



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

2nd Sunday of Advent

Service of Worship

December 4, 2022

PRELUDE

Chancel Choir

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Taylor Davis

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

David & Jane Conner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

With the Magi,
and with all who long for the coming of your Kingdom,
**give us the grace and faith to seek out Christ
and to be his presence in the world.**
Let us gather together to worship God.

*HYMN 102

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Even when God's light gives us a clear path to follow, we find ourselves wandering in the wilderness. Yet, we do not need to hide from the light; we can come before God with every part of our lives, that we may be restored to God's way for us.
A time for silence

Holy God, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent child, that we would stand up to power. But too often we have turned away from those who need us. Too often we yield to the powers that be, resigning ourselves to the way it has always been.
Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us to be brave enough to do your will. Amen.

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

God calls us from wherever we are.
God's love shines like a beacon.
God's voice echoes in our souls,
“You are forgiven!”
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 11:1-10 (pg 558)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12 (pg 783)

SERMON:

“New Eyes and Ears”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

“Canticle for Advent”

Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

Advent candles burn with reverence; their symbolic flames convey
Hope that comforts, hope that strengthens, hope fulfilled on Christmas Day.
Through this season of our waiting, may our wisest prayers increase.
May our lives display compassion, faithful to the Prince of Peace.
Come, hope, come pierce the long night. How lonely the vigil, how harsh winter’s chill.
Come, peace, come heal and unite. We wait, watch and witness God’s promise fulfilled.
Yearning, faithful hearts have gathered, waiting for the chosen One.
Soon, oh, soon may joy embrace us, joy to welcome God’s own son.
Advent candles tell the story; silent prophets, yet they say:
“Love will crown the King of glory; Love divine comes Christmas Day.”
Come, joy, restoring our sight. How lonely the vigil, how harsh winter’s chill.
Come, love, redeem by your light. We wait, watch and witness God’s promise fulfilled.

*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 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 105

“People, Look East”

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

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 110

"Love Has Come"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

Setting, J. Wayne Kerr

Worship Leader: Melissa Schmidt

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Elder of the Month: Mac Swinford

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The flowers for this morning's service were gifted in celebration of Linda Mahoney's Birthday

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

Attendance for last Sunday, November 27, 2022: 50

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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022

<p>12/4) 2nd Sunday of Advent 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook</p> <p>After service: Second 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>12/5) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH</p>	<p>12/6) Tuesday 7:30pm AA meeting</p>
<p>12/7) Wednesday 1:00pm Staff meeting 6:45pm Bell Basics 7:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm PNC meeting 7:30pm NA meeting</p>	<p>12/8) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111</p>	<p>12/11) 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook</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>

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.

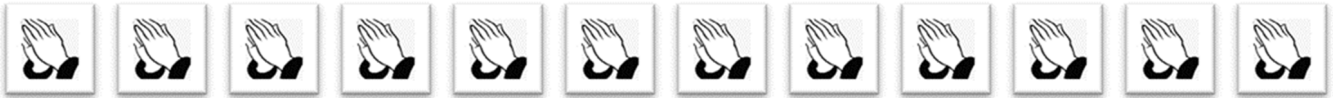
DONATE FLOWERS TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

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:
	Lisa Faulkner facing hip replacement surgery in the future.
	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

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 STARS FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES

There are stars on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the chapel for gifts for children in some of the families who are receiving our Christmas Community Care Boxes. We only have a small number of families this year and we asked them for gift suggestions for the children. We are trying to fulfill these requests within reason. This year the star will have a specific gift needed on it rather than asking for a gift for a child in a particular age group. If you would like, please take a star and then attach it to the item purchased. There is a box below the bulletin board for gifts. Please bring the gifts by Sunday, December 11. *Thank you for showing Christ's love to a world that needs it.*

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES

The Christmas Community Care Package project is well under way and we appreciate the support we have received from the congregation. The sign-up sheets for stocking the tables, and packing and delivering the boxes are in the Lounge. There are plenty of opportunities to help. If it is easier for you to volunteer remotely, please send your shift preference to swinfordjane@gmail.com. The donation items for the last two weeks are as follows:

December 4	Peanut Butter & Jelly	December 11	Grits
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Please deliver all donations to Fellowship Hall and place them on the table by the kitchen. Please DO NOT put them on the pews as those items have been counted and inventoried. 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.

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.

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

