



What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Service of Worship January 15, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission

Allyson Engdahl

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

For all searching for grace and truth,

Come and see!

To all searching for meaning and purpose,

Come and see!

To all searching for abundant life,

Come and see!

Let us worship God together

***HYMN**

“Come and See”

Words and Music by Marilyn Houser Hamm

“Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the truth,” said he.

“Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see.” (repeat)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, who knit us in the womb, knows us completely. Emmanuel, God with us, hears our cry. Assured of God’s grace and steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

A time for silence

Merciful God, we confess that we have been timid witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate; for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs; for the times we have hoarded our abundance; for the times we have turned away from your people in need. For the many times we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and our lives, to the love and grace we’ve experience in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Hear the good news of the gospel: God will not withhold mercy from us. The steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is with us, now and forever.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you!

*Sung Response

“Come and See” Verse 2

Words and Music by Marilyn Houser Hamm

**Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.
Chris-te, Chris-te, Chris-te e-le-i-son.**

Translation: Christ, we adore you. Alleluia, Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Micah 6:6-9 (pg. 757-758)

SCRIPTURE: John 1:29-51 (pg. 862-863)

SERMON

“Seekers and Prophets”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

ANTHEM

“Hope for Resolution”

Chancel Choir

arranged by Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory

In its juxtaposition of a European chant melody and an anti-apartheid song from South Africa, this piece is a celebration of diversity. The arrangement reflects our respect for divergent musical styles and points us toward our innate (though sometimes neglected) potential for peaceful coexistence.

Of the Father’s love begotten, e’er the worlds began to be.

He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he.

Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth, forever blessed, when the virgin full of grace,

By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race.

And the babe, the world’s redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav’n adore him, angel hosts his praises sing,

Pow’rs, dominions bow before him, and extol our God and King.

Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev’ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.

Thula sizwe is a South African freedom song. The language is Zulu.

Thula sizwe, ungabokhala, uJehova wakho uzojunqobela.

Inkululeko, sizoyihola, uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.

Nation, do not cry. Jehovah will protect us.

We will attain freedom. Jehovah will protect us.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*From A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

*Sung Response 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

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 186

“Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer after Thanksgiving

Communion

Music During Communion 520

“Taste and See” Refrain – All; Verses – Choir

**Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you have fed us with your mercy
and poured out your Spirit in this place.
Continue to nourish and fill us each day,
that we may live as your beloved people. Amen**

*HYMN 70

“What Does the Lord Require of You?” Verses 1, 2, and 3 consecutively, then as a round.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Worship Leader: Jon Stephens

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Flowers are given in loving memory of Al Stockum from the Property Committee

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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 January 15, 2023: 63

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

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CALENDAR JANUARY 2023

<p>01/15) 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook</p> <p>Christian Education Offerings: Speaker from Freedom a la Cart.</p>	<p>01/16) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH</p>
<p>01/17) Tuesday AA meeting</p>	<p>01/18) Wednesday 1:00pm Staff meeting 7:30pm PNC meeting 7:30pm NA meeting</p>
<p>01/19) Thursday No Chancel Choir this week 7:30pm GA: Rm 111</p>	<p>01/20) Friday</p>
<p>01/21) Saturday</p>	<p>01/22) Sunday 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook</p> <p>After service: Come learn about what it means to be each other’s allies, particularly in an LGBTQ context.</p>

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Date	Member:	Date	Member:	Date	Member:
1/5	Charmaine Hamilton	1/10	Mary Ann Stockum	1/25	Glen Schmidt
1/6	Allyson Engdahl	1/11	Henry Praznki	1/31	Ella Louis Conner
1/7	Shirley Wagner	1/14	Grace Parks	1/31	Cortland Schafer
1/8	Melissa Schmidt	1/15	Leni Leypoldt		
1/10	Ethan Dray	1/22	Robert Bullock		
1/10	Everest Osborne	1/25	Sue Harvey		

Birthday Blessings to all!



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Sandy Ferguson, briefly was in the hospital. She is doing better.
Merri Bame	Mom, Sue Bame, moved into Memory Care Facility
	Dan Hooley is recovering from heart surgery
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	Friend, 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

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

MEET FREEDOM A LA CART TODAY JANUARY 15TH

January is National Human Trafficking Awareness month. The Mission Committee and Faith Development invite you to join us in the chapel on Sunday, January 15, after the service where a representative from Freedom a la Cart will share more about their efforts to help the victims of this horrendous practice and to see where we at Boulevard can help in those efforts. The following is adapted from their website: *Over ten years ago, Doma International began a collaborative partnership with Franklin County Municipal Court's CATCH Court specialized docket. Whereas CATCH was providing an intensive probationary program to help victims of sex trafficking, Doma established a comprehensive community-based support program to foster healing and restoration to CATCH participants. In 2019, the organization name was legally changed from Doma International to **Freedom a la Cart**. Human trafficking has strong and deep roots in Central Ohio. As many as 1200 solicitation arrests are made each year in Franklin County. An estimated 92% are identified as victims of human trafficking — trafficked since the average age of 13. As a result, they lack job skills and face complex barriers to employment in the traditional workplace: criminal records, arrested development, traumatic brain injuries that affect logic and memory, post-traumatic stress disorder, addiction and mental health issues. Through Freedom a la Cart's three primary levels of service: 1) CATCH Court Support; 2) a robust Workforce Development Program; and 3) our Butterfly Continuum of Care program, Freedom a la Cart provides supportive services to over 400 unduplicated survivors of human trafficking each year. Join us on January 15 to see where Christ is calling us into action.*

OFFERING ENVELOPES

We are ordering Offering Envelopes and would like a tally, as not to order more than what we need. Please email our office manager, Jeanette at office@blvdchurch.org or call her at 614-486-0267 ext.1 and let her know if you still want to receive a box, and also please indicate if you still want the weekly envelopes or monthly. Remember that you can also do your offering on line.

DONATION TALLY FOR WHITE GIFTS

Thank you for your generosity! At the Christmas Eve service and again on Epiphany Sunday, white gifts were brought forward and placed by the manager in front of Boulevard's Chrismon tree. It made for a great pile of snowy gifts. Wrapped in those white gifts were personal care items which were taken to the NNEMAP food pantry. The final tally—

66	Toothbrushes collected	47	Tubes of toothpaste	45	Razors
31	Bars of soap	30	Packets of dental floss	72	Rolls of toilet paper
592	Units of feminine hygiene products				

We lift up all the individuals who will be the recipients of these personal care gifts. May they feel hopeful and blessed in the coming year.

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.

DRY BEAN SOUP PROJECT

Dry Bean Soup Project - Collecting Jan 15, 22 and 29. It's that time of year . . . soup time! Boulevard has a longstanding tradition of assembling dry bean soup mixes since at least 2007. The kits will be assembled February 5 on Intergenerational Sunday in the lounge. The mixes will then be donated to NNEMAP, our partner food pantry. The clients love these mixes, which include the mixture of beans as well as tomatoes, spices, and instructions. Assembling the mixes was a children's Sunday School project for years. It then grew into an intergenerational project. You can help by bringing in dry beans, including: **pinto beans, Great Northern beans, black beans and green split peas**. We are making a layered mix, so please **NO bean mixtures**. There will be a soup pot in the lounge for your donations. If you have questions, please reach out to Alaina Engdahl (aengdahl91@gmail.com or Marlin Cheyney (614.949.1476 or mar47lin@gmail.com).

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".

LEFTOVERS

As you may recall, several years ago we stopped providing our Christmas Community Care Boxes to clients at NNEMAP Food Pantry. It had become increasingly difficult for them to select certain clients to receive boxes and to have to turn down others. In lieu of boxes, we switched to providing items for their Christmas toy room and also to giving them the food products left after we have assembled our Christmas Boxes. No matter how closely you try to plan, it never works out where you have just the exact right amount of each item! Marlin and Harold Cheyney collect up all the food and deliver it to NNEMAP the same Saturday we do the box assembly. This year NNEMAP reported back to Marlin that we had provided 553 pounds of food items that will be distributed to their clients. They are truly grateful for this donation, and we are happy that we are able to work with our mission partners in ways that are most helpful to them.

BOULEVARD'S BELL CHOIR

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

WESTSIDE FREE STORE:

Our clothing donations are given to the Westside Free Store Ministries which is located in Hilltop, an amazing outreach ministry to individuals and families. Westside is looking for a new Store Manager for twenty (20) hours per week. They are looking for someone with a passion to serve those in need, who possesses a comfort level with managing volunteers and staff, a willingness to ensure food safety in the kitchen, the ability to multi-task, communicate clearly and promote the mission of the ministry. Letters of interest with resume, as well as any questions, may be directed to Debra Stoner at edwestsidefreestore@gmail.com

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 22	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>What does it mean to be an LGBTQ ally individually? Discussion led by Kim Welter</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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>	

