



***The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth – John 1:14***

**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Service of Worship**

**November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Setting J. Wayne Kerr

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (Yiddish folk tune)

Wayne L. Wold

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING-** The Osborne Family

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord Jesus, the prophets spoke of the coming of Jesus Christ to bring justice, compassion and freedom. In all just actions, compassionate acceptance and desire for the truth,  
**your Kingdom come.**

Lord Jesus, the prophets looked for a renewed earth, where desolation would be replaced by abundance. In our longing to live in your world with love and gentleness,  
**your Kingdom come.**

**\*HYMN 83**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**\*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**

Call to Confession

*A time for silence*

**Holy God, like the prophets before us, we long for an end of hate and violence in our world. We are afraid to speak up and tell the good news of Christ, much less live as people who have seen your salvation. We cling to things that do not lead to the new life you have given us, and hurt ourselves and others in the process. Help us to realize the hope you have given to us in Jesus. Like Simeon and Anna, teach us to live with expectance and faith so that we can share your peace and light in our world. Amen.**

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

Emmanuel: God-with-us. In Jesus, God reclaims, redeems, and restores all of creation. Through this grace we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

**\*Sung Response 583**

“Glory to God”

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 2:1-5 (pg 550)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:25-36 (pg 833)

SERMON: "Longing and Hoping"

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"An Advent Prayer"

Allen Pote

*Congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain*

**Come holy Jesus, come to free us from all our sin.**

**Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within.**

\*Sung Response

"Thank You, God for Your Creation" (Tune: Regent Square)

**Thank you, God, for your creation; Bless, O Lord, these gifts we bring.**

**Thank you, God, for Christ the Savior, your own precious offering.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Bless, O Lord, these gifts we bring.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

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 507

"Come to the Table of Grace"

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 545

“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Morning Song (The King Shall Come/Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace)

David Johnson

Worship Leader: Sandy Ferguson

+++

Elder of the Month: Cort Schafer

+++

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

+++

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 Sue Harvey (614-216-5884). Thank you for caring for our most precious members.

Attendance for last Sunday, November 20, 2022: 54

**STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil  
Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens  
Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez  
Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles  
Financial Officer:

**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1235 Northwest Boulevard, Grandview Heights, OH 43212 614-486-0267 Fax: 614-486-2342

Email: [Office@blvdchurch.org](mailto:Office@blvdchurch.org)/[website:www.blvdchurch.org](http://www.blvdchurch.org)

**CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022**

<p><b>11/27) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person &amp; live-streamed on Facebook</p> <p>After service: First Sunday of Advent Education Series: Matt Rawle's The Heart That Grew Three Sizes. There will be separate classes for adults and children.</p>	<p><b>11/28) Monday</b> 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH</p>	<p><b>11/29) Tuesday</b> 7:30pm AA meeting</p>
<p><b>11/30) Wednesday</b> 1:00pm Staff meeting 6:45pm Bell Basics 7:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm PNC meeting 7:30pm NA meeting</p>	<p><b>12/1) Thursday</b> 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111</p>	<p><b>12/2) Friday</b></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 and family for the passing of her mother Mary Lou Drotleff
	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
Mikie Bowles	Brother, Tim McLane, has health issues
	Terry McFadden, in Allen Oakwood Correctional

## 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](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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADVENT CANDLES LIGHTING

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

<b>November 27</b>	The Osborne Family	<b>December 11</b>	The Williamson Family
<b>December 4</b>	David & Jane Conner	<b>December 18</b>	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.

<b>November 27</b>	<b>December 4</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>December 18</b>
--------------------	-------------------	--------------------	--------------------



## Christmas Community Care Packages



The Mission Committee announces the kick-off of the annual Community Christmas Package Project! This project provides an opportunity for us to share the love of Christ with our neighbors in need during the Holiday season. Our goal this year is to reach 275 families. Please pray for God's guidance as we undertake this mission. We have established shifts for Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17 (allowing limited numbers of people per shift) to assemble and fill boxes. We also need people to replenish the food supply on each table. If you feel comfortable with any of those activities, there are sign-up sheets in the narthex. 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, sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

<b>November 27</b>	Cans of Vegetables or Fruit	<b>December 4</b>	Cans of Vegetables or Fruit	<b>December 11</b>	Grits
--------------------	-----------------------------	-------------------	-----------------------------	--------------------	-------

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