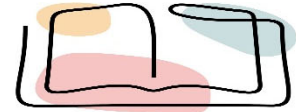


Epiphany Sunday



10:00am Worship Service

January 7th, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise; shine for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Now the grace of God is ours.

Now the mystery is revealed.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?"

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

God our Creator, we confess that our hearts can be slow as molasses in January, even as you seek to warm us with your light. You give us cause to celebrate new birth, but we struggle to see your glory in the many possibilities available to us. Forgive us for our sloth-like ways of moving through the darkness, and shine your light on our failings that we may see your truth. Let the splendor of your dawning light grow in us and in all the world until the whole creation shines with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

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

*HYMN OF GLORY 585 "Glory to God" (*Gloria a Dios*)

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN "Los Reyes Magos"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND FIRST READING Mark 1:14-20 (pg. 812)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM
- II. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE - George Ells
- III. VOTE AND PRAYER

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:1-12 (PG. 950)

MESSAGE

"A Mystery Revealed"

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

REPORT OF THE FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - Lamar Ziglar

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated.

The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*HYMN OF THANKS 647 "Give Thanks"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and giving God, we give thanks to you for you are good. Your steadfast love endures forever. We thank you for the blessings of the past year and for how you have stood with us and guided us in difficult times. We give thanks that you will stand with us and guide us in the year to come. Bless these offerings that they may be used to your glory and in service to others in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Help us to have grateful hearts and to live as the joyful people of God; through Jesus Christ, the greatest gift of all. Amen.

REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMISSION

Allyson Engdahl

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you! **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and **meet**, beautiful and holy that we should, in ceaseless joy, give our thanks and praise to you, Holy and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. And so, in grateful procession of endless praise with the church that is, was, and shall be forever, we glorify you, joining this unending song:

*HYMN 595 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

Like life's greatest feast before us, we excitedly proclaim:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Thank you, God. We have been fed by your presence. We have been led by your light. May we bask in the glow of your love now and forevermore, that the grace we have received flow from us with multiplied abundance. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN 536 "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

*MOTION TO ADJOURN; CHARGE AND BLESSING (Ephesians 3:16-21)

POSTLUDE

Today's communion liturgy is adapted from "Service of Holy Communion for Season after Epiphany" by the Rev. Kaji Douša, pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City, © 2022 by Faith INFO Ministry Team, United Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Flowers in the sanctuary are from Jane & David Conner  
in memory of Jane's parents, Ruth & Bill Smith.

Worship Leader: Ginny Achtermann

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Elder of the Month: LaMar Zigler

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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 31, 2023 49

**STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Tiffany Komasara

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu

**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1235 Northwest Boulevard, Grandview Heights, OH 43212 614-486-0267 Fax: 614-486-2342

## THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**01/7) Sunday**

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

White Gifts: You are invited to bring white tissue wrapped gifts of personal care items

After Worship Service: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Elections of Deacons and Elders

After Worship: The Magi are coming. Join us in the lounge after the congregational meeting for tasting of King cakes. Who will find the baby?

**01/08) Monday**

**1/09) Tuesday**

7:00pm EDG  
7:30 AA Meeting

**1/10) Wednesday**

9:30am Quilters  
7:00pm-9:pm NA

**1/11) Thursday**

7:15pm Chancel Choir

**1/12) Friday**

9:30am Marlin Stretch Class

**1/13) Saturday**

**01/14) Sunday**

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### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS JANUARY

| Date: | Member:            | Date: | Member:            |
|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 1/5   | Charmaine Hamilton | 1/10  | Everest Osborne    |
| 1/6   | Allyson Engdahl    | 1/10  | Mary Ann Stockum   |
| 1/7   | Shirley Wagner     | 1/14  | Grace Parks        |
| 1/8   | Melissa Schmidt    | 1/25  | Sue Harvey         |
| 1/10  | Ethan Dray         | 1/31  | Ella Louise Conner |

**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. Email: Office@blvdchurch.org/website:www.blvdchurch.org



## 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 | Ohio Living Westminster Thurber Assistant living. | Bill and Katy Frase | Home |

### KATE AND BILL FRASE-

After three years, Katie and Bill are happy to announce that on December 27, Bill received a phone call from his doctor that he is cancer free. Also, their grandson, that was in Children's Hospital is home and doing much better. They want to thank you for your prayers and to please continue praying for them.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JANUARY 14, 21, 28

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JANUARY 14, 21

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JANUARY 28

Adults and grades 9-12 meet at 11:15 in the Chapel - "ELECTRIFY CENTRAL OHIO" by Grandview resident Andy Leber and Madeline Fleisher. Who the heck are we? Electrify Central Ohio is the brainchild of Andy Leber and Madeline Fleisher, two clean energy geeks who realized that not everyone in the world actually likes spending hours trying to figure out how to effectively reduce their personal carbon footprint. We don't know exactly what this effort will end up looking like, but our goal is to help people in central Ohio who want to make the switch to clean energy at home to make their own concrete plan and share resources available for carrying it out. Wish us luck!

## FEBRUARY 1 - Intergenerational Sunday in the lounge after the service - Annual Bean Soup Assembly

We need donations of the following dry beans. Please start bringing the beans to the lounge and placing in the soup pots. Pinto Beans, Black Beans, Green Split peas and Navy beans or other white beans (Great Northern)

**Please NO bean mixtures.** The mixes will be donated to NNEMAP, our partner food pantry. The clients love these mixes, which include the mixture of beans as well as tomatoes, spices, and instructions. Our goal this year is 125 kits. Questions: Marlin Cheyney (614.949.1476 or mar47lin@gmail.com), Alaina Engdahl (aengdah91@gmail.com) Charmaine Hamilton (614-579-0622 or charmainehamilton@hotmail.com).

Tables will be set up so members can sample the bean soup and cornbread. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to have lunch and socialize with your church family. Thank you. Charmaine



The invitation on the left indicates the following:

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Mary Ann Stockum's  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Mary Ann will be celebrating 90 years of love, life, and wisdom on January 10, 2024. Please visit her to share stories and special moments Between January 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. NO GIFTS please. Cards, Flowers, and Photos of special times with her are welcome.

Location (no mail)

Ohio Living-Studios Building 717 Neil Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
Room 402 (visitation is anytime – doors close at 8p.m.)

If you are unable to visit in person, cards may be sent to:

Mary Ann Stockum c/o Susan Ledford  
1554 Willoughby Dr., Wooster, Ohio 44691

Balloons, flowers, fun party items, etc. may be delivered to  
Ohio Living Address Listed above