



But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is the Messiah – Luke 2:9-11

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1st Sunday of Christmas Service of Worship January 1, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the true light has come into the world!
Break forth into singing,
for in Christ is life!
The Word has become flesh and lives among us,
and we have seen God’s glory,
full of grace and truth!

*HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION HYMN 121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem,” verse 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angles the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A time for silence

**O Christ, reflection of God’s glory, let this be a time that changes us. Let this be a time that challenges us to live as those you have blessed. Let this be a day what we find not only forgiveness but a new way forward.
Renew your call to us. Save us, forgive us, and inspire us to allow our lives to be filled with your presence. Amen.**

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

We celebrate God's steadfast love – no matter what we do, no matter what we neglect to do, that love never changes. Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*Sung Response 137

"He Came Down"

He came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love;

Hallelujah forever more.

...that we may have light

...that we may have peace

...that we may have joy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 1:1-4 (pg 970)

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18 (pg 862)

A TIME FOR SHARING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"Immanuel"

Tim Harvey, soloist

*Response 144, verse 4

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him; give my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN

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.

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

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Worship Leader: Carol McFadden

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Elder of the Month: Charmaine Hamilton

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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 Christmas Eve December 24, 2022:

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles

Financial Officer:

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CALENDAR JANUARY 2023

<p>01/01) 1ST Sunday of Christmas 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook</p>	<p>01/02) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH</p>
<p>01/03) Tuesday AA meeting</p>	<p>01/04) Wednesday 1:00pm Staff meeting 7:30pm PNC meeting 7:30pm NA meeting</p>
<p>01/05) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111</p>	<p>01/06) Friday</p>
<p>01/07)</p>	<p>01/08) Epiphany of the Lord 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook</p>



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
Charmaine Hamilton	Sister is recovering from surgery
	Dan Hooley is recovering from heart surgery and covid
Norma Kibbey	Daughter-in-law Cheryl Kibbey is recovering from back surgery
	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

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

WHITE GIFTS

For worship service 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.

THE BLESSING BOX

The Blessing Box is erected on Northwest Boulevard by the big pine tree. First graders from Stevenson Elementary have stocked it with food for those in need. The Boulevard Blessing Box is now part of 100+ units in Central Ohio. Blessing Boxes are outdoor, publicly-located cabinets that allow for people to donate items to bless others in need. These boxes can include; non-perishable food items, basic toiletries, baby supplies, pet food, or anything else that might be considered a blessing to someone in need. The motto is – "Take what you need; leave what you can".

BOULEVARD'S BELL CHOIR

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

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 in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office. The cost of any arrangement is \$35.00. You can also donate anonymously and flowers will be ordered for Sundays that have not be 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.

JANUARY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Date:	Adults & Youth	Children
January 8	Intergenerational: Kings, Starlight, and Christian Hope in New Year	
January 15	TBD Speaker hosted by Mission Committee	
January 22	<p><i>What does it mean to be an LGBTQ ally individually? Discussion led by Kim Welter</i></p> <p><i>Come learn about what it means to be each other's allies, particularly in an LGBTQ context. We will talk about basic legal concepts, policy impacts, and explore what these mean in our collective lives</i></p>	<p>Follow me: Honor God's Diversity</p>
January 29	<p><i>What are LGBTQ people looking for from a church (What does it mean to be an LGBTQ ally church)? Discussion by Kim Welter</i></p> <p><i>Our mission study revealed that LGBTQ people in Grandview area hold a hostile opinion of the "church." Come explore what it might take to overcome that feeling and where it comes from in the first place.</i></p>	



January 8, 2023 Intergenerational Sunday: Kings, Starlight, and Christian Hope in the New Year

Join us for the first Intergenerational Sunday of the 2023 calendar year to celebrate Epiphany! We will participate in the French tradition of eating galette des rois ("king cakes" made locally by La Chatelaine Bakery) to celebrate the arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem. Watch part of a BBC documentary covering historical and scientific commentary on the Star of Bethlehem. Participate in discussion questions centering around the concept of Christian hope. Children will be able to decorate crowns for themselves and the winner of the coin baked inside of the king cakes. And bring the wise men from your nativity scenes at home to participate in a Parade of the Kings!