

## Boulevard Presbyterian Church

***“I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.”***

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*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Service of Worship*

*September 25, 2022*

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*As we gather for worship, you are invited to prepare with a simple centering prayer. Close your eyes and as you take a deep breath in, breathe in God’s presence and love. As you slowly release your breath, breathe out all the distractions that are preventing you from being fully present to God. Repeat this several times as you prepare yourself for worship.*

### PRELUDE

#### “Old Time Religion”

Give me that old-time religion, Give me that old-time religion,  
Give me that old-time religion, It’s good enough for me.  
It was good for our mothers, It was good for our mothers,  
It was good for our mothers, And it’s good enough for me  
It has served our fathers, It has served our fathers,  
It has served our fathers, And it’s good enough for me.  
Makes me love everybody, Makes me love everybody,  
Makes me love everybody, And it’s good enough for me  
It will do when I’m dying, It will do when I’m dying,  
It will do when I’m dying, And it’s good enough for me.  
It will take us all to Heaven, It will take us all to Heaven,  
It will take us all to Heaven, and it’s good enough for me.

#### “Swing Lo Sweet Chariot”

Swing lo, sweet chariot, Comin; for to carry me home.  
Swing lo, sweet chariot, Comin; for to carry me home.  
I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, Comin; for to carry me home.  
A band of angels Comin’ after me, Comin’ for to carry me home.  
If you get there before I do, Comin; for to carry me home.  
Just tell my friends that I’m a Comin’ too. Comin’ for to carry me home.  
Sometimes up and sometimes down, Comin’ for to carry me home.  
But still my soul feels heavenly bound. Comin’ for to carry me home

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP -From Joel 2

Leader: Even now, says the Lord our God,  
return to me with all your heart.

**People : The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: Hear the promise of the Lord:  
I will pour my Spirit on all flesh.

**All: We will dream dreams and see visions!  
We will call on the name of the Lord!**

### \*HYMN 623

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

## OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Through Jesus Christ, God has entrusted us with the message and ministry of love and reconciliation. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

*(a time for silence and personal prayer)*

**Holy One, our great Redeemer – you have created us to be your people; you have called us from captivity to freedom; you have delivered us from death to life. Yet we have wandered in the wilderness; we have failed to keep your commandments; we have put our trust in false idols. Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Fill us with hope, feed us with mercy, and lead us into the land of your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON AND GOD’S PEACE

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Amen.**

*Please share signs of God’s peace with one another*

### \*Sung Response

“Amen”

**Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

“The One We Serve”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

### \*HYMN 692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In faith, we acknowledge that God has acted in the past, a holy history. In faith, we acknowledge that God seeks to rule our lives today. In faith, we affirm that God continues to send prophets and speak through willing vessels to guide the course of all history to the end. In faith, we imagine that end to be characterized by the traits we find in Jesus Christ: compassion, justice, and love. In faith, we long to be a part of that purpose.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**\*Sung Response 606**

**Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow:  
Praise God, all creatures here below!  
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy ghost.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen**

**\*HYMN 834**

**"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**CHARGE AND BLESSING -From John 13:24; Numbers 24-26**

*Please turn and face one another.*

**Right side: As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.**

**Left side: This is Christ new commandment.**

**Right side: The Lord bless you and keep you.**

**Left side: The Lord be kind and gracious to you.**

**Right side: The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**POSTLUDE**

**"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**

**I'm Gonna live so God can use me**

**I'm gonna live so, God can use me. Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna live so, God can use me. Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna work so, God can use me. Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna work so, God can use me. Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna pray so, God can use me. Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna pray so, God can use me. Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me. Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna sing so, God can use me. Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

Worship Leader: Melissa Schmidt

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Elder of the Month: Steve Hills

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The flowers for this morning's service are given for the Glory of God

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Nursery Care Available for Worship!

The Nursery is 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.

Attendance

Sunday, September 18, 2022: 55

**STAFF**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

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## September Christian Education Opportunities

	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Kids</b>
<b>September 25</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Introduction to PC(USA)'s Matthew 25</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In 2019, the Mission Agency of the PC(USA) invited congregations, presbyteries, and synods to a time of reflection and renewal based on Jesus call to care for the least of these among us. We will focus on the area of Vital Congregations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Follow Me: Live in Community Weeks 1 &amp; 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">This vision of believers worshiping God together as they learn to live a life worthy of the gospel is strong evidence that life in community is intrinsic to being a Christian. Explore what living in community truly means with this unit from Follow Me.</p>

### CALENDAR

#### **September 2022**

<p><b>25) Sunday</b> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary In-person &amp; live-streamed on Facebook</p> <p><b>Food Mission Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>26) Monday</b> 7:00pm Finance Committee 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA:FH</p>	<p><b>27) Tuesday</b> 7:00pm Worship 7:30pm AA</p>
<p><b>28) Wednesday</b> 9:30am Quilters-Rm 111 1:00pm Staff meeting 6:45pm Bell Basics 7:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm NA</p>	<p><b>29) Thursday</b> 7:15pm Chanel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111</p>	<p><b>October 2) Sunday</b> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary In-person &amp; live-streamed on Facebook 11:00am Intergenerational Activity for World Communion Sunday</p>



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### **Music at Boulevard**

If you sing, ring, or play an instrument, you are welcome to share your gifts in Worship at Boulevard! You don't have to be a professional: All you have to do is show up and share what the Holy Spirit creates through our best efforts! Contact Mary Ann Stephens:  
jstephens18@columbus.rr.com

### **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Ages High School/Adult  
Thursdays at 7:15 PM in the Sanctuary

The choir is scheduled to sing in worship on the following dates:

Sunday, October 30 (All Saints' Day celebrated in Worship)

Sunday, November 13

Sunday, December 4 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Sunday, December 18 (4th Sunday of Advent)

Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

On a different note, Boulevard is blessed to own 4 octaves of handbells plus a set of hand chimes. We just need people to step up and participate in playing them! If you've never played handbells but would like to learn, you are invited to come learn the "Bell Basics" to get started.

### **BELL CHOIR**

Ages Junior High/Adult  
Wednesdays at 6:45 and 7:30

Bell Basics for Beginners at 6:45 PM in the Balcony

Bells Te Deum for more experienced ringers at 7:30 in the Balcony.

*Bell Choir schedule for ringing in Worship TBA depending on response*

### **ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENTS**

Anyone

Starting Anytime

Instrumentalists are always welcome to play during the Worship Service. This includes any band or orchestra instruments, percussion, piano, guitar, flutophone, etc.

Your gifts can always be incorporated.

### **Please make yourself known!**

Finally, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, remember that God created humankind for God's own delight. ***Come be an active participant in music ministry at Boulevard!***

**Mary Ann Stephens, Music Coordinator: jstephens18@columbus.rr.com, 614-946-4941**

### **PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN**

Bill Bell, severe back pain

Lauri, (Martha Hills daughter), who is recovering at home from multiple injuries after being hit by a car  
Kyme Rennick- Recovering from hip replacement at home.

Jane Conner – For the family and friends of her neighbor Gary Robison who passed last week

Becky Lyttle, (Sandy Ferguson's sister), undergoing chemo for myeloid Leukemia

Fred - cancer (Hamilton's friend)

Debbie and Bill Bell as they continue to support her sister Judi who is receiving chemotherapy.

Sally Neff's son Tom

Molly Hughes, aggressive form of breast cancer, and or her mother Bridget and Family (friends of Leah Hanesworth)

Amelia Hamilton – Friedreich's Ataxia (Charmaine and Mike Hamilton's granddaughter).

Evelyn-Jim Baily's sister who is recovering from a stroke

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).

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.

Tim McLane – health issues (Mikie Bowles' brother).

Landon Feasel – Broken femur, will have a long recovery

Sue Glander – Breast cancer – close friend of Pat Nicholson

### **Prayers for Our Special Care List**

Glenn and Sara Beaber – Willow Brook

Tom Hayes is in Assisted Living at The Forum

Norma Kibbey – Westminster-Thurber Assisted Living

Brita Knapp – at home

Paul McCalla – Westminster-Thurber Assisted Living

Betty Sikking – at home

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FALL 2022 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

September is "All about Community!" We kicked off our program year on September 11, 2022 with an intergenerational activity. All are welcome! See flyer for additional, exciting details.

### **THE ENDOWMENT FUND**

From Steve Hills -Endowment Committee Chair The Endowment Fund is now accepting applications. Paper forms are available in the Office and the Lounge. Deadline for submission is September 30.

### **RONALD MCDONALDS HOUSE**

This week I turned in 22pounds of aluminum tabs to Ronald McDonalds House. Thanks to everyone contributing. It is really appreciated by them. - Linda Mahoney

### **CALLING FOR TREASURES FOR POP-UP MUSEUM!**

The next Intergenerational Sunday will be October 2nd and the theme is World Communion! All activities will reaffirm the joy of being a part of the international, ecumenical Christian community. But we need your help! One of the stations is a pop-up museum (effectively grown-up "Show and Tell"). We need YOU to bring in an object that is from a different culture or place (perhaps a family heirloom from an immigrant ancestor, something acquired while traveling, etc.) and add it to the museum on October 2nd. We will have placards available so that you can put one by your object and describe it. Bonus if you can tie the object into the international Christian community!

### **WHAT IF YOU WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR A CRIME YOU DIDN'T COMMIT?**

Join the Ohio Innocence Tour 2022 as three death row exonerees share their stories on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Capital University Law School Library, 4th Floor, 303 E. Broad Street, Columbus. This event is co-sponsored by the Ohio Council of Churches.

### **COMMUNION FOR OUR HOME BOUND MEMBERS**

On Sunday, October 2, 2022, we will be arranging to take communion to our home bound members. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Teams of two people will go to the homes of our home bound members to serve communion and visit with them. If this is something you haven't tried before, please consider going out in this very safe environment and trying something new. If you are a beginner at this, you will be paired with an experienced server. The visits will take about 2 hours of your time. Those who do it regularly find they are blessed more than they bless!

As before, we will provide copies of the day's scripture reading and a brief synopsis of the sermon to be used in this extended communion service. These will be inserted into the full "Extended Communion Liturgy" so that you have an entire script for the visit. Of course, you may choose to use the liturgy only as a guide, saying your own prayers and paraphrasing other parts.

Please contact Paula Frank, [dukeandcomet@aol.com](mailto:dukeandcomet@aol.com) ~ 614-352-3908, or Kim

Welter, [kwelter.2010@gmail.com](mailto:kwelter.2010@gmail.com) ~ 419-410-0156, to be a part of this very special ministry.



### **BUCKHORN CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Boulevard has supported Buckhorn several times over the years, and the quilters continue to provide quilts for their beds. Buckhorn has reached out to Boulevard asking for our help. When the floods hit Eastern Kentucky, Buckhorn sustained a great deal of damage. Even now that the waters have receded, the road to the homes has been washed out, so employees and volunteers must walk in to serve the people.

Their mission is to serve kids and strengthen families as they work to overcome a variety of life crises, including chronic and severe abuse and neglect. With the 2022 mission budget already accounted for, the Board of Deacons decided to help. The Board of Deacons will match the first \$1,000 given by the congregation.

If you would like to help, just put Buckhorn in the memo line of your check and place the check in the offering plate.

### **SIGNIFICANT SIX**

We continue to collect personal care items on the 4th Sunday of every month. Items include: toothbrushes for adults and children (single brush rather than multi-pack), toothpaste, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, bars of soap (not body wash), toilet paper.

### **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 and complete the information on the "Offering for Flowers" envelope 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. You can also donate anonymously and flowers will be ordered for Sundays that have not been designated.

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTING**

Looking for a way to volunteer? The Deacons have Coffee Hour hosting opportunities. Sign up for a Sunday, whenever you are available. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/BPC-Coffee-Hour>. There is also a sign-up sheet in the kitchenette.

## World Communion Intergenerational Sunday Stations

*Breads of the World:* Visit this food station and sample breads from around the world!

*Crosses of the World:* In the Presbyterian church, we are most familiar with the Latin cross. But there are many different ways that crosses are drawn around the world! At this craft station, international crosses will be available to decorate and will be hung in the lounge to remind us of how Christ’s sacrifice on the cross was truly made for ALL people.



*Puzzle Station:* “Love One Another” continues at the jigsaw puzzle station! A large floor puzzle of “Children of the World” will also be available for kids.

*International Mission Station:* Visit this station to learn about ways that Boulevard is involved in mission projects internationally, especially through the Diamond Home in Honduras and Heifer International (which is the October mission focus!).

*Where in the World has Boulevard Traveled?:* At this station, we will put pins on a map of the world where we have traveled.

Different colored pins will be used to show where we have worshipped. Fascinated to see what our map looks like!

*Pop Up Museum:* Effectively grown-up “Show and Tell”. People get to bring in an object that is from a different culture or place (perhaps a family heirloom from an immigrant ancestor, something acquired while traveling, etc.) and put a little placard by the object describing it. Bonus if the object can be tied into the international Christian community!

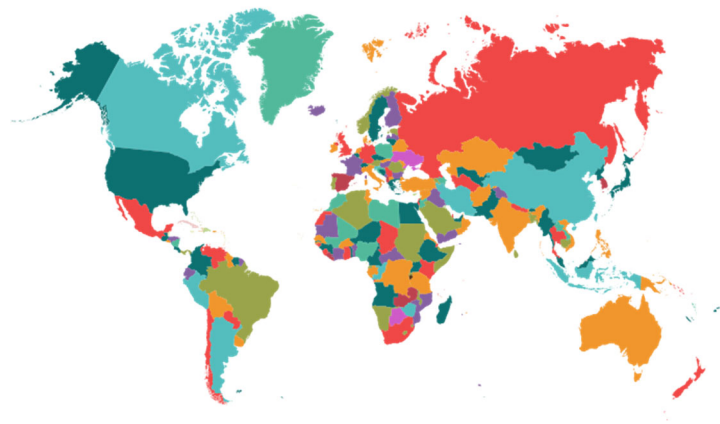
A small play area will be available for the littlest ones. Kid-friendly snacks will be provided.

## What’s Happening in October?

	<b>Youth &amp; Adults</b>	<b>Kids</b>
<b>October 2nd</b>	<b>World Communion Intergenerational Sunday</b>	
October 9	"A Plastic Tide" Documentary Viewing and Discussion	Four-week series on how God's children can care for His Creation, using a curriculum from our Christian friends in the Quaker Church.
October 16	Recycling Information Presentation from Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO)	
October 23	Learn about God's Good Earth (specifically in the form of rocks) in a geology lesson presented by Mac Swinford	
October 30	Learn about honey bees and how they reflect Christian virtues in a beekeeping talk presented by Alaina Engdahl and Casey Hoch	
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Celebration of Earth Stewardship Intergenerational Sunday</b>	

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