



“Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don’t see”

Hebrews 11:1

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

Service of Worship

March 5, 2023

PRELUDE

New Britain (Amazing Grace)

Philip Gehring

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There are so many things that we do not understand,
so many mysteries in this life of faith.

But some things are certain.

We do know:

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
God is our keeper and our shade.**

Leader: Let us lift our eyes to God.

*HYMN 45

“I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes”

*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

Our help does truly come from God. This help is not just for the times when trouble befalls us, or when our lives are hard, but when we are the ones who are to blame, when we face the consequences of our own actions. Knowing that, we turn to God for help, trusting in God’s unending grace.

Teacher, you call us to go, following the way that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know; we trust in what we can see and touch; and we make excuses for our failure to trust in you.

Call to us again, that we may be transformed again through your Spirit. Help us to believe, and give us the abundant life we can find in you. Amen

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

God did not send his son Jesus into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the good news! 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: Psalm 121 (pg. 498)

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-17 (pg. 863)

Ephesians 2:4-10 (pg. 950)

SERMON

"Living in the Mystery of Grace and Faith"

Rev. Charlotte O'Neil

***HYMN 649**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

Offertory

***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.

***COMMUNION HYMN 490**

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

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

Christ has died, Christ has 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup
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.**

Prayer After Communion

*HYMN 215
"What Wondrous Love Is This"

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE
"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

Christopher Vehlein

Worship Leader: Merri Bame
 The flowers for this morning's service are given for the Glory of God.

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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 February 26, 2023: 54

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Charlotte O'Neil
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CALENDAR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

<p>03/05) Second Sunday in Lent 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook 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 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".</p>			
<p>03/06) Monday 7:00pm Bells 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH</p>	<p>03/07) Tuesday 7:00pm AA meeting</p>	<p>03/08) Wednesday 9:00am Quilters 111 7:30pm NA meeting</p>	<p>03/09) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111</p>
<p>03/10) Friday</p>	<p>03/12) Sunday 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook. 11:15am Lent for children, older youth, and adults' classes.</p>		

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

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

Birthday Blessings to all!



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Ella Louise had surgery on her hand, Friday March 3.
	Linda Wilton, injured her hip
	Lisa Faulkner recent hip surgery
	Ken and Judy Pierce's daughter, Teri, health concern
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, is at Riverside 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, 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	Betty Sikking	Home
Norma Kibbey	Westminster-Thurber – Assisted Living		

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

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)

March 12	- Be Courageous	March 19	- Live Peaceably
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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 12	The Torture and Humiliation of the King	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 10AM (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.

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