

**What does the Lord require? Justice, kindness, and humility.**

**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Service of Worship**

**January 29, 2023**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us meet God in this gathering.

**We gather to praise God, to offer our hopes,  
to hear again God's call, to strengthen our faith.**

God calls us to honor all persons, be kind to our neighbors,  
and praise God's holy name.

**Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 628

"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us offer our confessions.

**Faithful God, we confess that we have not always been faithful to you. You require us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Yet we conform to the standards of our world and forget the demands of your call to us. We expect others to be kind, but too often neglect those who are different from us. You ask us to be humble, and yet we are such a proud people.**

**Rekindle in us your spirit of humility and servanthood and remind us again of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Grant us the courage to follow Jesus in all we do. Amen.**

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

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also, with you!**

\*Sung Response 172

"Blest Are They" Refrain only

**Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!**

**Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 146 (pg. 507)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 785)

SERMON

“Simplicity, Hopefulness, and Compassion”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

\* HYMN 754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

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

**God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.**

*-from the Confession of 1967*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

\*Sung Response 655

“What Shall I Render to the Lord” verses 1 and 4

**What shall I render to the Lord; what shall my offering be,  
For all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?**

**Within God’s house, the house of prayer, my soul shall bless the Lord,  
And praises to God’s holy name let all the saints accord.**

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. Amen**

\*COMMUNION HYMN 512

“The Bread and the Wine Are Here”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S TABLE

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.**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer; beside the sinner;  
among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

Remembering his love for us  
on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**(Sung Response 553)**

**Christ has died: Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within the meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Jesus Christ, by your Spirit,  
in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup  
Prayer after communion

\*HYMN 172

“Blest Are They” Verse 1, Refrain; Verses 2 and 3, Refrain; Verses 4 and 5, Refrain

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand, if able

Worship Leader: Carol McFadden

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Flowers are given this morning in loving memory of Bob Cope from Ella Louise Conner

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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 22, 2023: 37

**STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

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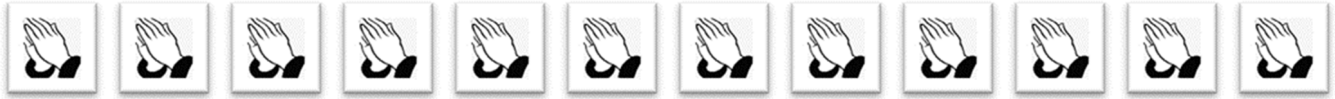
**CALENDAR JANUARY 2023**

<p><b>01/29) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>  10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person &amp; live-streamed on Facebook</p> <p>After Worship service: Christian Education: What are LGBTQ people looking for from a church (What does it mean to be an LGBTQ ally church)?  Discussion by Kim Welter</p>	<p><b>01/30) Monday</b>  7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH</p>	<p><b>01/31) Tuesday</b>  AA meeting</p>	<p><b>02/01) Wednesday</b>  9:30am Quilters 111  1:00pm Staff meeting  7:30pm PNC meeting  7:30pm NA meeting</p>
<p><b>02/02) Thursday</b>  7:15pm Chancel Choir  7:30pm GA: Rm 111</p>	<p><b>02/05) Sunday</b>  10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person &amp; live-streamed on Facebook</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 Louise 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	Daughter, Caitlin, is scheduled for surgery in February for a torn meniscus
	Cynthia McKay who is recovering from eye surgery
	Lisa Faulkner who has serious medical issues
Merri Bame	Mom, Sue Bame, moved into Memory Care Facility
Norma Kibbey	Daughter-in-law Cheryl Kibbey is recovering from back surgery
	Bill & Katy Frase continued health concerns
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
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, Tom Neff
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's disease
Jim & Kathie Bailey	Nephew, Jim Treadway has been placed in hospice
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

## 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](mailto:dukeandcomet@aol.com) ~ 614-352-3908, or Kim Welter, [kwelter.2010@gmail.com](mailto:kwelter.2010@gmail.com) ~ 419-410-0156, to be a part of this very special ministry.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HOME BOUND COMMUNION**

On Sunday, February 5, 2023, we will be arranging to take communion to our home bound members. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this. Two people will team up to go to the homes of our home bound members to serve communion and visit with them. If this is something you haven't tried before, please consider going out in this very safe environment and trying something new. If you are a beginner at this, you will be paired with an experienced server. The visits will take about 2 hours of your time. Those who do it regularly find they are blessed more than they bless! As before, we will provide copies of the day's scripture reading and a brief synopsis of the sermon to be used in this extended communion service. These will be inserted into the full "Extended Communion Liturgy" so that you have an entire script for the visit. Of course, you may choose to use the liturgy as a guide, saying your own prayers and paraphrasing other parts. Please contact Kim Welter, kwelter.2010@gmail.com ~ (419)-410-0156, to be a part of this very special ministry.

### **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".

### **ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION**

After the worship service on February 12, the congregation will meet to elect new officials and receive the new budget.

### **BOULEVARD'S BELL CHOIR**

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

### **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.