

Boulevard Presbyterian Church Worship On The Lord's Day March 27, 2022 10:00 A.M. 4th Sunday in Lent



With the lifting of the mask mandate for Columbus, we will no longer be requiring masks inside the building, although we encourage anyone who would like to continue to wear a mask to do so. If you are in the church building during the week and would prefer for the staff to be masked while you are in contact with them, please let them know and they will be happy to accommodate you. It is important for all of us to respect one another as we adapt to this new situation.

*please stand, if you are able. 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.

PRELUDE Selections from an Old Hymnal

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are ambassadors for Christ.

God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. People:

Leader: We gather as God's beloved family to worship God and offer our praise.

People: Let us join our hearts in song and praise.

*HYMN 634

"To God Be the Glorv"

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave his own Son, Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain) TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875 MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Leader: Like the father of the prodigal son, when we confess our sin God runs to meet us and welcomes us into his arms. In faith and with courage let us confess our sin to God.

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by our pride, for we see ourselves as blameless when we have sinned, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness we pray

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (time for silent prayer) Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON AND GOD'S PEACE

Leader: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Friends, trust

and believe the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

RESPONSE HYMN 444

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" vs. 4

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease. Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

TEXT: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983, alt.

MUSIC: Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy, 1985

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Music Harm. © 1985 GIA Publication, Inc.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON "The Prodigal Father" Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

*HYMN 803

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay; One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis's Beauties of Harmony, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986 Music Harm. © 1990 Dale Grotenhuis

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the nurturer of all humanity, who creates and sustains the universe by infinite power and redeeming love. We believe in Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, the Lord of life. Because of his words and works, his way with others, his use of suffering, his conquest of death, we know what life ought to be and what God is like. We believe that the Spirit of God is present with us now and always, and can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the Word and sacraments, in the fellowship of the church, and in all we do.

"Down in the Valley to Pray"

As I went down in the valley to pray, studyin' about that good old way, And who shall wear that starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. Oh, sisters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.

Oh, sisters, let's go down, down in the valley to pray, oh, down in the valley to pray.

As I went down in the valley to pray, studyin' about that good old way,

And who shall wear that robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, brothers, let's go down, lets go down, come on down.

Oh, brothers, let's go down, down in the valley to pray, oh, down in the valley to pray.

I've got to walk that lonesome valley, I've got to walk it by myself. Oh, nobody else can walk it for me. I've got to walk it by myself.

As I went down in the valley to pray, studyin' about that good old way.

And who shall wear that starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

*DOXOLOGY HYMN 223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" vs. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707; MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

SHARING OUR HEARTS WITH GOD

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 774

"There Is Now a New Creation"

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, Peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

Call the lost and found together: tell the news to everyone: Now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.

Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.

Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life! TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

MUSIC: Witt's Psalmodia Sacra, 1715, alt. Text © David Gambrell (admin. Presbyterian Publishing Corp.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Turn Back, O Man"

Wilbur Held

Worship Leader: George Ells Elder of the Month: Mac Swinford

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

Prayers for Joy and Concern

Daniel and David Limmer—for the passing of their father, William (friends of the Conner family)

Ken Frick's brother Bill was moved to a nursing home on Friday due to his MD. Prayers for Bill, his wife Peggy, and their children.

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, is home and receiving chemo therapy Gaige Walli, Beth Walli's son is in the Navy, has shipped out overseas until sometime in summer.

Judy—receiving treatments for cancer, prayers for strength (Jody Huggins' good friend).

Jane Perry—in rehab at Promedica in Dublin.

William Davis— is recuperating in the hospital (brother-in-law of Carolyn Schmitz).

Bill Bell's sister-in-law is receiving chemotherapy.

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).

John Odum – John has Parkinson's (Bonnie Grimm's cousin's 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
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, March 27

4th Sunday in Lent

10:00am Worship: Sanctuary

In-person & live-streamed on Facebook 11:00 Adult Lent '*The Walk'*: Chapel 11:00am Children's Classes: 3rd Floor

Monday, March 28

6:30pm Scouts BSA: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 29

7:30pm AA: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 30

9:30am Quilters: Room 111 2:00pm Staff Meeting

7:30pm NA: Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 31

5:30pm Prayer Service in Chapel

(through April 7)

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

Friday, April 1 Saturday, April 2 Sunday, April 3

5th Sunday in Lent

10:00am Worship: Sanctuary

In-person & live-streamed on Facebook 11:00 Adult Lent '*The Walk'*: Chapel 11:00am Children's Classes: 3rd Floor

Attendance March 20, 2022: 65

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens

Finance Secretary: Jacqueline Stradford

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Palm Sunday ~ April 10 at 10:00 a.m. Palm branches will be provided

Maundy Thursday ~ April 14 at 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae and Communion

Good Friday ~ April 15 at 12:00 p.m. *Prayer, Music, and Meditation*

Easter Sunday ~ April 17 at 10:00 a.m. Worship and Communion



Announcements



Boulevard will be a sponsor at the 2022 Grandview Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt held at Wyman Woods in Grandview on Saturday, April 16. The Outreach Committee will need a few volunteers to assist. The price of sponsorship is two-dozen donuts for kids and their parents. Please see Mac Swinford or email him at macswinford@gmail.com.

Easter is April 17

Join Boulevard for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection! The reading of the Easter story and Easter Egg Hunt will return at Boulevard! The reading will occur in the Chapel. Weather permitting the egg hunt will take place on the North West side of the church (or in Fellowship Hall if there is inclement weather). Details to come.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our mission focus for the Lenten season is One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual churchwide special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world. Additionally, since the Per Capita assessment paid by individual Presbyterians helps to cover overhead expenses, 100% of all funds collected from One Great Hour of Sharing go to the following programs:

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters and provides support for refugees.

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation and ad dresses the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE partners with communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

During the Lenten Season, please take time to reflect on the ways in which you can participate in caring for God's people. If you wish to donate to this special offering, please note One Great Hour of Sharing on the memo line of your check. Checks can be placed in the offering plate (depending on the status of in-person worship) or mailed to/dropped off at the church office

Donate Flowers to Beautify the Sanctuary for Easter

This year Boulevard will be ordering a variety of colorful flowers, namely tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, and a few Easter lilies. We are asking for your support by purchasing flowers in honor or in memory of your loved ones for \$9.00 a plant. Please fill out an Easter flower envelope (found in the Narthex), insert your check or cash, and leave it in the offering plate, in the church office, or mail your request to the church office. Donations and requests can be accepted through April 13. Benefactors will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flower pick-up will be on a "first come, first served" basis after the service on Easter Sunday, April 17.

Resignation

Unfortunately, our new Office Manager informed us of her immediate resignation. The personnel committee has already begun the search for her replacement. In the meantime, volunteers are needed to help in the office by answering the door and the phone, and when possible helping with some small office projects. Look in your email for an opportunity to sign up to help.



Endowment Committee Proposals

The Endowment Committee invites Boulevard members to submit proposals for special project funding by Tuesday, April 5th. Proposal forms can be picked up at the office and placed in the offering plates on Sunday, April 3rd or submitted directly to the church office by Tuesday, April 5th. Proposals may be made in three areas: Mission, Property, Worship/Education. Any questions should be directed to Steve Hills, chair of the committee.

Ukraine Disaster Relief

If you would like to donate to the humanitarian needs of the people of Ukraine and Central Europe, you may give through the church by designating your contribution for PDA Ukraine. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is an agency of the PCUSA and is also included in our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Please keep praying for a peaceful and permanent solution to this horrible situation.

Donations can be made either through Boulevard by dropping your check in the offering plate or mail to the church office Please note DR000156-Ukraine on the memo line of your check -OR-

Online at http://www.pcusa.org. There is a link on their home page for Ukraine relief.

By phone at (800)872-3283 / Text PDAUKR to 41444

By mail to Presbyterian Church (USA) P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Please put DR000156-Ukraine on the memo line of your check

<u>Come! Let's Walk Together! ~ Faith Development: Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel</u>
This Lent, come, take a walk! Each Sunday, after worship, we will meet in the Chapel to talk and walk! Join Cyndi in discussing The Walk by Adam Hamilton. It is not necessary to read the book to participate!

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith. These practices are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life. Each of these practices are intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church. In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church.

Chancel Choir—Singers Welcome!

Adult Choir has begun again! Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in singing or know anyone who would like to participate, or would like to learn about rehearsal procedures and schedule, please contact Mary Ann Stephens: jstephens18@columbus.rr.com

Moving Forward in our Pastor Search

The Mission Study team would like to give you an update on our progress. Responses have been received from surveys sent to our church operational committees (Worship & Music, Property, Faith Development, Outreach, Mission) and their input has been incorporated into the Mission Study document. The results from the Congregational Survey have been compiled and will be analyzed and added into the Mission Study at our meeting after the service today. There are two other sections that need further review and editing, but good progress is being made on those as well.

Our goal is to have the Mission Study done and ready for Session's review at their meeting on Monday, March 28. We know composing the Mission Study has taken many weeks, but it is very important to take the time to get the necessary input from our members in order to give pastoral candidates a true and accurate picture of our church.

We appreciate your patience and your prayers!

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

Please join us on the final Thursday evenings throughout Lent at 5:30pm in the Chapel for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. March 31 and April 7. This quiet time of prayer is intended to provide a space to pray for the world, our own needs, and our church during this transitional time.

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 marthamhills@mac.com or if you would like more information.

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.

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Boulevard receives a 0.5% charitable donation on all eligible purchases made through Boulevard's link on Amazon Smile. You can use the link at the bottom of Boulevard's webpage (blvdchurch.org): Support Boulevard Presbyterian Church / Shop at smile.amazon.com or google Amazon Smile to support Boulevard in your shopping. And now you can donate from the Amazon app!

CARE Packages to our College Folks

Faith Development will be sending care packages to our young adults who are attending college, technical schools or special training to let them know their church family has not forgotten them and we pray for their well-being. You, members of Boulevard, are invited to participate in the care packages. We are hopeful that you will write a short note or a letter that can be placed inside the care package. You also may donate items, including \$15.00 gift cards, for the care packages. Thank you for making a difference to our young folks away from home or nearby.

Garrett and Grant's grandma is Ginny Achermann. Garrett Culbertson - Kenyon College PO Box 1326 -Gambier OH 43022. Grant Culbertson - Kenyon College PO Box 1326 -Gambier OH 43022. Both guys like M&Ms and mini candy bars, coffee, popcorn, protein bars with low sugar, trail mix. Grant likes honey roasted peanuts and Garrett likes almonds.

Joe's grandma is Ann Mattiaccy. Joe Mattiaccy - online school 5360 Taylor Lane Avenue Hilliard Ohio 43026. Joe may apply to Tiffin University - he likes music (beatbox - noun - a drum machine * verb -imitate the sounds of a drum machine with the voice - check it out on the Internet), coffee, Taco Bell and any type of snacks.

lan is engaged to Katie Schmidt (Katie will start medical school in the fall and we will then add her to the list). Ian Gilbert - Ohio University Medical School in Dublin 8153 Running Fox Road Apartment 2A Columbus Ohio 43235 - political/history buff, enjoys sports of all kinds, grew up in Maryland - enjoys cooking.

Ashley Rosinski - long time VBS helper. Case Western Reserve University, 1596 E 115th Street, 504B, Cleveland OH 44106-3963 (right in the middle of the museum district and she loves to visit the museum). Starbucks, dry seaweed, snacks. Ashley is a vegetarian. The last time I spoke with Ashley she was planning to major in pre-school education.

Grant and Kit are children of Mary Ann and Jon Stephens. Grant Stephens - Tampa Bay Aviation to obtain his helicopter license - 1013 Michigan Drive E, Dunedin FL 34698. Grant likes McDonalds. Kit Stephens - University of Vermont Mercy Hall - 250 Colchester Ave. Burlington, VT 05405. Kit appreciates anything!

Additional suggestions for the care packages: snacks, magazines, coupons, cartoons clipped from the paper (Zits as an example), gift cards, mini flashlight, squirt gun, tote bags for the grocery store, candy, funny or educational articles.

It is not necessary to buy for everyone or you can donate the same item for all. Please place your items in the CARE PACKAGE box located in the lounge. Ideally, we would like to send the Care packages this week.

Please reach out to the Faith Development Committee members if you have questions. Thank you for making a difference!