



“Empires and empire-dependent churches feel a strong impulse to maintain the status-quo. After all, the status quo is the circumstance that has them in ascendance. Empires maintain the status quo by exerting their will upon (their) subjects.... Churches maintain the status quo by asserting that they are the final possessors and arbiters of truth.”

The Pilgrims Compass, Paul Lang

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

July 2, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The earth is God's,

and all who dwell in it.

God is ruler over the nations.

God sits on God's holy throne.

God governs by God's might forever.

God's eyes keep watch on the nations.

Let all the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for God judges the peoples with equity

and guides all nations upon the earth.

Holy God, be gracious to us and bless us,

and make your face to shine upon us.

May your ways be known upon the earth,

and your saving power among all people.

***HYMN 340**

“This Is My Song” verses 1 and 2

***OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you govern all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a people and a nation. Tune our hearts to see and love your call to justice and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent confession

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

Friends, trust and believe in the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you!

*Sung Response 482

"We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mac Swinford

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: I Samuel 8:10-22 (pg. 219)

SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:1-5 (pg. 923)

SERMON

"God and the United States"

Rev. Rick Nutt

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA, Chp 7(5)

The church exists within political communities.

Throughout its history the church has struggled to be faithful to God in political situations: under persecution, or as an established arm of the state, or in separation from it.

God rules over both political and religious institutions.

We must confuse neither with the kingdom of God.

We must not equate the Christian faith with any nation's way of life or with opposition to the ideologies of other nations.

We hold that Christians should be law-abiding citizens unless the state commands them to disobey God, or claims authority that belongs only to God.

We must not allow governments to impose Christian faith by legislation, nor should we demand undue advantages for the church.

The church must be free to speak to civil authorities, neither claiming expert knowledge it does not have, nor remaining silent when God's Word is clear.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

*Sung Response 658

"God Is So Good"

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good: God's so good to me!

Prayer of Dedication

Giving God, we return to you the fruits of the earth and the fruits of our labor that they may be used for the repair of the world. Bless these gifts, those who give them, and those who will receive them. May our whole lives be an offering to you. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN 509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

... With heavenly choirs and with the faithful of every time and place, we sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

. . .

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. . .

Communion of the People

Music During Communion 520

"Taste and See" refrain only

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord. (repeat)

Prayer After Communion

*HYMN 756

"O God of Every Nation"

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

*Please stand, if able

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

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Worship Leader: George Ells

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Elder of the Month: George Ells

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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.

Worship Service Attendance: June 25, 2023 107

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CALENDAR JULY 2023

07/02) Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.			
07/03) Monday 7:00pm Boy Scouts	07/04) Tuesday <b style="color: red;">4TH OF JULY <b style="color: red;">OFFICE CLOSED	07/05) Wednesday 9:00am Quilters 7:30pm NA Meeting	07/06) Thursday 7:30pm GA: Rm 111
07/07) Friday	07/08) Saturday		
07/09) Sunday 10:00am Worship 2:00 – 4:00pm- Eagle Scout in Chapel/Lounge 5:30-8:pm Vacation Bible Study (thru July 12 th)			



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Date	Member:	Date	Member:
07/03	Tom Hayes	07/15	Traci Lobao
07/03	Norma Kibbey	07/15	Jody Huggins
07/06	Jim Parks	07/17	Marty Kuhn
07/07	Grant Stephens	07/20	Sandy Ferguson
07/08	Paula Frank	07/20	Lisa Faulkner
07/09	Mary Ebert	07/21	Donald Kizer
07/10	Matt Frank	07/23	Richard Williams
07/10	Catalina Hunt	07/24	Elise Hooley
07/11	Debbie Bell	07/26	Grant Culbertson
07/11	Carol Williams	07/26	Michael Schmidt
07/11	Ian Gilbert	07/28	Sandy Zigler
07/14	Larry Schmitz	07/29	Jack Williamson
07/14	Kim Welter	07/31	Norman Knapp

Birthday Blessings to all!

(Please let Jeanette know if there are any birthdays missing)



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
Sally Neff	Daughter, Debbie Frost, had surgery, June 7 th .
The Zigler Family	Daughter Lindsay's father in law, Tony passed away. They ask for strength for the family during this time.
	Sandy Ferguson, Recurrence of Sarcoma- treatment began 3/15
Sandy Ferguson	Daughter, Caitlin, recuperating from ACL knee surgery-Started PT and is improving
Melissa & Michael Schmidt	Michael's sister, Caroline's cancer has returned.
Kathie Bailey	Brother, Mike, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
Jody Huggins	Daughter-in-law, Pam, who is recovering from back surgery.
	Ken & Judy Pierce's daughter, Teri, is scheduled for surgery in July
Leah Hanesworth	John Long is progressing well.
	Ian Gilbert, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma
	Bill & Katy Frase continued health concerns
Tim & Sue Harvey	Dear Friend, Walt, recently diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer
Tim & Sue Harvey	Dearest friend's daughter Devon has breast cancer
Charmaine Hamilton	Fred Heald, friend, recuperating from surgery
Leah Hanesworth	Friend, Molly Hughes, has an aggressive form of breast cancer. Also pray for Molly's mother, Bridget & Family
Charmaine & Mike Hamilton	Granddaughter, Amelia Hamilton, who has Friedreich's Ataxia
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 Beaber	Willow Brook	Brita Knapp	home
Tom Hayes	The Forum-Assisted Living	Betty Sikking	Home
Norma Kibbey	Westminster-Thurber – Assisted Living	Jim Parks	Sanctuary at Tuttle Crossing rm 213

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REV. TIFFANY

On Sunday, June 25, 2023 Rev. Tiffany Komasa terms of call were approved by congregational vote. She will be Boulevard new Reverend beginning August 1, 2023. Praise be to God and welcome Rev. Tiffany.

GRANDVIEW HOP

It was a big success on Saturday, June 24. Boulevard had a booth at the Hop that had many visitors. You can see the colorful community art project in the lounge. We also gave out dog treats, candy, trinkets and information about the preschool and VBS. We even had a surprise visit from Pastor Tiffany! Thanks to our wonderful volunteers Martha and Steve Hills, Carol McFadden, Diane Cattran, LaMar Zigler, Kim Welter, Allyson Engdahl, Bill Bell and Charmaine Hamilton. Mikey and Melissa from the preschool were there too. The next Hop is July 29. Please consider volunteering your time. It's fun!~Jan Plas

NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER

"A Taste of German Village and The Brewery District" will be held on Saturday, July 15th from 1-4 on the lawn of Grange Insurance on South High and Frankfort. This event has 16 local restaurants from German Village and the Brewery District tabling samples of their food. It is a wonderful culinary experience in one place. Tickets are \$100 supporting NNEMAP Food Pantry and can be purchased at Eventbrite.com (type in nnemap in the search box). This link should take you there: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-taste-of-german-village-the-brewery-district-tickets-642206074657>

SUMMER MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

During the months of June, July, and August, the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir take a break, and it's time for others to step up and help with Sunday worship by sharing their musical gifts. Please consider volunteering for a Sunday or two to sing or play your instrument(s) during the service.

Contact Mary Ann Stephens to schedule a date! jstephens18@columbus.rr.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Presbytery Youth Retreat: Saturday and Sunday, November 18 – 19, 2023 Camp Akita, Logan OH. Watch for Registration Late Summer. For info contact Rev. Steve Brand - SBrand@pts.edu

COMMUNION FOR 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.200@gmail.com~419-410-0156, to be a part of this very special ministry.

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.

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