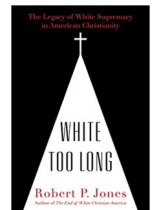
11:00 am - Noon in the Chapel. Led by Kathie Bailey

Books can be purchased at your local book store, on-line, or checked out at the library. Please join us even if you do not have an opportunity to read or finish the book.

With the unrest related to the Black Lives Matter movement of 2020, where do we stand on the issue of race in our church? Why is race still an issue in our country? Does the church play a part in the ongoing racial strife? If so, how?

The author has a PhD in religion from Emory University and an MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a frequent guest commentator on religious issues for The Atlantic, NPR, The New York Times, MSNBC, The Washington Post, and others. Come and let us explore this extremely volatile issue.

This class will be publicized to the Grandview Heights community. Please invite a friend. Masks are required. Questions? Please contact one of the Faith Development Committee members: Alaina Engdahl, Charmaine Hamilton, Martha Hills, and Jill Hooley



Bean Soup Project - Remotely Again! Collecting Jan. 9, 16, and 23



It's that time of year . . . soup time! Boulevard has a longstanding tradition of assembling bean soup mixes. The process this year will be like last year. We ask that you all bring bean donations on Jan 9, 16, and 23. The kits will be assembled off-site, and the mixes will then be donated to NNEMAP, our partner food pantry. The clients love these mixes, which include the mixture of beans as well as tomatoes, spices, and instructions.

Assembling the mixes was a children's Sunday School project for years. It then grew into an intergenerational project, but will be completed remotely again this year .

You can help by bringing in dry beans on Jan 9, 16 and 23. We need bags of pinto beans, Great Northern beans, black beans, and green split peas. We are making a layered mix, so please no bean mixtures. There will be a soup pot in the lounge for your donations.

Thank you all for your flexibility during our second pandemic winter! If you have questions, ask Marlin Cheyney (614-486-1127 or mar47lin@gmail.com).

Announcements

Your Input Is Wanted

On January 15, the Faith Development ministry team is meeting to plan upcoming opportunities for our congregation. We are interested in hearing what you would like to have offered to meet your needs for spiritual growth. Please contact Martha Hills in person or at marthahills@mac.com with your input, suggestions, or concerns. Thanks!



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.

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.

Support Boulevard When You Shop at Kroger

Swipe your Plus Card and Boulevard earns a percentage of your total! We currently only have 10-14 households regularly taking advantage of this opportunity to easily support Boulevard's many important missions.

Sign up online at: <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>



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

CALENDAR

Prayers for Joy and Concern

Ruth Nfor, daughter of William and Janet Nfor – in the hospital
Alma Harding, the mother of Keirston, a co-worker – recovering from a
brain bleed, still experiencing some confusion (Carol McFadden)
Paul McCalla – in the hospital because of a fall
Amelia Hamilton – diagnosed with Friedrich's Ataxia
(Charmaine and Mike Hamilton's granddaughter)
Devon – diagnosed with breast cancer (friend of Sue and Tim Harvey)
For the family and friends of Deb Kackley who passed away
(Allyson Engdahl)
Craig and Gail, his wife – Craig diagnosed with stage 4 cancer
(friends of Lamar and Sandy Zigler)
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 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 – born premature, now home!
(friends of Tim and Sue Harvey)
Employees of small stores in Columbus area targeted for armed robberies
Bill Frase – prayers of thanksgiving – cancer free!
Tom Neff (Sally Neff's son)
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)
Wilmadeen Rieser – healing well and at home! (Mike McKinney's mother)
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)
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
Betty Sikking – at home

Sunday, January 2

Epiphany Sunday
Cents-Ability Sunday
10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed
on Facebook
11:00am Coffee Hour: Lounge
11:00 am Adult Class: Chapel

Monday, January 3

6:30 pm Scouts BSA: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 pm Faith Development Meeting
7:30 pm AA: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 5

6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting:
Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm NA: Room 111

Thursday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 8

9:00 am—2:00 pm
Officers' Retreat: Please bring
your own lunch

Sunday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord
10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed
on Facebook
11:00am Coffee Hour: Lounge
11:00 am Adult Class: Chapel

Attendance, December 19, 2021: 70

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil
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