

# "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." - Gen. 32:30

# **BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

17th Sunday after Pentecost

**Service of Worship** 

September 24th 2023

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Genesis 28:16-17)

People of God, open your eyes!

Surely the Lord is in this place!

For this is none other than the house of God, a meeting place for God and His people.

Let's worship God together.

# **CALL TO CONFESSION**

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain despite all you have done for us. Forgive us when we turn against one another, like the brothers and nations throughout the story of your people. We lay before you our judgements, comparisons and all the ways we let the world's lies cloud our vision. We confess that we judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy.

Forgive us our blindness, and help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

<sup>\*</sup>OPENING HYMN 10

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sing Glory to the Name of God"

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Psalm 145:9 and Ephesians 2:8-9)

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

# SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you! **And, also with you.** 

\*HYMN OF GLORY 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 27:1-46 (pg. 20)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

MESSAGE "Rightly Named" Pastor Tiffany Komasara

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from a Brief Statement 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. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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\*Offering Response 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.

<sup>\*</sup>MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

<sup>\*</sup>After the children's message children 4-7 years old are excused for We Wonder meeting in the small room at the back of the nursery. Children should be picked up directly after the service.

<sup>\*</sup>HYMN OF RESPONSE 434

<sup>&</sup>quot;Restore in Us, O God"

# \*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we thank you for wrestling from our grasp goods and money that can be better used in the hands of others. Accept what we have been able to offer this day with grace. Continue to give us the will to reorder our lives so that all may have enough. 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.

- \*SENDING HYMN 307
- "God of Grace and God of Glory"
- \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

# **POSTLUDE**

\*Please rise in body and spirit as you are able

Portions of today's service are based on "Order of Worship for September 24" written by Philip K. Gladden and provided for free distribution by Presbyterian Outlook © 2023.

OCTOBER 1 at 2 p.m. will be Pastor Tiffany's Service of Installation, with a reception to follow. Rev. Nancy Carle, (Pastor Tiffany's internship supervisor) and other leaders from the Presbytery and churches Tiffany has served will participate.

OCTOBER 8 our regular 10 a.m. worship service will be a Blessing of the Animals held on the lawn (weather permitting). This family-friendly format will appeal to all ages, and well-behaved fur-babies are welcome to attend! You are also encouraged to bring pictures, stuffed animals or other representations of beloved pets to be blessed and remembered.

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

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Worship Leader: Ella Louise Conner

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Elder of the Month: Ian Gilbert

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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: September 17, 2023: 68

#### **STAFF**

Pastor: Tiffany Komasara

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu (on sick leave)

# **BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# PASTOR TIFFANY OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Tiffany is available to meet with you by appointment and can most likely be found at the church Tuesday – Thursday between 9:30a.m. and 3:00p.m. You can reach her at pastor@blvdchurch.org or (614) 596-1995 (cell/text).

# **CALENDAR SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2023**

# 09/24) 17th Sunday after Pentecost

**Deacons Meeting after Service** 

10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.

Adult Education is canceled today. Please use the time after the service to enjoy socializing and building relationships! We will be back on October 1st for our second Intergenerational Sunday of the year. The theme: World Communion Sunday!

Significant Six Sunday- Collections for personal care products for NNEMAP Food Pantry

<b>09/25)</b> Monday	<b>09/26)</b> Tuesday	09/27) Wednesday	<b>09/28)</b> Thursday
6:30pm Session	7:00pm EDG Meeting	9:00am Quilters 111	7:15pm Chancel Choir
7:30pm Boy Scouts	7:00pm Book Club	6:45pm Bell Rehearsal	7:30pm GA
	7:30 AA meeting (PIZZA	7:00pm-9:pm NA	
	PARTY IN FH/111)		
<b>09/29)</b> Friday	<b>09/30)</b> Saturday		
9:30 Stretch with Marlin			

# 10/1) 18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Worship Service In-person & live-streamed on Facebook.

After Service Adult Education

2:00p.m. will be Pastor Tiffany's Service of Installation, with a reception to follow. Rev. Nancy Carle, (Pastor Tiffany's internship supervisor) and other leaders from the Presbytery and churches Tiffany has served will participate.



# **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

Date	Member:	Date	Member:	Date:	Memeber
9/02	Pastor Tiffany	9/21	Hazel Schafer	10/01	Ellen Rennick
9/03	Mike Hamilton	9/22	Nicole Richardson	10/03	Jill Hooley
9/03	Brita Knapp	9/27	lan Rennick	10/09	Cindy McKay
9/03	Zachary Schmitz			10/09	Gillian Nobel
9/05	Michael McKinney			10/13	Susan Ebert
9/09	Carolyn Schmitz			10/13	Henry Shafer
9/10	Garrett Fischer			10/15	Gabrielle Hicks
9/13	Charlie Frick			10/15	Judy McMahon
9/16	Ken Frick			10/17	Ian McCormick
9/16	Jan Minton-Wood			10/20	Kevin Frick
9/20	Rob Williams			10/31	Kathie Bailey

























# PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Liz Harzoff: Mike Eberle's wife. Prayers of strength and hope. Liz had cancer surgery on Wednesday the 20th and Prayers of gratitude that effective chemotherapy has already gotten her to this point."
	Carol Agler: Prayers for continued healing following mastectomy with reconstruction on August 22.
	Dave Grimm: medical issues. Prayers for healing.
Leah Hanesworth	Pray for healing for Leah's neighbors and friends, Berniece (colon cancer), Jeff (pancreatic cancer), and John (cancer of the mouth).
	Pray for healing for our Financial Officer, Yang Wu, following surgery on her knee.
Carol McFadden	Please pray for Alma Harding, mother of one of Carol's co-workers. 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: healing of cancer; for granddaughter Stefanie and husband Corey Sander, Corey's brain cancer has returned and is near his speech center causing complications.
	Sandy Ferguson: Prayers for healing.
Melissa and Michael Schmidt	Michael's sister: Caroline, cancer has returned.
Kathie Bailey	Brother Mike: pancreatic cancer.
	Bill and Katy Frase: continued health concerns.
Tim and Sue Harvey	Dear friend, Walt, recently diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer.
Tim and Sue Harvey	Dearest friend's daughter, Devon: breast cancer.
Charmaine Hamilton	Fred Heald, friend, will be having another surgery on August 31.
Charmaine and Mike Hamilton	Granddaughter Amelia Hamilton: has Friedreich's Ataxia.
Bonnie Grimm	Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum, has Parkinson's Disease.
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 Facility.

# 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:

# THE SIGNIFICANT SIX ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY

Personal care products are always requested by the shoppers who come to food pantries. Such items are typically in very short supply there and are not covered by food assistance programs. Please consider purchasing any of these items for donating to the NNEMAP food pantry.

Toothbrushes for adults and children	Individual bars of soap	Toilet paper
Toothpaste	Disposable Razors	Feminine hygiene products

Your donations can be dropped off in the food pantry collection box in the lounge. Thank you for meeting a critical need. If you have any questions email Marlin Cheney at mar47lin@gmail.com

#### **ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS**

Endowment applications are available in the lounge. Please submit your application to Jeanette <u>on or before</u> <u>October 1st.</u> Note Endowment applications are to be used only for new projects. Please contact Charmaine Hamilton if you have any questions. Endowment Committee Members - Susan Ebert, Charmaine Hamilton-Chair, Katie Schmidt, Larry Schmitz, LaMar Zigler.

# **BLESSING BOX**

Boulevard sponsors a Blessing Box on church property for Stevenson Elementary School. Stevenson staff and children are responsible for stocking the box. Elementary students fill the box once per week, <u>yet it is nearly empty within hours</u>. The need is much greater than imagined. Stevenson students are unable to keep it stocked and they need our help. Please do what you can to restock the box. The Blessing Box, located near the community gardens, is an outdoor cabinet that allows for people to anonymously donate items to bless others in need. These items can include: non-perishable food items, basic toiletries, baby supplies, or pet food. Mac Swinford: macswiford@gmail.com

# **EDA GROUP – EATING DISORDERS ANONYMOUS**

EDA Group will be meeting at our church. It's a new 12 Step Recovery Meeting. They will be meeting every Tuesday from 6:30 – 7:30 in the church lounge area. From the EDA group: Is the amount of time or energy you spend thinking about food and/or body image affecting your ability to be happy, joyous and free? Whatever your problem when it comes to food or body image...Whatever ever your body size...Whatever your religion, spirituality, or lack thereof...Whatever your gender identification, race, ability, age...You are welcome here! Eating Disorders Anonymous (EDA) Steps to Freedom - 12 Step Recovery Meeting. EDA is a group of peers working together to overcome problems with eating and body image. You do not have to have been diagnosed with an eating disorder in order to attend or benefit. The only requirement for membership is a desire to recover. There are no dues or fees. EDA does not endorse any particular diet or food plan, just sound nutrition. Balance is our goal. For information about EDA visit www.4EDA.org (http://www.4eda.org/) For information about this meeting please contact us at EDAcolumbus@gmail.com or 614-915-0914

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**High School & Adult:** Please join us in the chapel for a speaker from MOVE TO PROSPER, a local organization that Boulevard is supporting this year through the Mission Committee.

**Middle School:** Please join as we use Sparkhouse's "Connect" curriculum to do a deeper dive into the Old Testament stories. This curriculum seeks to develop critical thinking skills as our youth see how these ancient stories connect with the modern world.

**Elementary School:** Please join as we use PC(USA)'s "Follow Me" curricula to learn spiritual practices that Jesus used.

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

Come and sing with us! Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed. Thursdays at 7:15p.m.

# 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.

# SAVE THE DATE!

Presbytery Youth Retreat will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 18 – 19, 2023, Camp Akita, Logan Ohio. Any middle or high school youth interested in attending please talk to Pastor Tiffany at 614-596-1995 or email her at pastor@blvdchurch.org.





Great news! The handbells have completed their trek to the Malmark factory in Bucks County PA to be refurbished. They look and sound like brand new, and are waiting for someone to come and ring them! They are seriously super-shiny. Being both percussive and melodic, handbell music has such a unique and fascinating sound. They are a joy to ring. If you are interested in making music in the bell choir with these beautifully refurbished instruments and are high school age and beyond, please contact:

Mary Ann Stephens 614-946-4941 or jstephens18@columbus.rr.com

Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 27 at 6:45.

# **COMMUNION FOR OUR HOME BOUND MEMBERS**

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Two people will team up to go to 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

# **COFFEE HOUR HOSTING NEEDED**

Looking for a way to volunteer? No long-term commitment needed! Make coffee AND / OR provide goodies on Sunday. Sign up for a single Sunday or multiple Sundays. There is 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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 @ 10AM

# PET BLESSING AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# CELEBRATE YOUR PET

You love your pet and God does too. Bring the family and your four-legged, feathered, scaled, or finned pet to be blessed by Pastor Tiffany Komasara in an informal outdoor setting on the lawn of the church. Come hear about the importance of pets in our family of faith and how they unconditionally love us every day. Remember pets that are no longer with us and are missed.

Come listen to some uplifting words about pets in our lives

Worship will engage all ages

> Come as you are, leave changed

Treats provided for pets and people

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