



Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Worship On The Lord's Day
January 9, 2022 10:00 A.M.
Baptism of the Lord



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

"How Great Our Joy"

arr. Rex Koury

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As God's people we are invited to come to the waters of grace and love.

People: In baptism we are called and claimed by God as God's beloved people.

Leader: Come, taste and see that God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

MEDITATION

"Song Over the Waters"

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Refrain:

*God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame;
And in your love you have called us sons and daughters: make us people of the waters and your name.*

*Come fill our waiting hearts with the spirit of Jesus,
let us shine with your light and peace.*

*Give us a thirst for love, give us a hunger for justice,
make us one with the mind of Christ. (Refrain)*

*You are the breath of life, you are the hope for the hopeless,
come and fill us with light and peace.*

*Come, open every heart, come now and wake us to wonder,
make us vessels of light and peace. (Refrain)*

OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Leader: Nothing can be hidden from God, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

People: In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us away from you. Help us to live into our baptisms and to trust that all we need is in you. You have marked us as your own, and you love us without limit. Wash us with your love, that with clean hearts we may follow in the way of Jesus. (time for silent prayer) Amen.

Leader: The love of God flows ceaselessly. The mercy of God never ends. 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.

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7

SERMON

“Bold Prayers, Bold Lives, Bold Faith”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

ANTHEM

“Come! Live in the Light!”

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*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.
We are called...*

*Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.
We are called...*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(adapted from the Confession of 1967)*

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

OFFERTORY

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

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*Down Galilee’s slow roadways a stranger traveled on from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.*

*Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn; it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit’s form.
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:*

“You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice.”

We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.

We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.

But now beside this water again a voice is heard.

“You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord.”

DOXOLOGY MEDITATION

“God, We Honor You”

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*God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, 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.

MEDITATION

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Refrain

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*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: O Lord, our God ...

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE

"I've Just Come from the Fountain"

arr. Richard Billingham

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Worship Leaders: Tim Harvey, Stefanie Osborne

Elder of the Month: Lamar Zigler

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Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Al Stockum by the Property Committee.

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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

Bryan Martin and family – who found his mother deceased in her apartment
(son of David Grimm's cousin)
Ruth – recovery from breast cancer surgery (Bonnie Grimm's sister-in-law)
Baby Victoria – born at 3 lbs. to Grant Hamilton's co-worker
Larry Burchfield – infection in his quadruple by-pass incision
(Linda Wilton's friend)
Ralph Ford – recovery from double by-pass surgery, pneumonia, and other
health issues (Linda Wilton's cousin in Florida)
Paul McCalla – back home
Amelia Hamilton – Friedrich's Ataxia
(Charmaine and Mike Hamilton's granddaughter)
Devon – diagnosed with breast cancer (friend of Sue and Tim Harvey)
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)
Steve – recovery from back surgery (Sandy Zigler's brother)
Lee and his daughters' family – for healing (Lamar Zigler's brother)
Employees of small stores in Columbus area targeted for armed robberies
Tom Neff (Sally Neff's son)
David Reynolds – diagnosed with aortic aneurism
(Pat Nicholson' 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)
Terri Randal – cancer has recurred (Bill Bell's friend)
Karla Holton – treatment for lung cancer (Charmaine Hamilton's friend)
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 9

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed
on Facebook
11:00 am Coffee Hour: Lounge
11:00 am Adult Class:
White Too Long

Monday, January 10

7:00 pm Worship and Music Committee
Meeting: Lounge
7:00 pm Lion Cubs: 111
7:30 pm AA: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 12

9:30 am Quilters: 111
7:00 pm Wolf Cubs: 111
7:30 pm NA: Room Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 13

7:30 pm GA: Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 15

9:30 am Faith Development Committee
Meeting: Lounge

Sunday, January 16

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed
on Facebook
11:00am Coffee Hour: Lounge
11:00 am Adult Class:
White Too Long
4:30 pm YWCA Family Center Dinner
Delivery

Attendance, January 2, 2022: 38

Staff

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

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Announcements



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

Update for 2022 Church Directory We are in the process of updating our directory for 2022. It will be in the office during the week or on the table in the Lounge on Sundays. The directory will be on the round table in the lounge on Sundays, please check the entry for your name in the book and mark if it is correct or make any needed corrections. If you are not able to attend church, feel free to call the church office and ask to have your information. Checked.

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).

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



January 2, 9, 16, and 23 (come to one or all)

11:00 am-Noon in the Sanctuary. 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 MANDATORY

Questions? Please contact one of the Faith Development Committee members: Alaina Engdahl, Charmaine Hamilton, Martha Hills, and Jill Hooley

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.

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. They opened their doors in August 2004 and guests may shop for clothes and small household items as well as have a meal the three days a week they are open.



The Westside Free Store takes 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).

Donate Flowers to Beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday Mornings



If you would like to donate flowers to beautify our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, please pick up one of the yellow envelopes labeled "Offering for Flowers." The envelopes are available from the usher's desk 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 worship service. You can also donate anonymously and flowers will be ordered for

Sundays that have not been designated.

On-Going Contributions and Projects

Pop Tabs Collection Update

A Huge THANK YOU to all of you that have contributed aluminum tabs. The pandemic has been a very trying time for everyone but something good has come from it. Another 20# of tabs was recently turned in. Let's continue our good work serving this mission.

—Linda Mahoney



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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