

**“I am the vine, you are the branches.” –John 15:5**  
**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    Service of Worship in Grinstead Chapel    November 19, 2023**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 139*)

Oh God, you search us and you know us

**How we long to know ourselves, to be ourselves!**

God knows where we are, what we are doing and even what we are thinking

**How we long for authentic connection with one another**

Let us worship the God who makes us one.

OPENING HYMN 29

“O God, You Search Me”

PRAYER

Let us pray. Because God is good, and has intended us to share that goodness, we open ourselves to nothing less than transformation as together we say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

You are the Word behind all words, the calm at the core of the storm, the energy that sustains creation. You are present in the pain behind the tears, the laughter in the eyes, the yearning in the heart. All these you share, yet your gift to us is much more.

**So, open us up, Lord, we whose lives are locked, whose thoughts are well rehearsed, whose prayer is predictable.**

Open us up to depths we have not explored, truths we have avoided, paths we have not followed, beauty we have yet to admire.

**And open us up to Jesus, in whom all things are held together for God and for our Good.  
Amen.**

(Time of silent meditation and confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Ephesians 2:8-9

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.

**We are forgiven in Christ. Thanks be to God!**

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**And also, with you!**

HYMN 452

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 5:1-7 (pg. 552)

GOSPEL READING John 15:1-5 (pg. 878)

HYMN 282

"Come Down O Love Divine"

MESSAGE

"Attachment, Connection"

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

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!"**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, with Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we are reminded to give  
you thanks for the ministries of this congregation which you have entrusted us with.  
We are honored by the opportunity to be your holy body here. Bless these offerings,  
however, they are given that our efforts may be ever more worthy of your name. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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

"You Are the Vine"

Danny Daniels and Randy Rigby

**Chorus – All:**

**You are the vine, we are the branches. Keep us abiding in You.**

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Parts of today's service are from *A Wee Worship Book*, Wild Goose Resource Book/Iona Community (Glasgow, 2015).

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Worship Leader: Tim Harvey

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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 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: November 12, 2023: 58

**STAFF**

Pastor: Tiffany Komasara

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu

**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).



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.

**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.

**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 at kwelter.200@gmail.com or 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 NOVEMBER 2023

### 11/19) 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the chapel

9:00am Worship Leader Roundtable.

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

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES

**Ages 4 -7 We Wonder** attend 10 a.m. worship through the Children's Message, then meet in the window room off of the nursery.

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**ADVENT begins, Sunday, December 3 - our Advent classes will begin Sunday, November 26**

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|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>11/20) Monday</b><br>7:30pm Boy Scouts    | <b>11/21) Tuesday</b><br>7:00pm EDG Meeting<br>7:30 AA | <b>11/22) Wednesday</b><br>9:30am Quilters<br>7:00pm-9:pm NA | <b>11/23) Thursday</b><br><b>THANKSGIVING</b><br><br><b>Office Closed</b> |
| <b>11/24) Friday</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>11/25) Saturday</b>                                 |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                               |

### 11/26) Sunday Christ the King

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

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES-Advent Classes begins today.

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### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

| Date: | Member:        | Date: | Member:           |
|-------|----------------|-------|-------------------|
| 11/1  | Betty Sikking  | 11/8  | Melissa Schauss   |
| 11/2  | Nancy Wentzel  | 11/14 | Mary Ann Stephens |
| 11/3  | Jordan Briggs  | 11/18 | Jan Plas          |
| 11/3  | Pat Nicholson  | 11/19 | Vivian Zigler     |
| 11/3  | Krissy Schafer | 11/24 | Beverly Schmidt   |
| 11/4  | Glenn Beaber   | 11/30 | Wyatt Schmitz     |
| 11/6  | Annie Frick    |       |                   |



## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

| Prayer asked from:                               | For:                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  | Grace Parks: Pray for healing.                                                                                                                       |
|                                                  | Sandy Ferguson: Prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude for support.                                                                                   |
|                                                  | Jody Huggins: Sprain Knee. Prayers for healing.                                                                                                      |
| Michael and Charmaine Hamilton                   | Friend: Karla Holton medical issues and cancer. Healing Prayers.                                                                                     |
| Jeanette Gonzalez                                | Son-in-law Lehi Miranda & Family for his Brother Ammon: Pray for healing. Dealing with TBI for twenty years and not doing well.                      |
|                                                  | Bill Gamble: Prayers for healing.                                                                                                                    |
| Jane Conner                                      | Prayers for Jane's brother Doug who had heart surgery Nov 1.                                                                                         |
| Shane & Jessica Sigman<br>(our cleaning service) | Jessica's mom, Chris Ayres: 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.                                                |
|                                                  | 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. |
| 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:

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### **Next Sunday November 26**

4-weeks of Adam Hamilton's FAITHFUL: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph

Although not necessary to read the book, it is a good read and short. The book is available at some libraries. A microphone will be provided to our speakers.

Sunday, November 26 - taught by Tim Harvey

Sunday, December 3 - taught by Alaina Engdahl

Sunday, December 10 - taught by Tim Harvey

Sunday, December 17 - taught by Alaina Engdahl

No Christian Education classes will be held on December 24 and December 31. The next Intergenerational Sunday will be back on January 7, 2024.

Faith Development Committee

Charmaine Hamilton and Jill Hooley

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### CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES

Today is our third Sunday collecting food for the Community Care Packages. We are collecting dried lentils. The schedule for the remaining weeks is as follows:

November 26 - Instant Potatoes

December 3 - Canned Soup & Saltine Crackers

December 10 – Black or Baked Beans (NO Pork)

No Previous Food items from previous weeks.

Please deliver all donations to Fellowship Hall and place them on the table marked "CHRISTMAS BOX DONATIONS." Or if doing so is difficult for you, please put them in the wooden box by the mission bulletin board in the lounge and we will move them to Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please mark your check "Christmas boxes" and place it in the offering or drop it off at the church office. **The sign-up sheets for box assembly, table stockers, box fillers and delivery are in the Lounge. Please note that the boxes will be delivered Saturday, December 16.** 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](mailto:swinfordjane@gmail.com).

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## CHURCH CHAIRS



Did you know: that the chairs with arms located in the lounge were purchased in November of 1992? Thanks to Jane, Mac and Diane for bringing life back to them. Check them out in the lounge.

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## THE CAP CITY HELPING HANDS

The Cap City Helping Hands coat drive is well underway. More than 1490 coats have been distributed to Columbus City Schools. There is still time to donate coats, however. Place them in the box in the lounge labeled "CCHH coats" and I will see to it that they go wherever they are most needed. Steve Hills

## 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. 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](http://shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1025108)
- Thank you!