



Nothing is impossible for God. – Luke 2:37

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4th Sunday of Advent

Service of Worship

December 18, 2022

PRELUDE

Chancel Choir

“The People Who Walked in Darkness”

Jane Southwick Cool

The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers, by God the Father given, in human form appears.

No sphere his light confining, no star so brightly shining as Jesus, our Morning Star, Light of the world.

Glory be to God on high!

When in God’s time appointed, the Christ, the virgin-born comes as a king anointed, and dark night turns to morn.

A choir of angel voices praise God as earth rejoices in Jesus, our Morning Star, Light of the world.

Glory be to God on high!

The people who lived in darkness have seen a great light... Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, God’s Son giv’n to us; and pow’r will rest upon shoulder; he shall be named –

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...

His authority shall grow continually and peace shall be eternal for descendants of David and his kingdom.

He will determine it and sustain it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forever more, till the end of the age...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Hooley Family

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We stand ready for what is to come:

the promise is almost fulfilled.

We wait with anticipation:

the child is almost here.

We trust the well-loved story:

God is truly with us.

***HYMN 88**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verses 1, 6, and 7

***OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**

God comes to us just as we are, with all our triumphs, our worries, our gratitude, and our failures.

Let us draw closer to God by admitting how we have fallen short in what we have done and in what we have not done.

A time for silence.

Holy God, we anticipate your coming but do not feel ready. In some ways we have done too much; and in other ways we have not done enough. We are guilty of focusing too much on ourselves, and not enough on the needs of others. Help us to see where we have failed to follow you and forgive us. Let your face be known to us so that we might shine your light on others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON AND GOD’S PEACE

*Sung Response 583

“Glory to God”

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:26-38 (pg 833)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:39-56 (pg 833)

SERMON: "With God All Things Are Possible"

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Bells Te Deum

"Away in a Manger" and "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 158

"Born in the Night, Mary's Child"

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

Song During Communion
"An Advent Prayer"

Allen Pote

**Come, holy Jesus. Come to free us from our sin.
Come, holy Jesus, and make us pure within. (repeat)**

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 100

"My Soul Cries Out" (Canticle of the Turning)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Excerpt from "Simeon's Song"

Lord, now You let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.
For my eyes have seen, my own eyes have seen the salvation of your people.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was, is now and will be forever.
Amen.

Chancel Choir
Bradley Ellingboe

POSTLUDE

Worship Leader: Carol McFadden

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Elder of the Month: Mac Swinford

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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, December 18, 2022: 67

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

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CALENDAR DECEMBER 2022

<p>12/18) 4th Sunday of Advent 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook</p> <p>After service: Fourth & Final 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>Community Care Package Delivery</p> <p>Angel Tree in Lounge</p>	<p>12/19) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH</p>
<p>12/20) Tuesday</p>	<p>12/21) Wednesday 1:00pm Staff meeting 7:30pm PNC meeting 7:30pm NA meeting</p>
<p>12/22) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111</p>	<p>12/23 Friday</p>
<p>12/24) Saturday 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service</p> 	<p>12/25) Christmas Service will be on Facebook Only.</p> 



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
Charmaine Hamilton	Sister is recovering from surgery
	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 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



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 BELL CHOIR

There will be no Bell Choir rehearsals for the rest of December and also the month of January. Bells will resume on Wednesday, February 1, 2023

ADVENT CANDLES LIGHTING

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

December 11	The Williamson Family
December 18	The Hooley Family

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 10:00am 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.





Poinsettias given in honor or memory

In Loving Memory of:

With Love Given By:

Clinton & Bobbie Yerkes

Glen & Wilma Zigler

Deborah Henry

Dr. Willam Henry Kasner

In Loving Memory of my Loved Ones

John, Jean, Robert & Frances, Our Parents

Jim & Mark Nicholson

Our Parents

Ted Rennick

Michael Schmidt

Raymond Ferguson

LLora Thomas LeFevre

Robert Sterling LeFevre

Sarah Kathryn LeFevre

Greg Allen Williams

Anibal & Conchita, Bert my Parents & Brother

Loving Parents

Robert & Julia Wall

Ted Rennick

Al & Mary Lou Drotleff

Jack & JoAnn Stephens

Lamar, Sandy Zigler & Family

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Kevin Hicks

Ella Louise Conner

Jody Huggins

John & Charlotte O'Neil

The Nicholson Family

Diane Cattran & Tom Fletcher

Ellen Rennick

Michael & Melissa

Sandy Ferguson

The LeFerve Family

The LeFerve Family

The LeFerve Family

The LeFerve Family

Jeanette & William Gonzalez

Ken & Judy Pierce

Ian & Kyme Rennick

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Jon & Mary Ann Stephens

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In Honor of:

With Love Given By:

Our Children, Patrick, Ella, & Garrick

John & Charlotte O'Neil

Jim & Kathie Bailey & Hilda Herpel

Michael & Melissa

William Gonzalez, husband & friend

Jeanette Gonzalez

The People of Ukraine

Aliana Engdahl

Our Boulevard Family

Carol McFadden