



Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Worship On The Lord's Day
February 20, 2022 10:00 A.M.
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

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

"More Love, More Power"

"Be Bold, Be Strong"

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Words and Music by Jude Del Hierro

Words and Music by Morris Chapman

Arrangement: William Beckstrand

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In this sacred space,

People: we come trusting in the Holy Spirit.

Leader: On this Sabbath day,

People: we take delight in Jesus Christ.

Leader: In our daily lives,

People: we commit to the way of the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God with gladness!

***HYMN 410**

"God Is Calling Through the Whisper"

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
Through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
Through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
Through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003; MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Less, 1958

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*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Leader: Jesus teaches us by his example. The one who says, "Do not judge, but forgive," asks only of us what he has already done for us. Let us follow in Jesus' way as we offer our brokenness to God.

People: O Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagination. The economy of our love is sparse and often not direct. We invest in love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessing where we can benefit. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you. Forgive us, as we forgive others, we pray with our whole hearts.

Leader: Do not fear says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

Believe and trust 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.

*SUNG RESPONSE 447

"We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

TEXT: Trad. Liturgical text; MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

ORDINATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 45:3-11, 39-40

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

"Patience and Courage"

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

*HYMN 470

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.

In sorrow, in grief: Be near; hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer.

In weakness, in fear: Be near; hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

Lord save us, take pity, Light in our darkness.

We call you; we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

TEXT and MUSIC: Anne Quigley, 1992
Text and Music © 1992 Anne Quigley (Published by OCP)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once and for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of men and women. But his complete obedience to God led him into conflict with his people. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgement under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

adapted from the Confession of 1967

OFFERTORY

"God the Creator" (Gaelic melody)

Words and arrangement by The Iona Community

God the Creator, you in love made me, who once was nothing, but now have grown.

I bring the best of all my life offers; for you I share whatever I own.

O Christ the Savior, you in love called me, who once was no one, lost and alone.

I pledge to go wherever you summon, making your will and purpose my own.

O God the spirit, you in love move me, who once was nowhere and felt unknown.

I know my need of you for companion: All things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together to be the Church in which faith is sown.

I make my promise to live for Jesus and let the world know all are his own.

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*DOXOLOGY 709

"God, We Honor You"

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.

TEXT and MUSIC: James E. Clemens, 2008
Text and Music © 2008 James E. Clemens

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 841

"God Is Our Strong Salvation"

God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?

In peril and temptation my light, my help, is near.

Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;

What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage wait;

God's truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate.

God's might thy heart shall strengthen; God's love thy joy increase;

Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.

TEXT: Horatio G. Spafford, 1876, alt.; MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: When we are stretched thin, challenged and doubting,

People: **we walk with God.**

Leader: When we are in the midst of the life-giving, the exciting, and the nourishing,

People: **we walk with God.**

Leader: When we question every decision and when we are truly certain,

People: **we walk with God.**

POSTLUDE

“Firm Foundation”

Words and Music by Nancy Gordon and Jamie Harvill

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Worship Leaders: Merri Bame, Stefanie Osborne

Elder of the Month: Ian Rennick

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God
February 13th, 2022 flowers were given in celebration of
Charmaine and Michael Hamilton’s 34th Wedding Anniversary—
and in celebration of Judy Pierce’s Birthday

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.

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

Prayers for Joy and Concern

Jim Parks has been moved to Bickford of Worthington—and should be there for two months
Francine Knapp, Norm Knapp's daughter in law, has upcoming back surgery
Kyme Rennick's brother, Rob for test results and for his care givers
Gaige Walli, Beth Walli's son is in the Navy, has shipped out overseas until sometime in summer
Evelyn (David Zigler's mother in law)—is immunosuppressed and hospitalized with significant health issues
Cathy Chaffin and her family on the death of her nephew Dewey, prayers for his wife JoAnn
Judy—receiving treatments for cancer, prayers for strength (Jody Huggins' good friend)
Barb Frautschi - recovering from surgery at OSU hospital
Jane Perry—in rehab at Promedica in Dublin
Norma Kibbey—at home, Westminster Thurber
William Davis— is recuperating in the hospital (brother-in-law of Carolyn Schmitz)
Bill Bell's sister-in-law is receiving chemotherapy
Wendy Brown - healing and strength from cancer surgery, recuperating at home (Sandy Ferguson's cousin)
Susan—recovering from a concussion (Carol McFadden's sister)
Amelia Hamilton – Friedreich's Ataxia
(Charmaine and Mike Hamilton's granddaughter)
Devon – breast cancer (friend of Sue and Tim Harvey)
Craig and Gail, his wife – Craig has stage 4 cancer
(friends of Lamar and Sandy Zigler)
Peggy and John Odum – Peggy cancer and John has Parkinson's (Bonnie Grimm's cousin and husband)
Tom Neff (Sally Neff's son)
David Reynolds – aortic aneurism (Pat Nicholson's great-nephew)
Jim Treadway – stage 4 colon cancer; chemotherapy
(Jim and Kathie Bailey's nephew)
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)
Terry McFadden – Allen Oakwood Correctional
Jerry Braun – cancer (Mike McKinney's brother-in-law)
Tim McLane – health issues (Mikie Bowles' brother)

Prayers for Our Special Care List

Glenn and Sara Beaber – Willow Brook
Barb Frautschi – Westminster-Thurber
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, February 20

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:00am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed on Facebook
11:00am Adult Class: Chapel
11:00am Childrens Classes: 3rd Floor

Monday, February 21

President Day: Office Closed

Tuesday, February 22

7:00pm Book Club Zoom Meeting
7:30pm AA: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 23

7:30pm NA: FH

Thursday, February 24

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary
7:30pm GA: Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 25

Saturday, February 26

Sunday, February 27

10:00am Worship: Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed on Facebook
11:00am Adult Class: Chapel
11:00am Childrens Classes: 3rd Floor

Attendance February 13, 2022: 47

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil
Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens
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Announcements

THIS SUNDAY!

Join the discussion in the chapel at 11am for the month of February as we look at what it means to follow Jesus with hope, Led by Tim Harvey. Hope is waiting in faith. It is not merely wishing for something to happen or hoping everything will work out if the stars align. Hope is waiting with anticipation for what you know and believe is coming. In Hebrew, the word for rope and hope are the same. Hope is something outside ourselves that tethers us to safety and helps us keep going, even when we can't see our way. Learn how we can hear hope, see hope, offer and receive hope, and proclaim the Hope of God's Kingdom in our lives!

Looking for a way to draw closer to God in Lent?

Come and join our prayer group on Thursdays at 5:30pm beginning March 3 in the Chapel. We will join in a time of quiet, focused prayer seeking God's vision and purpose for the future of Boulevard church. We will pray for the work and people involved as we walk through the search process. Prayer is a powerful tool and God promises that wherever two or more are gathered in His Name, there he will be. It is not necessary to attend every week—coming as you are able is highly encouraged. Contact Martha Hills at 614-364-5303 or marthahills@mac.com or if you would like more information.

Chancel Choir—Singers Welcome!

We are dipping our toes back into choir. If you are interested in singing or know anyone who'd like to participate, or would like to learn about rehearsal procedures and schedule, please contact Mary Ann Stephens: jstephens18@columbus.rr.com

The Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring collection totaled \$100 and three cans of soup. Thank you to all who contributed.

Moving forward in our Pastor Search -

Boulevard's Elders, Deacons and a few committee members met with Lisa Allgood, the Executive Presbytery for Cincinnati Presbytery, on Saturday, January 8 in the lounge. Lisa took us through various exercises to create a Vision and Core Values for Boulevard. The following were chosen:

- Creativity - We look for interesting and new ways to do things.
- Outward Focus - We look, think, and act beyond our walls.
- Grace - We preach and demonstrate the undeserved love of God.
- Equipping - We train and mobilize people.
- Partnerships - We work with other organizations.
- Relevance - We communicate truth in ways people can hear.

Mission Study team: Alaina Engdahl, Allyson Engdahl, Charmaine Hamilton, Kyme Rennick, Cortland Schafer, and Michael Schmidt.

Meetings are held weekly after Boulevard's church service. Our team recently reached out to committee chairs for their input. We also plan to reach out to Boulevard's members.

Please contact any of the Mission Study team if you have questions or comments.

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.

Per Capita for 2022 Per Capita has increased to \$40.00, (envelopes may show \$37.75). 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. They opened their doors in August 2004 and guests may shop for clothes and small household items and receive a meal three days a week. Most needed right now are men's clothing, blankets, sleeping bags 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).

Ongoing 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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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.

