

LOVE MADE MANIFEST

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship Service

December 10, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (1 John 4:10-1)

The Zigler and Dray Family

In this is love

not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 102

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Eternal God, John the Baptist prepares the way by calling upon us to repent, which means to “turn,” that is, to change ourselves. Because we resist letting go of our patterned ways of thinking and living, we have failed to share as we should. Because we focus too much on changing and fixing others, we have failed to honor the poor and the oppressed. Because we deny others and ourselves the compassion you bestow, we have failed to bear fruit worthy of your salvation. Have mercy upon us, God. Heal and forgive us so we can welcome Christ with our authentic selves and genuine hearts. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Isaiah 12:3-4)

With joy, let us draw water from the springs of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God’s name! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, and a new life has begun. 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 583

“Glory to God”

**Glory to God, glory to God
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God
Alleluia, alleluia!**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:1-11 (pg. 580)

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:1-8 (pg. 812)

MESSAGE

“Prepare the Way”

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(based on The Confession of 1967, Part I: God’s Work of Reconciliation)

RIGHT PEWS: WE BELIEVE that in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of people.

LEFT PEWS: God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways: the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s life given for his sheep, an atonement; ransom, payment of a debt; satisfaction of a penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These terms are expressions of a truth which remains beyond our reach.

ALL: The risen Christ is the Savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Prepare Thyself Zion”

Hollie Briggs, Soprano

J.S. Bach

*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

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.

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 96

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Today’s liturgy is based on “Order of Worship for Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023” by Terri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution, © Presbyterian Outlook, 2023.

Flowers are in memory of Dr. John P. Minton, Mr. & Mrs. Harry D. Gurney and Doc Gurney
From Janice G. Minton

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Worship Leader: Carol McFadden

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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 3, 70

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).

#### 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.

## THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**12/10) Sunday 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 Tim Harvey

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

**12/11) Monday**

7:30pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Session Meeting

**12/12) Tuesday**

7:00pm EDG

Meeting

7:30 AA

**12/13) Wednesday**

9:30am Quilters

6:45am NO BELLS

7:00pm-9:pm NA

**12/14) Thursday**

7:15pm Chancel Choir

6:00pm Preschool

Christmas Program

**12/15) Friday**

Christmas Care Box packing

**12/16) Saturday**

Christmas Care Box delivery

**12/17) Sunday**

9:00am Deacons Meeting

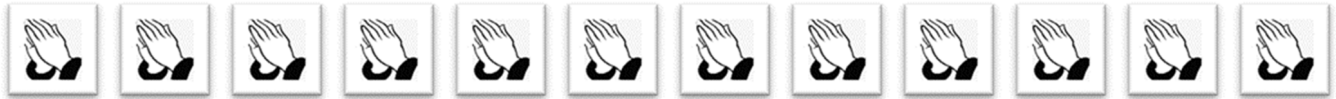
10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.

11:15 Faith Development for all ages



### 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:                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                | The Bailey and Schmidt families on the passing of Kathie's mother, November 22.                                                                                                           |
|                                | 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. |
|                                | Mike Hamilton: healing and peace during prostate cancer treatment.                                                                                                                        |
| 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.

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES

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The next four weeks will be Advent-themed 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.

**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.

### DON'T FORGET TO ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST FOR THE FOLLOWING

The Christmas Box project packing and delivery date is rapidly approaching (December 15 and 16) and the sign-up sheets have plenty of room for volunteers. If you are unable to come to church or have just forgotten to sign up, please let Jane Swinford at [swinfordjane@gmail.com](mailto:swinfordjane@gmail.com) know and she will add your name to the list(s). In particular, drivers are needed for routes in the central Ohio area. Each route has about 4 stops on it and should not take more than an hour to complete. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

### 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



### 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)