

"No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." – Matthew 6:24-26

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

October 29^{th,} 2023

PRELUDEPRELUDE

"Give Thanks and Lord, Be Glorified"

"O Day of Peace"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ setting, Marshall S. Barnhouse

OFFERTORY

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

setting, Sherri Hansen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 126)

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Therefore, we will love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul and with all our might.

Let us worship the God who renews us and reforms us.

*OPENING HYMN 373

"O Day of Peace"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we are a people divided. Conflict invades our homes, our schools, our nations and our communities of faith. God, our hearts are divided. We long to love and trust you, but continually fail to let go of control and surrender our lives and the belongings we think of as "ours" to your will. Forgive us, generous God, for all the ways we forsake your love and goodness...

(moment for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

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

*HYMN OF GLORY 627

"I Love You, Lord"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING "A Kingdom Divided" (based on 1 Kings 12)

MESSAGE "All In" Pastor Tiffany Komasara

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (by Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill, 2004)

We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly.

We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING OFFERTORY

*HYMN 647

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks, give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully entrust these gifts to your care and Christ's ministry. May these gifts reflect our love for our neighbors in need; blessing others as we have been blessed. 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 697
"Take My Life"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toma Mi Voluntad"

setting, Lynette Maynard

Pastor Tiffany will be away on retreat November 1-6. In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Rev. Joe Esala, Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, at (614) 440-2221

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Worship Leader: Tim Harvey

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Elder of the Month: Mac Swinford

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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: October 22, 2023: 63

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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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).

Whether you are a lifelong Presbyterian or new to the faith, you belong here! Membership is open to those who profess faith in Christ and opens the door for deeper relationships with this congregation. If you have questions about membership or wish to formalize your connection to this congregation, please contact Pastor Tiffany: pastor@blvdchurch.org.

FLOWERS (FOR SANCTUARY)

At this time, we are no longer having weekly fresh flowers in our Sanctuary. If you wish to place a special order for flowers to dedicate, please let Jeanette know in advance so that she can order them. The price will remain the same \$50.00

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. 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.

CALENDAR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023

10/29) Sunday

9:00am Worship Leader Roundtables Sanctuary

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

K-3 Martha & Carol Agler (Celebrate Communion)

Grades 4 -8 Stefanie & Jill (Middle School)

10/30) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts	10/31) Tuesday 7:00pm EDG Meeting 7:30 AA	11/1) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 111 6:45pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm-9:pm NA	11/2) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA
11/3) Friday	11/4) Saturday		

11/5) 23RD Sunday after Pentecost ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND COMMUNION

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

Christmas Community Care Packages starting their food collection.

Faith Development - Matthew 25 by Kevin Hicks

GRATITUDE Intergenerational Sunday (DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: note time change – fall back)



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member:	Date:	Member:	Date:	Member:
10/01	Ellen Rennick	10/15	Judy McMahon	11/1	Betty Sikking	11/8	Melissa Schauss
10/03	Jill Hooley	10/17	Ian McCormick	11/2	Nancy Wentzel	11/14	Mary Ann Stephens
10/09	Cindy McKay	10/20	Kevin Frick	11/3	Jordan Briggs	11/18	Jan Plas
10/09	Gillian Nobel	10/31	Kathie Bailey	11/3	Pat Nicholson	11/19	Vivian Zigler
10/13	Susan Ebert			11/3	Krissy Schafer	11/24	Beverly Schmidt
10/13	Henry Shafer			11/4	Glenn Beaber	11/30	Wyatt Schmitz
10/15	Gabrielle Hicks			11/6	Annie Frick		

Birthday Blessings to all!

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

























PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:				
	Grace Parks: Pray for healing.				
	Sandy Ferguson: Is back home. Prayers for healing.				
	Bill Gamble: Prayers for healing.				
Jane Conner	Lift a joy for the healthy birth of Miles Dyer, her grandnephew and prayers for Jane's brother Doug who is scheduled for heart surgery Nov 1.				
Shane & Jessica Sigman (our cleaning service)	Jessica's mom, Chris Ayres, is not doing well after surgery October 19. Prayers for healing.				
Kyme Rennick	Friend Eileen: Complications from cataract surgery. Prayers for healing.				
	Liz Harzoff: Mike Eberle's wife. Prayers of strength and hope.				
	Jill Hooley: Prayers for healing following surgery on October 11.				
	Katie Frase: Grandson, Ryan, (parents are David & Lisa). Home from the hospital. Prayers for healing.				
	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), and John (cancer of the mouth).				
Carol McFadden	Alma Harding: Mother of one of Carol's co-workers. After her brain bleed Alma is now in a retirement center with her family around her.				
Pat Nicholson	Prayers for Granddaughter Stephanie and husband Corey Sander. Corey's brain cancer has returned and is near his speech center causing complications.				
	Linda Mahoney: Prayers for healing.				
	Teri Pierce: Prayers for healing.				
Melissa and Michael Schmidt	Michael's sister: Caroline, cancer has returned.				
Kathie Bailey	Brother Mike: pancreatic cancer.				
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 and Michael Hamilton	Friend Fred Heald: Continued healing prayer.				
Charmaine and Mike Hamilton	Granddaughter Amelia Hamilton: has Friedreich's Ataxia.				
Bonnie Grimm	Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum, has Parkinson's Disease.				
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	Bill and Katy Frase:	Home

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES TODAY (2-person rule with all classes)

We Wonder after Pastor Tiffany's Children's Message - lesson - Esau and Jacob Both Want Their Share (leader will take children to room with windows behind the nursery)

Celebrate Communion - K-3 (3rd floor next to board room)

Connect - grades 4-8 (3rd floor small youth room)

Matthew 25 - Youth grades 9-12 and Adults (Chapel)

Opportunity to understand and ask questions to obtain a better understanding of what this means to members of Boulevard

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES

The Mission Committee announces the kick-off of the annual Community Christmas Package Project! This project provides an opportunity for us to share the love of Christ with our neighbors in need during the Holiday season. Our goal this year is to reach 300 families. Please pray for God's guidance as we undertake this mission. We will set up shifts for Friday, December 15 and Saturday, December 16 to assemble and fill boxes. If you are interested in either of those activities, there will be sign-up opportunities soon. Limited delivery opportunities are available on Saturday, December 16. (The Mission Committee changed the delivery date from Sunday to Saturday since many people receiving boxes attend church and were not home when deliveries were attempted last year.) We urge you to partner with another person to make the deliveries (which will involve about 3 to 4 houses per team.) We will begin collecting food on Sunday, November 5 according to the following schedule:

November 5 Peanut Butter and Boxed Cereal

November 12 Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit

November 19 Dried Lentils (preferably red)

November 26 Instant Potatoes

December 3 Canned Soup & Saltine Crackers

December 10 Black or Baked Beans (No Pork) or any Food Items from previous weeks

Please deliver all donations to Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations are also welcome if that is easier. Please mark your check "Christmas boxes" and place it in the offering or drop it off at the church office. Thank you so much for supporting this important ministry. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jane Swinford at swinfordjane@gmail.com.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

We will worship and remember those who passed into eternal life. If you have loved ones whose names you would like remembered in worship, please provide those names to Jeanette in the church office by October 31. You may also bring pictures of loved ones to be placed around the sanctuary before worship.

WORSHIP LEADER ROUNDTABLES

Worship Leader Roundtables will be held today and November 19 in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. All people regardless of age or ability are invited to serve as worship leaders! Please consider adding your voice to our current roster of worship leaders as we come together to get comfortable with our microphones and sound system, explore ways to make worship leadership more inclusive and think about how to engage one another during worship. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lounge if you plan to attend. Current Worship Leaders are encouraged to attend in order to help new comers and refresh your comfort level with the microphones.

ADVENT "Out of Darkness There Came a Great Light"

Advent begins December 4th, and in keeping with a years-long tradition, Boulevard would like to produce a devotional written entirely by Boulevard members and staff. A short, Advent-themed scripture will be assigned to you. Authors are encouraged to focus their writings through the lens of the Advent themes "waiting" and "out of darkness there came a great light", and ending with a short prayer. You may write solo, or as a family or group if you are more comfortable. Please contact Kyme Rennick at KWRennick.earthlink.com or 614-893-1740. Once you contact Kyme, she will provide you with a date to write for and a short scripture to inspire you.

Deadline for submissions is Monday, November 13. Please send to both Kyme and office@blvd.org to ensure the devotionals are available by the first Sunday in Advent.

12TH ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT FOR NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY

On Friday, November 17th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. the annual **Harmony for Hunger concert** benefiting NNEMAP Food Pantry will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Road in Upper Arlington featuring the Ohio State Glee Clubs, OSU Chorale, and soloists, quartets, and instrumental artists from supporting churches. This year's event is hosted by Yolanda Harris, from WBNS News. Tickets are \$25 at the door or for prepaid tickets see Marlin Cheyney.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Faith Development is coordinating an Intergenerational outing to see the fall play, Puffs: Or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic — meet for dinner at 5:00 pm at The Rail. The play starts at 7:00 pm. Grandview Heights High School Auditorium located at 1587 West Third Avenue. Admission is \$7/adults, \$5/students. Reply from the school. "At this time, I do not believe that the link to purchase tickets online has been placed on the website. I will tell you though that cash will be accepted at the door. I am copying our Theatre Director Cary Mitchell on this email. He may have better information about when a purchase link to online tickets will be available." Will provide an update when available. Last year we purchased all the tickets online, but if you decide at the last minute to attend, cash will be accepted. The seats were not reserved. Boulevard's youth may invite one guest. The youth's dinner and ticket, including their guest, will be covered by the Theater Fund. Adults are responsible for their own dinner and ticket. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge. Please reach out to Charmaine Hamilton or Stefanie Osborne if you have any questions or if you need transportation.

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 $^{\sim}$ Mac Swinford.

FALL UPDATE FOR NATIVE PLANT POLLINATOR GARDEN

We are coming to the end of our first season with the native plant pollinator garden. Most of the plants grew and bloomed, and overall our expectations were exceeded. We purposely planted some species that bloom into the fall so that there can be continuous nectaring by our pollinators. The asters, goldenrod and black- eyed Susan's continue to provide nutrition to insects, and birds are feeding on seeds of plants. In order to continue providing for the creatures of our ecosystem, some of the dried plants will be left in place until spring, and some will be cut down to about 18 inches. Native bees can use the dried hollow stems for the winter part of their life cycle. Birds can also use the garden for cover. Keep an eye on the garden as the seasons change. Winter can be so beautiful, and spring won't be far away!



Just about everyone has one. That hard-to-shop-for person. The one who really needs nothing, but you still want to find the perfect Christmas gift for them. Well, the Mission Committee is here to help you out. Give them a pig! Or a goat! Or a sheep! Give them a flock of chickens! Give them a honeybee hive! Your donation to Heifer International in their honor will not only be a blessing to the family receiving the animal but will also be a gift that exemplifies the true spirit of the Christmas season. The following is a list of the resources Heifer can provide and their cost:

Heifer \$500 Pig \$120 Water Buffalo \$250 Trees \$ 60 Llama \$150 Trio of Rabbits \$ 60 Goat \$120 Honeybee hive \$ 30 Sheep \$120 Flock of Chickens \$ 20

The Mission Committee would like to aggregate the gifts from the congregation and provide one donation from Boulevard. We will be collecting funds during the month of October. Please be sure to put Heifer in the memo line of your check. Thank you for helping show Christ's love to those in need.

Grandview Heights Cub Scout Pack 28 and Boy Scout Troop 73

- Here's an opportunity to support our Scouts. You could split a fruit with someone or provide a monetary donation. I know firsthand the leadership is amazing.
- Questions ask Charmaine and I can pick up your fruit for you.
- Grandview Heights Cub Scout Pack 28 and Boy Scout Troop 73 are selling fresh fruit from Florida. Purchase fruit via 2 ways. 1) Order between Oct 6-Oct 27 for local hand delivery by the scouts; or 2) Order between Oct 6-Dec 10 for shipped to you or someone else delivery. The fruits will be delivered between Thanksgiving and Christmas; picked, packed and shipped for ripeness. This scrumptious fruit makes a wonderful gift to family and friends. Florida Indian River Groves offers a 100% satisfaction guarantee on all their fruit. If your order does not arrive fresh and perfect or if you or your recipients are not totally satisfied, they will make it right!!! How amazing is that! Thank you for supporting the Grandview Heights Scouting Program.
- To place your order online, simply copy and paste this link below to your browser.
- shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1025108
- Thank you!

