



**LOVE MADE MANIFEST**  
**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Grinstead Chapel

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**10 a.m. Worship Service**

**December 24, 2023**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (1 John 4:17-18)

The Osborne Family

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.**

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

**We love because he first loved us.**

\*OPENING HYMN 88

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” stanzas 1 - 4

\*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

**Gracious God, we anticipate the birth of our newborn savior. Yet we are depressed by the suffering and despair of our world. Our hearts grow hard with hopelessness. How does a cynical, weary world rejoice? We question your power and doubt our faith. Emmanuel - God with us - help us resist the overwhelming forces that drag us down. Lift our spirits so we can experience your transcendent presence and incarnate grace. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is love, and perfect love casts out all fear. In God’s love, we are perfected. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

\*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

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

\*HYMN OF GLORY 88

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” stanza 5

**O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7 (pg. 555)

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20 (pg. 832)

MESSAGE

“Pondering Joy”

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 100

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“All Is Well”

by Michael W. Smith

Sarah Murdick

\*HYMN OF THANKS 88

“Come, O Come Emmanuel” stanzas 6 and 7

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, accept these gifts in grateful response for your generosity. May these gifts bring joy to those most in need of Christ’s mission and ministry. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAYER 654

“In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

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 127

“Hark the Herald Angels/Jesus the Light of the World”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leader: Merri Bame

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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, 68

**STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Tiffany Komasa

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

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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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@blvdchurch.org).

## THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<b>12/24) Sunday Christmas Eve</b> 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"			
<b>12/25) Monday</b> <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">MERRY CHRISTMAS</div> <div style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-style: italic;">Office closed</div>	<b>12/26) Tuesday</b> 7:00pm EDG Meeting 7:30 AA	<b>12/27) Wednesday</b> 9:30am No Quilters 6:45am NO BELLS 7:00pm-9:pm NA	<b>12/28) Thursday</b> 7:15pm No Chancel Choir
<b>12/29) Friday</b>		<b>12/30) Saturday</b>	
<b>12/31) Sunday</b> 10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.			



### 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, issues with her eyes and vision.
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.
	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: healing for Corey's brain cancer.
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; dearest friend's daughter, Devon: breast cancer.
Charmaine and Michael Hamilton	Granddaughter Amelia Hamilton: has Friedreich's Ataxia. 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
Mary Ann Stockum	Thurber- Assisted Living	Bill and Katy Frase:	Home

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:



### OUTDOOR LUMINARIES – TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

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



### 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 Chrismon 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)

### 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.

### 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 Cheney

### 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

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With a grateful heart, Carol