

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom"

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

November 20th, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in our God always!

People: Again, I say rejoice!

Leader; for God has gathered us together

People: from all the corners of the earth,

Leader: to be present now,

People: and to know the joyful unity

Leader: of being one with Christ.

People: Rejoice in our God always!

Leader: Again, I say rejoice.

*HYMN 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Leader: Trusting that God is capable of bringing new life to even the most forgotten places and people, let us confidently confess our sins, assured that we, too, are renewed through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Let us pray together.

People: **Almighty God, you have called us into your church to be your servants in the service of others. Forgive us for falling short of your call. We have loved our buildings more than our brothers and sisters. We have been more concerned with budgets than with justice and peace. We have been more ready to talk about Christ than to live in Christ's image. Cut through our evasions; increase our courage; renew our vision. Make us and the whole church more nearly what you would have us be; through Jesus Christ, whose Body we are. Amen.**

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

Leader: God's Word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance a word of grace. We are loved and accepted because we are we and God is God, and nothing can finally separate us from our Creator, the one who is ever-present, redeeming and sustaining us.

Friends: trust in the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Leader: Forgiven in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also, with you.

*Sung Response 551

"Lord, Have Mercy" (Tune: Land of Rest)

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:15-20 (pg 956)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:33-43 (pg 859)

SERMON:

“The Cross and the Crown”

Rev. Susan Smith

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

DOXOLOGY 606

**Praise God, from who all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hos; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.**

COMMUNION HYMN 511

“Come, Behold the Feast of Heaven”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

... With heavenly choirs and with the faithful of every time and place, we sing to the
glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

. . .

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. . .

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 516

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

We welcome Rev. Susan Smith as our Preacher this morning.

Rev. Dr. Susan Warrenner Smith was Associate Pastor at Indianola Presbyterian Church for 13 years and now is Associate Pastor Emerita. She has a B.A. and M.A. in art history and a Ph.D. in theological and religious studies. In her retirement she participates in a women's Bible study at Indianola as well as a covenant group for women clergy in our presbytery. Her husband, Bruce is an Episcopal priest. She has three grown children and four grandchildren.

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Worship Leader: Melissa Schmidt

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Elder of the Month: Cort Schafer

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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 Nursey for the second hour. To volunteer, please contact Sue Harvey (614-216-5884). Thank you for caring for our most precious members.

Attendance for last Sunday, November 13, 2022: 79

STAFF


Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil
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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2022

<p>11/20) Sunday 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary In-person & live-streamed on Facebook No Christian Education classes</p>	<p>11/21) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH</p>	<p>11/22) Tuesday 7:30pm AA meeting</p>
<p>11/23) Wednesday 1:00pm Staff meeting 6:45pm Bell Basics 7:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm PNC meeting 7:30pm NA meeting</p>	<p>11/24) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111</p>	<p>11/25) Friday</p>
<p>11/26) Saturday Set up of the Outdoor Nativity on the church lawn</p> 	<p>11/27) 24th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook</p> <p>After service: First Sunday of Advent Education Series: Matt Rawle's <i>The Heart That Grew Three Sizes</i>. There will be separate classes for adults and children.</p>	

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.



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Mary Ann Stephens mother and her family
	Bill & Katy Frase continued health concerns
Martha Hills	Daughter, Lauri who is recovering at home from multiple injuries after being hit by a car
Tim & Sue Harvey	Dear Friend, Walt, recently diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer
Tim & Sue Harvey	Daughter Jen's dear friend's daughter has a brain tumor at age 13
Sandy Ferguson	Becky Lyttle, Sandy's sister, undergoing chemo for myeloid Leukemia
Charmaine Hamilton	Fred Heald, friend, recuperating from surgery
Debbie & Bill Bell	As they continue to support Debbie's sister, Judi who is receiving chemotherapy
Sally Neff	Son
Leah Hanesworth	Friends, Molly Hughes, who has an aggressive form of breast cancer, and for Molly's mother, Bridget and Family
Charmaine & Mike Hamilton	Granddaughter, Amelia Hamilton, who has Friedreich's Ataxia
Tim & Sue Harvey	Devon, friend, has breast cancer
Lamar & Sandy Zigler	Friends Craig and Gail. Craig has stage 4 cancer
Bonnie Grimm	Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum, has Parkinson
Jim & Kathie Bailey	Nephew, Jim Treadway, stage 4 colon cancer
Bill Bell	Friend, Terri Randal, cancer has recurred
Charmaine Hamilton	Friend, Karla Holton, treatment for lung cancer
Charmaine Hamilton	Brother, Spencer Schalip, medical concerns
Jim Parks & Grace Parks	Tim Parks, (Jim's son and Grace's brother) Parkinson's disease
	Terry McFadden, in Allen Oakwood Correctional
Mikie Bowles	Brother, Tim McLane, has health issues
Pat Nicholson	Friend, Sue Glander, is Cancer Free

PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE LIST

Members:		Members:	
Glenn & Sara Beaber	Willow Brook	Brita Knapp	home
Tom Hayes	The Forum – Assisted Living	Paul McCalla	Westminster-Thurber – Assisted Living
Norma Kibbey	Westminster-Thurber – Assisted Living	Betty Sikking	Home
Ellen Rennick	Home		

COMMUNION FOR OUR HOME BOUND MEMBERS

If you would like to be a part of this ongoing ministry, you could still contact Paula Frank, dukeandcomet@aol.com ~ 614-352-3908, or Kim Welter, kwelter.2010@gmail.com ~ 419-410-0156, to be a part of this very special ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR NATIVITY HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 26, at 10:00am to help set up the Outdoor Nativity on the church lawn. It is the same day of the OSU Michigan game, and we will have the figures, staged and ready to set up so we can guarantee you will be home in time for the game.

ADVENT CANDLES LIGHTING

These are the dates and the families who would will be lighting the Advent Candles:

November 27	The Osbourn Family	December 11	The Williamson Family
December 4	David & Jane Conner	December 18	The Hooley Family

ADVENT EDUCATION SERIES

During the four Sundays in Advent, join us for Matt Rawle's *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*. There will be separate classes for adults and children.

Stefanie Osborne and Jill Hooley will lead the children's classes.

Marlin Cheney will lead the adult classes with Alaina Engdahl subbing on December 11.

November 27	December 4	December 11	December 18
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Christmas Community Care Packages



Thank you for the contributions you have made for the Christmas Community Care boxes. We are grateful for your support and appreciate the momentum. Keep the food coming! We hope to have a container of cookies for each family, so get your ovens ready. Please watch for further information. We will set up shifts for Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17 (allowing limited numbers of people per shift) to assemble and fill boxes. If you feel comfortable with either of those activities, there will be sign-up opportunities soon. Limited delivery opportunities are available on Sunday, December 18. We urge you to partner with another person to make the deliveries (which will involve about 3 to 4 houses per team.) Again, if you are interested in delivering boxes, watch for sign-up opportunities in the near future.

November 27	Cans of Vegetables or Fruit	December 4	Cans of Vegetables or Fruit	December 11	Grits
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Please deliver all donations to Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations are also welcome if that is easier for you. Please mark your check Christmas boxes and place it in the offering or drop it off at the church office. Thank you so much for supporting this important ministry. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jane Swinford at swinfordjane@gmail.com.

COMMUNION FOR OUR HOME BOUND MEMBERS

On Sunday, **December 4, 2022**, we will be arranging to take communion to our home bound members. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this. Two people will team up to 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 as a guide, saying your own prayers and paraphrasing other parts. Please contact Kim Welter, kwelter.2010@gmail.com ~ 419-410-0156, to be a part of this very special ministry.