



LOVE MADE MANIFEST

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday of Advent III

Worship Service

December 17, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (1 John 4:13-16)

The Hicks Family

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

So, we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 110

“Love Has Come”

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Gracious God, long ago you sent Christ to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, and to proclaim liberty to the captives. You then asked us to go and do the same for we are the church of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, for we have not continued to share the good news. We have focused on our external needs and not on re-ordering our internal lives. Help us to change the way we think and act, that we may more authentically and effectively share Christ’s love with all the world. We ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

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

*HYMN OF GLORY 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High” stanzas 1 and 3

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ezra 1:1-4 (pg. 366)

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Every Valley”

John Ness Beck

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:25-32 (pg. 833)

MESSAGE

“Peace Made Manifest”

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

A Hymn for Chancel Choir and Congregation

Donald Busarow

Verse 1 – Choir and Congregation

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.**

Verse 2 – Choir only

Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

Verse 3 – Choir only

Oh, brighter than the rising morn when he, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes.

Verse 4 – Choir only

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes and we his face shall see!

Verse 5 – Choir and Congregation

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray: Come quickly, King of kings!**

*HYMN OF THANKS

“Thank You God, For Your Creation” (Tune: Regent Square)

Stephens

**Thank you, God, for your creation; Bless, O Lord, these gifts we bring.
Thank you, God, for Christ the Savior, your own precious offering.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Bless, O Lord, these gifts we bring.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Thank you, God, for all that we have and all that we are. We take these
gifts given today and dedicate them ever and only to you. Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAYER 103

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

**Come now; O Prince of Peace; make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people...
Come now, O God of love; make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people...
Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior. Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people...
Come, hope of unity; make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people...**

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 105

“People Look East”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Today’s liturgy is based on “Order of Worship for Second Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2023” by Tara Bulger and provided for free distribution,
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The flowers in the Sanctuary are for “Our Family” from Tom Fletcher and Diane Cattran

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Worship Leader: Tim Harvey

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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 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: December 17, 63

STAFF

Pastor: Tiffany Komasa

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).

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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](mailto:pastor@blvdchurch.org).

## THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**12/17) Sunday**

9:00am Deacon's Meeting in the Chapel

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

**FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES 11:15**

**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.

**K-3 grades** - Follow Me Curriculum, **HOPE** - meet at 11:15 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**4-8 grades - Connect** - meet at 11:15 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**Adults and grades 9-12** meet at 11:15 in the Chapel. Taught by **Alaina Engdahl**

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

**12/18) Monday**

7:30pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Session Meeting

**12/19) Tuesday**

7:00pm EDG

Meeting

7:30 AA

**12/20) Wednesday**

9:30am Quilters

6:45am NO BELLS

7:00pm-9:pm NA

**12/21) Thursday**

7:15pm Chancel Choir

**12/22) Friday**

**12/23) Saturday**

**12/24) Sunday Christmas Eve**

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

6:00pm Family Christmas Eve service and "Impromptu Pageant"

8:00pm Christmas Eve service "Lessons and Carols"



### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER

| Date: | Member:          | Date: | Member:            |
|-------|------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 12/1  | Bruce Smith      | 12/23 | Garrett Culbertson |
| 12/3  | William Frase    | 12/23 | Barbara Rine       |
| 12/4  | Linda Mahoney    | 12/24 | Liv Williamson     |
| 12/14 | M. Vincent Nobel | 12/25 | Emersyn Hicks      |
| 12/17 | Linda Wilton     | 12/27 | Carol Kizer        |
| 12/17 | W. Garret Hunt   | 12/27 | Kyme Rennick       |
| 12/17 | Sebastian Hunt   | 12/29 | Eric Engdahl       |



### PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

| Prayer asked from:             | For:                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                | Michael Hamilton: Healing Prayers as he undergoes radiation treatment for prostate cancer.                                                                                                                                 |
|                                | Kathy Chaffin: Prayers for healing.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Grace Parks                    | Cousin Julie Bottomley: Recently diagnosed with aggressive stage IV sarcoma. Brother Tim: Parkinson's disease.                                                                                                             |
|                                | Grace Parks: Pray for healing.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                | Sandy Ferguson: Prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude for support.                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                | Jody Huggins: Sprained Knee. Prayers for healing.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Michael and Charmaine Hamilton | Friend, Karla Holton: medical issues and cancer. Healing Prayers.                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                | Bill Gamble: Prayers for healing.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Jane Conner                    | Brother Doug: for healing following heart surgery Nov 1.                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                | Jill Hooley: Prayers for healing following surgery on October 11.                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                | 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 | Granddaughter Amelia Hamilton: has Friedreich's Ataxia, now transitioning into a wheelchair. Charmaine's brother, Spencer: medical concerns; Friend Fred Heald: Continued healing prayer. Recuperating from heart surgery. |
| Bonnie Grimm                   | Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum: has 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 |
|              |                           | Bill and Katy Frase: | Home |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:



### **POINSETTIA**

Poinsettia order envelopes are available in the lounge. The cost of each plant is \$15.00. You can also call the church office at 614-486-0267, dial extension 1. Please remember to write "Poinsettia" on your check. The poinsettias will serve as memorials or in honor of loved ones whose names will be printed in the worship bulletins on Sunday December 24. If you would like to purchase or donate a poinsettia, we will accept orders through Monday December 18, 2023. The poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas Eve.

### **Have More 2024 Wall Calendars than needed?**

If you have received many 2024 wall calendars and have little use for the 'extras,' the customers at the NNEMAP food pantry scoop them up in a jiffy when available. Just place any 'extra' calendars in the NNEMAP wooden box in the lounge and know that they will be greatly received. Thank you Marlin Cheyney

### **TERRY MCFADDEN**

I want to thank all who have included Terry in your prayers, sent notes to him and asked about him at church. Your loving kindness is very much appreciated. In case you don't have his address, and you want to send him a note or Christmas Card, his address is:

Terry McFadden  
A775167  
PO Box 4501  
Lima, Ohio 45802  
With a grateful heart, Carol

### **OUTDOOR LUMINARIES - December 24**

Please come help set up our outdoor luminaries or light the luminaries around the church property on Christmas Eve. At 11:00 am we'll place the luminaries along the sidewalks outside and at 5:00 pm we'll light them. The church and the luminaries always look so cheerful and inviting on Christmas Eve. Boulevard's unique triangle-lot location makes us very visible to passers-by, so come and help us shine our lights for the community! Please call Alex McCormick to volunteer. 614-747-1082

### **NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

On January 7, 2024 after the 10 a.m. worship service, a congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of electing members to the Session, Board of Deacons and Nominating committee. Additional business may include reports from the Mission Commission regarding implementing Matthew 25, and an update from the Finance Committee on our Stewardship Campaign and 2024 Budget. All interested parties should plan to stay, and active members are strongly encouraged to attend and vote.



### **WHITE GIFTS**

On Christmas Eve 6pm service and Epiphany Sunday, January 7th, you are invited to bring white tissue wrapped gifts of personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, razors, feminine hygiene products, or bath tissue rolls), and lay them in front of Boulevard's Christmas tree. It will make a great pile of snowy gifts. Personal care items are always requested by the customers of food pantries and are typically in short supply there.

All donations will be taken to the NNEMAP food pantry in January. This will assist the pantry meet a critical need for the start of the new year. If you have any question please email Marlin Cheney: [cheyneyh@gmail.com](mailto:cheyneyh@gmail.com)



### **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](mailto: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.