



Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. - Martin Luther King Jr.

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Service of Worship

February 12, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to spread God's love in the world.

By God's grace, we are salt.

By God's grace, we are light.

By God's grace, God transforms us and uses us.

Let us give thanks and praise for God's gifts.

*HYMN 377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In worship, everyone is welcome as they are. We can be honest with God and with our selves about the ways that we fail so that we can hear the good news anew.

Time for silent confession

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose inaction. We choose excuses.

Forgive us for rejecting the identity you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. Amen.

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

Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect. God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

In Jesus Christ we are loved and forgiven!

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you!

*Sung Response 448

"Peace of God Be with You"

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.

Salaam, salaam.

Peace of God be with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

O God, what the world says and what you say are often at odds. Set before us now your truth as we hear your Word and as we respond in faithful trust. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:1-9a (pg. 600)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:13-20 (pg. 786)

SERMON

“Be Salt! Be Light!”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

*HYMN

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

Words and Music by Marty Haugen

Leader: You are salt for the earth, O people:

All: Salt for the Kingdom of God!

Leader: Share the flavor of life, O people:

All: Life for the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!**

Leader: You are a light on the hill, O people:

All: Light for the City of God!

Leader: Shine so holy and bright, O people:

All: Shine for the Kingdom of God! (Refrain)

Leader: You are a seed of the Word, O people:

All: Bring forth the Kingdom of God!

Leader: Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,

All: grow in the Kingdom of God! (refrain)

Leader: We are a blest and a pilgrim people:

All: Bound for the Kingdom of God!

Leader: Love our journey and love our homeland:

All: Love is the Kingdom of God! (refrain)

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

We believe in God, the nurturer of all humanity, who creates and sustains the universe by infinite power and redeeming love. We believe in Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, the Lord of life. Because of his words and works, his way with others, his use of suffering, his conquest of death, we know what life ought to be and what God is like. We believe that the Spirit of God is present with us now and always, and can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the Word and sacraments, in the fellowship of the church, and in all we do.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

*Sung Response 658

“God Is So Good” vs. 1

**God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; God’s so good to me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 515

“I Come with Joy”

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

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.

Communion
Prayer

*HYMN 853
"We Are Marching in the Light of God" (Siyahamba)
Marching...; Dancing...; Praying...; Singing...

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Please stand, if able

After the worship service stay for the annual congregation meeting to elect new officials and receive the new budget.

Worship Leader: Merri Bame

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Flowers for this mornings service are given in loving memory of Jim Treadway from Jim, and Kathie Bailey

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Elder of the Month: Mac Swinford

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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 Nursey for the second hour. To volunteer, please contact Sue Harvey (614-216-5884). Thank you for caring for our most precious members.

Attendance for February 5, 2023: 68

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu

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CALENDAR JANUARY 2023

02/12) 6th Sunday after Epiphany

10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook

The youth at our church will be at the doors to the sanctuary bearing soup pots to accept your donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring

After the worship service the congregation will meet to elect new officials and receive the new budget

11:15am (Lent for children) After the worship service, join us on the 3rd floor for the Follow Me program “Love God, Neighbor, Enemy” led by Stefanie Osborne and Jill Hooley. (PLEASE NOTE: February 12th, lesson will be led by Martha Hills)

11:15am (Lent for adults and older youth) Join Kyme Rennick in the Chapel for Adam Hamilton’s “24 Hours That Changed the World”.

02/13) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH	02/14) Tuesday AA meeting HAPPY VALETINES DAY	02/15) Wednesday 1:00pm Staff meeting 7:00pm Bell Rehearsal 7:30pm PNC meeting 7:30pm NA meeting	02/16) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111
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02/19) Sunday 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook
11:15am Lent for children, older youth, and adults classes.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Date	Member:	Date	Member:	Date	Member:
2/2	Tim Harvey	2/12	Katie Schmidt	2/16	Regina Lukich
2/5	Kevin Hicks	2/13	Dan Hooley	2/17	Carol Agler
2/7	Ann Mattiaccy	2/13	Sarah Murdick	2/25	Harold Cheyney
2/8	Michael Frase	2/13	Judy Pierce	2/26	Marlin Cheyney
2/10	Beth Snider	2/14	Stephanie Nelson	2/28	Merri Bame
2/11	Lana Williamson	2/15	Ron Nines	2/29	Enoch Osborne

Birthday Blessings to all!



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
Jim & Kathie Bailey	Nephew, Jim Treadway passed away 2/08. Please keep family and friends in prayer
Pat Nicholson	Deanna Nicholson has had a recurrence of cancer and will have surgery on the roof of her mouth on March 2.
Sandy Ferguson	Daughter, will be having surgery for her knee
	Paul McCalla, entered hospice care Friday February 10, 2023
Melissa Schmidt	Dear Friend Jan had a stroke.
	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
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

FINANCIAL OFFICER

Please welcome Yang (pronounced Yawn) Wu, who started as Boulevard's Finance Officer on Thursday, February 9th. She is a student at Columbus State Community College studying accounting. She will be working in the office all day every Monday and Thursday. Yang is eager to get accounting experience as she works on her degree. If you are in the office while she is there, please be sure to say hello.

LENT FOR CHILDREN:

After the worship service, join us for the Follow Me program "Love God, Neighbor, Enemy" led by Stefanie Osborne and Jill Hooley (3rd floor at 11:15) (February 12th will be led by Martha Hills)

February 12	- Love Extravagantly	March 5	- Wash Another's Feet
February 19	- Serve a Stranger	March 12	- Be Courageous
February 26	- Show Mercy	March 19	- Live Peaceably

LENT FOR ADULTS AND OLDER YOUTH

Join Kyme Rennick for Adam Hamilton's 24 Hours That Changed the World. The book is worth buying, but not necessary for the class and used books can be purchased on-line. You can attend all 7 weeks or come as your schedule permits. Kyme will also share her personal experience of visiting the Holy Lands in 2010. Thanks to Kyme for agreeing to lead this series. (Chapel at 11:15). Going forward the adult/older youth classes held in the chapel will have the benefit of a portable speaker so the presenter can easily be heard

February 12	- The Last Supper	March 5	- Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate
February 19	- The Garden of Gethsemane	March 12	- The Torture and Humiliation of the King
February 26	- Condemned by the Righteous	March 19	- The Crucifixion
		March 26	- Christ the Victor

BEAN SOUP PROJECT:

Many thanks to all who helped with our beloved Bean Soup Project This year, we made 125 kits that will be donated to NNEMAP Food Pantry. We also sampled some of the final product and the verdict was that not only is this nutritious, it is absolutely delicious!

Here is the recipe, if you would like to make it at home:

Ingredients:

- Bean Mixture: 1/2 cup of each of green split peas, black beans, great northern beans, and pinto beans**
- Spice Mixture: 1 Tbsp dried bouillon, 1 Tbsp dried onion flakes, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp basil, 1/2 tsp cumin, 1/2 tsp black pepper**
- 1 can diced or stewed tomatoes**

Rinse the bean mixture and remove any stones, etc. Put the bean mixture into a soup pot and add 9 cups of water. Bring to a rolling boil, allow to cook for 3 minutes, and turn heat off. Allow beans to soak and soften for 1 hour.

Add the spice mixture to the soup pot. Add another five cups of water. Bring to a low boil and cook for an additional 1.5 - 2 hours, or until the beans are tender, stirring occasionally. More water may be added as necessary, as some will evaporate off during this period of time. Add the can of tomatoes, including liquid. Simmer for an additional 15 minutes. Soup may be eaten right away or saved until the next day! The batch that we sampled today was made last night. I think that the soup thickened some and the flavors developed during its overnight rest.

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS MUSICAL “THE ADDAMS FAMILY”- March 4th

Intergenerational outing to attend the Grandview Heights musical THE ADDAMS FAMILY with dinner prior to the performance. Saturday, March 4th- 7:30 PM (still working on dinner arrangements so we will meet at 5:30 or 6:00 pm) It's at the GHHS Auditorium. Although the tickets are not on-line to purchase as of this writing, the musicals typically fill the auditorium and it will be held in the newly renovated auditorium. It is important to let me know if you want to attend on or before February 16. The theatre fund will cover the cost of the tickets and dinner for our youth and one friend per youth. If you do not drive at night and would like to attend, I can make arrangements for transportation. Please contact Charmaine Hamilton at 614-579-0622 or charmainehamilton@hotmail.com if you have questions.

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.

DONATE FLOWERS TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

The flower shop where we order our arrangements for Sunday Worship Service has raised our price from \$35.00 to \$50.00 as of March 2023. 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. You can also donate anonymously and flowers will be ordered for Sundays that have not been designated. February's arrangement cost will still be \$35.00.