



Nearby shepherds were lying in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you – wonderful, joyous news for all people."
–Luke 2:8-10

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Advent

Service of Worship

December 11, 2022

PRELUDE

"Children, Go Where I Send Thee"
(please see song sheet insert)

MikeMerriMac Trio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Williamson Family

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Holy Jesus, born in Bethlehem,
give us grace and humility.

**With great joy
we celebrate your birth.**

Holy Jesus, Lord of all creation,
give us grace and compassion.

**With great joy
we await your coming.**

Holy Jesus, who is with us now
in your church and the whole world,
give us grace to live as your disciples.

**With great joy
we worship you.**

***HYMN 106**

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 35:1-10 (pg. 578)

"OUR NO STRESS, NO FUSS, CHRISTMAS PLAY"

Based on "Tobias' Story" Written by Carolyn Peters and Adapted by Theresa Cho

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

MikeMerriMacTrio

*Sung Response

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

Stephens

**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

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. . .

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 of the People

You are invited to place a Chrismon on the tree after you have received communion and before you sit down.

Song During Communion

"An Advent Prayer"

Allen Pote

Congregation is invited to join:

**Come holy Jesus, come to free us from all our sin.
Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within.**

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN

"What Feast Is This" (*please see song sheet insert*)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Amen Chorus" (*please see song sheet insert*)

MikeMerriMacTrio

Worship Leader: Merri Bame

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Elder of the Month: Mac Swinford

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The flowers for this morning's service were gifted from Linda Wilton for her birthday.



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, December 5, 2022: 67

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

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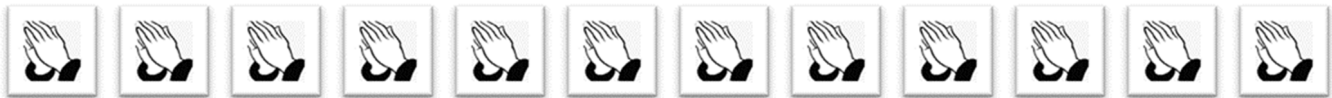
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CALENDAR DECEMBER 2022

<p>12/11) 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook</p> <p>“Our No Stress, No Fuss, Christmas Play”</p> <p>After service: Third 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>Decorating of the Sanctuary Tree</p>	<p>12/12) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH</p>
<p>12/13) Tuesday 7:00pm Grandview H.S. Choirs Holiday Concert 7:30pm AA meeting</p>	<p>12/14) Wednesday 1:00pm Staff meeting 6:45pm Bell Basics 7:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm PNC meeting 7:30pm NA meeting</p>
<p>12/15) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111</p>	<p>12/16) Friday 4:30pm Box Assembly 6:00pm Table Stockers and Packing</p>
<p>12/17) Saturday 9:30am Stockers and Packing</p>	<p>12/18) 4th Sunday of Advent 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook</p> <p>11:30pm Deliveries</p> <p>After service: Fourth Sunday of Advent Education Series: Matt Rawle's The Heart That Grew Three Sizes. There will be separate classes for adults and children.</p>





PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Dan Hooley is in the hospital recovering from heart surgery
	Jack Williamson had surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoids
Norma Kibbey	Daughter-in-law Cheryl Kibbey is recovering from back surgery
Pat Nicholson	Robert Morian – Hospice Care
	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 is remission
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 Sicking	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

ON-LINE SURVEY

An online survey developed by the Property Committee was emailed to the Boulevard Google Group requesting input on updating Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to take a few minutes to complete and submit this short survey. Paper copies of the survey also are available in the lounge to fill out. Please participate in this important information gathering opportunity.

BOULEVARD'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Through Boulevard's Prayer Shawl Ministry, Angels made 43 beautiful winter neck scarves. They were delivered to West Side Free Store Ministries.



ADVENT CANDLES LIGHTING

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

November 27	The Osborne 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

There is one more week to collect food for the Christmas Community Care packages. We are grateful for your continued generosity. The last item we are requesting is grits. The sign-up sheets for stocking the tables, and packing and delivering the boxes are out in the narthex. We encourage you to spread the joy of Christmas and sign up for an opportunity with which you are comfortable. We are in particular need for individuals willing to stock the tables. It is an easy job that just entails keeping the item you are responsible for stocked on the table for the box packers to pick up and put in their boxes. No heavy lifting--just a little bending now and then. If it is easier for you to volunteer remotely, please send your shift preference to swinfordjane@gmail.com and she can add your name to the appropriate sheet(s).

If you are contributing grits, please deliver them 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.

COOKIES FOR OUR CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES

In order to provide our families with cookies the Boulevard family bakes and bakes and bakes! Please have your cookies delivered to the fellowship hall kitchen by noon on Friday, **December 16**.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS THROUGH DECEMBER 14

Poinsettia order envelopes are available in the Lounge. The cost of each plant is \$15.00. You can also call the church office at 614-486-0267, dial extension 1. Please remember to write "Poinsettia" on your check. The poinsettias will serve as memorials or in honor of loved ones whose names will be printed in the worship bulletins on Sunday December 20 and Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase or donate a poinsettia, we will accept orders through Wednesday December 14, 2022. The poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas Eve.



DECORATE THE SANCTUARY TREE

December 11 after Worship Service. All are invited, both young and 'young at heart', to help decorate the Sanctuary Christmas Tree with Chrismon ornaments following worship. You can grab a quick treat from the Lounge, help decorate, and still attend the ongoing Education Series classes.

OUTDOOR LUMINARIES

December 24: Set-Up, 10:00 am OR 5:00 p.m. Please come help set up outdoor luminaries or light the luminaries around the church property for Christmas Eve. At 10:00 am we'll place the luminaries and at 5:00 we'll light them. The church and the luminaries always look so cheerful and inviting on Christmas Eve. Boulevard's unique triangle-lot location makes us very visible to passers-by, so come and help us shine our lights for the community! Please call Alex McCormick to volunteer. 614-747-1082

WHITE GIFTS

For the Christmas Eve worship service this year and on Epiphany Sunday, January 8th, you are invited, once again, to bring white tissue wrapped gifts of personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, & feminine hygiene products) forward like the wisemen, and lay them in front of Boulevard's Chrismon tree to make a great pile of snowy gifts. All donations will be taken to the NNEMAP food pantry in early January. This will assist the pantry in meeting a critical need in the coming new year.



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.



“Children, Go Where I Send Thee”

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?
One for the little bitty baby born of the virgin Mary.

Born, born, born in Bethlehem.

I’m gonna send you two by two; two for Paul and Silas...

I’m gonna send you three by three; three for the Hebrew children...

I’m gonna send you four by four; four for the Four that stood at the door...

I’m gonna send you five by five; five for the gospel preachers...

I’m gonna send you six by six; six for the Six that couldn’t get fixed...

I’m gonna end you seven by seven; seven for the Seven that couldn’t get to heaven...

I’m gonna send you eight by eight; eight for the Eight that stood at the gate...

“What Feast of Love” (Tune: Greensleeves)

Words: Delores Dufner

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?

What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?

What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.

Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?

What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!



“Amen”

Chorus

All: Amen, amen, amen, amen amen, amen (*congregation continues "amens"*)

*Leader: See the little baby (amen)
Lying in a manger (amen)
On Christmas morning. (amen, amen, amen)*

*Leader: See him at the temple (amen)
Talking to the elders; (amen)
How they marveled at his wisdom. (amen, amen, amen)*

*Leader: See him at the seaside (amen)
preaching and healing (amen)
the blind and feeble. (amen, amen, amen)*

*Leader: See him in the garden (amen)
Praying to his Father (amen)
In deepest sorrow. (amen, amen, amen)*

*Leader: Then they crucified him, (amen)
Jesus our Savior, (amen)
And he rose on Easter. (amen, amen, amen)*



OUR NO STRESS, NO FUSS CHRISTMAS PLAY

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
(Luke 2:16)

WELCOME AND DIRECTIONS

PART I: MARY AND JOSEPH

“Once in Royal David’s City,” verse 1 (Hymn 140)

PART II: THE ANIMALS

“Away in a Manger,” verses 1-2. (Hymn 115)

PART III: ANGELS

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” verse 1. (Hymn 119)

PART IV: SHEPHERDS

“Go Tell It on the Mountain,” verse 1. (Hymn 136)

PART V: WISE PERSONS AND STAR

“We Three Kings,” verse 1. (Hymn 151)

PART VI: CONCLUSION

Narrators: Jane Conner, Allyson Engdahl, Tim Harvey, Cynthia McKay, Emina Osborne, Krissy Schafer

Thank you to all our Marys, Josephs, Shepherds, Wise Persons, Animals, and the Bethlehem Star.