



“How we see God is a direct reflection of how we see ourselves. If God brings to mind mostly fear and blame, it means there is too much fear and blame welled inside us. If we see God as full of love and compassion, so are we.” -Elif Shafak

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

Service of Worship

March 12, 2023

PRELUDE Chancel Choir

“Order My Steps”

Glenn Burleigh; Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord, lead me guide me, every day.

Send your anointing, Father, I pray.

Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in your Word.

Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will, while You are working, help me be still.

Tho’ Satan is busy, God is real!

Order my steps in your Word, please order my steps in your Word.

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.

Please order my steps, Lord, and I’ll do your blessed will.

The world is everchanging, but You are still the same.

If You order my steps, I’ll praise your name.

Order my steps in your Word, order my tongue in your Word;

Guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart in your Word.

Show me how to walk in your Word, show me how to talk in Your Word.

When I need a brand-new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring, in your Word...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into God’s presence with thanksgiving!

People: Let us sing to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Even in the deserts of our lives,

People: God is among us.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*HYMN 226

“There in God’s Garden” verses 1-4

***OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**

Kyrie 444

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” vs. 1

**“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God does not wait for us to be righteous, or pure, or perfect. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. We do not have to hide our sin from God, but can face it with Jesus, who heals us, teaches us, and leads us to new life.

Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort.

Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us. Amen.

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

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love and forgiveness has been poured into our hearts.

Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you!

***Sung Response 444**

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” vs. 4

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5:1-11 (pg. 917)

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 17:1-7 (pg. 56)

SERMON

“Thirsting for God”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

***HYMN 475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. (adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith)

OFFERING

Offertory

Chancel Choir

“Slow Me Down, Lord”

Ourada; Arranged by John F. Wilson

Slow me down, Lord, I'm a-goin' too fast, can't see my brother when he's walkin' past.

I miss a lot of good things day by day. Can't see a blessing when it comes my way.

Slow me down, Lord, so I can see all of the things that are good for me.

A little less of me and a little more of you, a little less of me and a little more of you.

Slow me down, Lord, so I can do all of the things that you want me to,

And live within your joy and love day by day and offer it to everyone who comes my way.

Slow me down, Lord, so I can talk with some of your angels,

Slow me down to a walk.

*Sung Response 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” vs. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*HYMN 428

“Before I Take the Body of My Lord” verses 1 and 5

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

Song During Communion 227

“Jesus, Remember Me”

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

*HYMN 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

*Please stand, if able

Worship Leader: George Ells

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The flowers for this morning's service are given for the Glory of God.

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Congratulations to Sean & Alex McCormick's Son Iain and fiancée Lauren Boyd. They had a baby boy, Oliver James McCormick, born on 3/3/2023

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Elder of the Month: Jill Hooley

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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 March 5, 2023: 55

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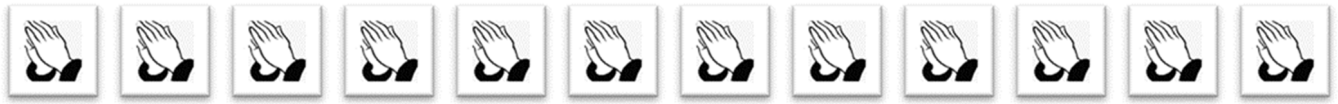
CALENDAR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

03/12) Third Sunday in Lent 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook 11:15am-Lent for children: Join us on the 3 rd floor for the Follow Me program "Love God, Neighbor, Enemy" led by Martha Hills and Jill Hooley. 11:15am-Lent for adults and older youth: Join Kyme Rennick in the Chapel for Adam Hamilton's "24 Hours That Changed the World".			
03/13) Monday 7:00pm Bells 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH	03/14) Tuesday 7:00pm AA meeting	03/15) Wednesday 9:00am Quilters 111 7:30pm NA meeting	03/16) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111
03/17) Friday	3/18 Saturday – Community Garden 12:00pm First group work day (rain date TBD if needed)		
03/19) Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook. 11:15am Lent for children (last day of program for the children) 11:15am Lent for older youth, and adults' classes (will continue until March 26).			

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Date	Member:	Date	Member:	Date	Member:	Date	Member:
3/01	Conner McCormick	3/13	Harvey Murdick	3/19	Brian Zigler	3/30	David Grimm
3/02	Pat Rieve	3/13	William Murdick	3/20	Bill Bell		
3/05	Hollie Briggs	3/14	Mac Swinford	3/21	Tim Rennick		
3/05	Charlotte Ferris	3/14	Sean McCormick	3/24	Mikie Bowles		
3/06	Emina Osborne	3/17	Charlotte O'Neil	3/26	Emmy Williamson		
3/09	Virginia Achtermann	3/18	Kathy Chaffin	3/26	Travis Williamson		
3/10	Steve Hills	3/18	Carolyn Williams	3/27	Marlo Davis		

Birthday Blessings to all!



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Sandy Ferguson, Recurrence of Sarcoma- treatment to begin 3/15
	Michael Hamilton, has pneumonia
Jody Huggins	Daughter-in-law, Pam, who is recovering from back surgery.
Mac & Jane	Friend Susan, had back surgery 3/6
	Ella Louise Conner, had surgery on her hand, Friday March 3.
	Linda Wilton, injured her hip
	Lisa Faulkner recent hip surgery
	Ken & Judy Pierce's daughter, Teri, will not need chemo, keep in prayer as she moves forward.
Leah Hanesworth	Cousin, John Long, is in kidney failure
Melissa & Michael Schmidt	Son-in-law, Ian Gilbert, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma
Sally Neff	Son, Tom Neff, has been moved to Ohio Rehab Hospital.
Pat Nicholson	Deanna Nicholson had surgery Friday, March 2, 2023
Melissa Schmidt	Dear Friend Jan had a stroke.
Merri Bame	Mom, Sue Bame, moved into Memory Care Facility
	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
Leah Hanesworth	Friend, Molly Hughes, 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	Betty Sikking	Home
Norma Kibbey	Westminster-Thurber – Assisted Living		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

LENT FOR CHILDREN:

After the worship service, join us for the Follow Me program "Love God, Neighbor, Enemy" led by Martha Hills and Jill Hooley (3rd floor at 11:15) Live Peaceably- will be the last class

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

March 19	The Crucifixion	March 26	Christ the Victor
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COMMUNITY GARDEN

With warmer ground temperatures comes the annual return of Boulevard's Community Gardens, where we grow produce in the six raised garden beds on Boulevard's lawn to support local food pantries. We need people to volunteer to steward one of the beds. People can either care for a bed as an individual, as a family, or as a team. Those who steward a bed can plant anything they desire, but the maintenance of that bed will be their responsibility and the majority of any resulting produce shall be donated to NNEMAP or NSI. Our first group work day will be Saturday March 18th at 12pm (rain date TBD if needed). We will be preparing the beds and planting the cool weather crop for Spring. Hot chocolate will be provided. All are welcome, even if you are not committing to maintaining a bed! If interested, please contact the Boulevard office or Alaina Engdahl at aengdahl91@gmail.com.

CAN TABS DONATION

Linda Mahoney just delivered another 8.5 pounds of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. There were rumors that McDonald's had quit accepting the tabs. Which was not true. They appreciated it. Please continue to bring in your tabs.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The Faith Development Committee will be sending college care packages again. Please consider writing a note (words of encouragement, Bible verse, prayer, poem, information about yourself) to our young adults. We all enjoy receiving mail, especially from our church community. A box is located in the lounge for notes and any type of goodies you would like to donate. Postcards will also be located near the box for your use. **Deadline for collections is Palm Sunday, April 2.**

Boulevard's College Students

Grant Culbertson	Conner McCormick	Katie Schmidt
Ian Gilbert	Ashley Rozinski (long tie VBS Volunteer)	Kit Stephen

Please let us know if we missed anyone. Blessings to all of God's children. Faith Development Committee Alaina Engdahl, Charmaine Hamilton, and Jill Hooley.

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

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. Sanctuary flowers are \$50.00