



You are the light of the world; let your light shine before people.

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Service of Worship

January 8, 2023

PRELUDE

“Away in a Manger”

Arr. by Jantz Black

Chancel Choir with Diane Cattran – flute, and Mike Eberle – violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine: for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

All: We come here, following a star, seeking a miracle.

Leader: You will see and be radiant,
your heart shall thrill and rejoice

**All: for here we find a prophecy fulfilled,
and a mystery revealed!**

*HYMN 152

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Even when God’s light gives us a clear path to follow, we find ourselves wandering in the wilderness. But we do not need to hide from the light; we can come before God with every part of our lives. Let us offer our confession before God and one another.

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 turn away from those who need us. Too often we have bent 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 SHARING GOD’S PEACE

We celebrate God’s steadfast love – no matter what we do, no matter what we neglect to do, your 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 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High” refrain only

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:13-23 (pg. 784)

SERMON

“Beyond Stars and White Gifts”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE WHITE GIFTS

Offertory

Chancel Choir

“One Bright Star”

Mary Kay Beall and Lloyd Larson

One bright star in the midnight sky, one mother singing a lullaby,
One new child in a manger stall, and one bright star over all.
One young lamb sleeping unaware, one shepherd praying a simple prayer,
One bright angel in silver gown, and one bright star beaming down.
Come and kneel in this quiet place; come and gaze on His lovely face;
Come and offer the gift you bring: one heart seeking the promised King.
One song ringing with hope and joy, one world awaiting this tiny boy,
One night sweetened by God’s great love, and one bright star up above.
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord...

*Sung Response 150

“As with Gladness Men of Old” verse 3

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
So, may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

Prayer of Dedication

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 112

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Communion

Music During Communion

“Wexford Carol”

Arr. By Vicki Collinsworth

When you come forward for communion, you are invited to take a star gift from one of the baskets in the side aisle. A star gift is simply a paper star with a word printed on it. You are called to explore how God might be speaking to you through this simple message throughout the coming months.

Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of this table –
precious, prayerful, and touching – like gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Lead us forth by your light to share the gifts of your grace
with all people everywhere, giving glory, honor, and praise
to Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*HYMN 135

“There’s a Star in the East”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Today we will dedicate our White Gifts of personal care items – toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors, bars of soap, and toilet paper. If you missed this opportunity to help, we collect these items on the 4th Sunday of every month. These personal care items are taken to the NNEMAP food pantry to assist their clients with this critical need.

Worship Leader: Kyme Rennick

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Flowers are given in loving memory of "Ruth Smith" from Jane & David 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 Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022: 75

Attendance for January 1, 2023: 32

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

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CALENDAR JANUARY 2023

01/08) Sunday Epiphany of the Lord 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook Intergenerational Sunday	01/09) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH
01/10) Tuesday AA meeting	01/11) Wednesday 1:00pm Staff meeting 7:30pm PNC meeting 7:30pm NA meeting
01/12) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111	01/13) Friday Schmidt/Gilbert Wedding Rehearsal
01/14) Saturday Schmidt/Gilbert Wedding	01/15) Sunday 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook Christian Education Offerings: Speaker from Freedom a la Cart.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

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

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

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. 8, 18, 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).

MEET FREEDOM A LA CART ON JANUARY 15

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*

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 8	Intergenerational: Kings, Starlight, and Christian Hope in New Year	
January 15	Speaker from Freedom a la Cart	
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!