



“The earliest Christians existed as a small subset of the overall population, and they had modest expectations of their capacity to rule the empire in which they lived.... Discipleship focused on the possibility that in each and every moment a person could be present and aware of the reality of God and responsive to the demands of living in synergy with God’s will. One was to be faithful in the moment, yielding to the demands of love, and then trust that God was engaged to complete great works of transformation in the larger society.”

The Pilgrims Compass, Paul Lang

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

July 16, 2023

PRELUDE (selections from VBS 2023)

“A-risin”

Mac Swinford

“When Life Is Good, God Is God”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What mysteries there are in God’s world!

We stand in awe at the wonders of the natural world.

We look at the tiniest of seeds and wonder what will happen.

From the small seed will grow a large shrub.

Although we consider our gifts to be small and insignificant,

God will use our gifts in miraculous ways.

Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power!

*HYMN 36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess the times we failed to plant seeds of faith in the lives of others.

We confess the times our personal agendas became more important than your agenda for us.

We confess the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement.

We confess the times when our lives became so entangled with the values of the world that we ignored kingdom values.

We confess and we humbly pray that you will forgive us and turn us again in your direction. 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.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Martha Hills

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 3:1-9 (pg. 927)

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:26-32 (pg. (pg. 815)

SERMON

"We Know Not How"

Mary Gene Boteler

*HYMN 680

'Soft Rains of Spring Flow"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from* A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA, Chp 5 (4)

We believe that the Spirit helps believers grow.

The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people.

**The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe,
yet, the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus love, joy, peace,
and victories in the battle against evil.**

We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.

As long as we live we struggle with sin, but the Spirit's presence assures us

God will complete what God has begun in us.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"God Is Good All the Time"

*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

Generous God, we thank you for all your good gifts. Help us graciously to share

what you graciously give. When we keep too much for ourselves, open our hands and hearts.

May these gifts be used to spread the good seeds of love, joy, and justice. In the name of Jesus.

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.**

*HYMN 714

"God of the Fertile Field"

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE (from VBS 2023)

"Bible in My Hand"

Mac Swinford

*Please stand, if able

Rev. Mary Gene Boteler (HR) is a child of Mississippi; she has served the church both nationally and internationally during her ministry. She is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary where she serves on the Board of Trustees. She has served on numerous boards and committees, both in the church and in the community. Boteler is a contributor to Race in America published in 2021 by WJK Press. She is married to the Rev. Dr. Rick Nutt and they have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Sincere appreciation to guest preacher Mary Gene Boteler for today's Worship Service

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

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Worship Leader: Jon Stephens

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Elder of the Month: Linda Wilton

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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.

Worship Service Attendance: July 9, 2023 55

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CALENDAR JULY 2023

07/16) Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook			
07/17) 7:30pm Boy Scouts	07/18 Tuesday 7:30 AA meeting	07/19) Wednesday 9:00am Quilters 111 5:30pm-8:00pm VBS	07/20) Thursday 7:30pm GA: Rm 111
07/21) Friday 10:00am Marlin Stretch Class	07/22) Saturday		
07/23) Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Deacons meeting in Chapel 10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.			



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 , please continue to pray for her
Pat Nicholson	Daughter-in-law Deanna continues needing prayers for mouth 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:

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee wants to shine a spotlight on World Central Kitchen for the remainder of July. After a devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Jose Andres and his wife Patricia first came up with the concept of World Central Kitchen (WCK): when people are hungry, send cooks. Not tomorrow, today. WCK is oftentimes first to the frontlines providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate and community crises. World Central Kitchen builds resilient food systems with locally led solutions. To learn more about WCK and the places in the world where they have provided meals, please visit WCK.org and consider donating (Put WCK in the remarks on your check) throughout the rest of July. Any questions feel free to call me at 614-571-4757. Thanks Jane Conner.

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

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. Please indicate exactly how you would