



“I’ve Been Meaning to Ask . . . Where Do We Go From Here?”

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

August 27, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

If you come into this place with the hope of growing deeper,
with the hope of connecting, with the hope of glimpsing God,
and if all of those things take place, and your spirit is moved,
and you swear God is near, and you feel more than lucky for the gift of faith,
and then the service comes to an end, and it’s time for you to leave,
and you ask yourself, “Where do we go from here?” Then I would say to you,
Go out into the world to love and to share and to learn, but come back soon,
because this is the beginning.

This is only the beginning.

So, come on in.

Fill your cup here.

Be present here. God is here. Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN 409

“God Is Here!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Holy God, we are naturals when it comes to stalling out. We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation, in our faith, and then we stall. We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there, destined to never dig deeper or climb higher. Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter. Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top. Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building, vulnerability, and connection. Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here. With hope and honesty, we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Family of faith, we are works in progress, but we are works in progress designed, created, and claimed by God. No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start.

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

God is with me on the mountain top, and God is with me on the plateau.

I am loved, claimed, and forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sung Response 582

"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:1-35

This is the word of the Lord for which we say,
thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Where Do We Go From Here?"

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God is a conversationalist, drawing close to us and asking, "What do you need? Where does it hurt? Who do you long to be?" We see this conversational God in Jesus Christ, God's own flesh, who walked the earth speaking with the poor, the hungry, the lonely, and the outcast. Therefore, we believe that our call as people of faith is to continue this holy conversation with those who look and think like us, as well as with those who share little in common with us. We believe that through these conversations, we are able to catch a glimpse of the Kin-dom of God, so we continue the conversation in hope. Amen.

* HYMN 754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Creator God, we thank you for calling us here, to this time and this place, and for showing us that through you, our individual offerings and lives are multiplied to abundance. Take all that we now return to you and use it and us according to your will. In Jesus' name, 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 295

"Go to the World!"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand, if able



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

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Worship Leader: Melissa Schmidt

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Elder of the Month: Kevin Hicks

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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: August 27, 2023: 79

STAFF

Pastor: Tiffany Komasara

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu

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**WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL**

On Sunday, September 3, our regular 10a.m. worship service will take our “I’ve been meaning to ask...” theme deeper with an interactive worship service held in the Chapel. In place of the sermon, we will ask, listen and hold conversations in small groups prompted by questions inspired by our scriptures. What a great way to get to know each other on a deeper level and share the Lord’s Supper in a more intimate setting. ~Rev. Tiffany

**PASTOR TIFFANY OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Tiffany is available to meet with you by appointment and can most likely be found at the church Monday - Thursday between 9:30 and 3 p.m. You can reach her at [pastor@blvdchurch.org](mailto:pastor@blvdchurch.org) or (614) 596-1995 (cell/text).

## CALENDAR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2023

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                      |                                                                  |                                     |
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| <b>08/27) Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.<br>Deacons Meeting after Service                                                                                                   |                                                                      |                                                                  |                                     |
| <b>08/28) Monday</b><br>7:30pm Boy Scouts                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>08/29) Tuesday</b><br>7:00 Boulevard Book Club<br>7:30 AA meeting | <b>08/30) Wednesday</b><br>9:00am Quilters 111<br>7:00pm-9:pm NA | <b>08/31) Thursday</b><br>7:30pm GA |
| <b>09/01) Friday</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>09/02) Saturday</b>                                               |                                                                  |                                     |
| <b>09/03) Fourteen Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>10:00am In-person & live-streamed on Facebook.<br>In place of Service, come to listen and converse about inspirational scriptures and to get to know each other. This will take place in the Chapel |                                                                      |                                                                  |                                     |



### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

| Date | Member:          | Date | Member:          | Date | Member:           |
|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 8/04 | Jane Swinford    | 9/02 | Pastor Tiffany   | 9/21 | Hazel Schafer     |
| 8/05 | Alex McCormick   | 9/03 | Mike Hamilton    | 9/22 | Nicole Richardson |
| 8/08 | Gilbert Morris   | 9/03 | Brita Knapp      | 9/27 | Ian Rennick       |
| 8/11 | Seamus McCormick | 9/03 | Zachary Schmitz  | 9/16 | Ken Frick         |
| 8/16 | Jennifer Hicks   | 9/05 | Michael McKinney | 9/16 | Jan Minton-Wood   |
| 8/18 | Jon Stephens     | 9/09 | Carolyn Schmitz  | 9/20 | Rob Williams      |
| 8/20 | Lamar Zigler     | 9/10 | Garrett Fischer  |      |                   |
| 8/21 | Fred Agler       | 9/13 | Charlie Frick    |      |                   |
| 8/21 | Elias Osborne    |      |                  |      |                   |
| 8/25 | Katherine Frase  |      |                  |      |                   |
| 8/26 | Gus Hooley       |      |                  |      |                   |

*Birthday Blessings to all!*

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



## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

| Prayer asked from:        | For:                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Leah Hanesworth           | Pray for healing for Leah's neighbors and friends, Berniece (colon cancer) Jeff (pancreatic cancer), John (cancer of the mouth) |
|                           | Pray for healing for Leah's neighbor and Friend,                                                                                |
|                           | Pray for healing for our Financial officer, Yang Wu, she had surgery for her knee.                                              |
| Carol McFadden            | Please pray for Alma Harding. She's the mother of one of my coworkers. She had a brain bleed and is in ICU.                     |
|                           | Linda Mahoney. Prayers for healing                                                                                              |
|                           | Teri Pierce. Prayers for healing                                                                                                |
| Pat Nicholson             | Daughter-in-law Deanna continues needing prayers for mouth                                                                      |
|                           | Sandy Ferguson, has six more weeks of treatment. Pray for healing.                                                              |
| 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.                                                                      |
|                           | 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, will be having another surgery on August 31.                                                                |
| 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                                                                                      |
| Grace Parks               | Tim Parks, (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 |               |      |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **CHANCEL CHOIR START-UP**

Come and sing with us! After the summer break, Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, August 31 (this coming Thursday) at 7:15 in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

### **CHURCH'S FACEBOOK**

The church's formal Facebook page (called Boulevard Presbyterian Church) currently has 154 followers. The Church's Facebook Group page (called Boulevard Pres Church Group) has 206 members. Consider joining these social media pages to stay more informed about happenings and events. Thank you ~ Mac Swinford

### **BOOK CLUB IS BACK FOR OUR 6<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**

The Boulevard Book Club typically meets at the church on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7pm. The first meeting is August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to select this year's readings. Feel free to show up with selections, or come along for the ride with our expert panel! If interested in joining our e-mail list, please add your contact information to the signup sheet in the lobby. Should you have any questions please contact Casey Hoch: [caseymwbl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caseymwbl@sbcglobal.net)

### **DIAMOND HOME OF THE RENEWED YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

Make a Difference.....Change a Life: Our mission focus for the month of August is the Diamond Home of the Renewed Youth Association in Honduras. The Diamond Home, established in 1985, provides a place of learning and lodging for at-risk youth which permits them to reintegrate with their families and society. The Home is a non-profit, non-governmental organization. Many of these children have been turned out of their homes by families who could no longer support them. Once on the streets they turn to drugs and begging. The Diamond Home provides a school for these children up to 6th grade. In addition to their educational learning, the children also learn skills including caring for animals through the school's partnership with Heifer Honduras, working in a bakery, making furniture in their carpentry shop and learning plumbing, electricity, and repair skills in their maintenance shop. The children spend half a day in the classroom and the other half day in one of the skill sessions. This organization has a very limited budget and has had to limit the number of children that they can house. A substantial portion of their income comes from the sale of their work products, such as baked goods, furniture, eggs, etc. For just \$300 per month, Boulevard can fully support the food, lodging, education and training of one of these disadvantaged youth. If you would like to assist in our support of this organization, you may write a check to Boulevard and either mail it to the office or put it in the offering plate. Please note Diamond Home in the memo line. If you have any questions please contact Allyson Engdahl [erical73@yahoo.com](mailto:erical73@yahoo.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](mailto:kwelter.200@gmail.com)~419-410-0156, to be a part of this very special ministry.

**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

**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