



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Wandering Heart: "Jesus sought me"

LUKE 5:1-11 | PSALM 25:1-10

10:00am Worship Service

February 18th, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in. Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries.

Take a deep breath. Dust the cobwebs from your ears.

Relax the tension in your jaw, for Christ is here.

God never stops seeking us. We have been found. Let us find God in return.

Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" v. 1-3

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

*ALL SING 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" v. 4

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*ALL SING 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" v. 5

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you.**

*HYMN 658 "God is So Good"

*MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

"Gone Fishin'"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 25 (pg. 436)

SECOND READING Luke 5:1-11 (pg. 836)

POEM

“All This Time”

by Rev. Sarah Speed, sanctifiedart.org

I put my headphones in.
I walk quickly.
I look toward the ground.
I create one million barriers of independence,
but still God seeks after me.
God leans a rainbow over the sky.
God sends sun after the rain.
God blankets the earth with wildflowers.
God allows music to carry
and laughter to rise,
all so that I might notice.
And when I do notice,
the unfurling that begins in my soul
is slow and holy and burning.
I am not alone.
God has been chasing after me
all this time.

MESSAGE

“Jesus Sought Me”

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

RIGHT PEWS: I believe in a God of abundance—
a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.

LEFT PEWS: I believe in a God who comforts—
a God who says, “Do not be afraid;”
a God who joins me in life’s deep waters.

RIGHT PEWS: I believe in a God who invites—
a God who says, “Follow me,”
and, “You will be fishers of people.”

LEFT PEWS: I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—
a God of second chances and boundless mercy;
a God who calls us by name.

ALL: We believe.
Help our unbelief.
In Christ’s name we pray.
Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*HYMN OF THANKS 652 "A Grateful Heart" verse 1

**A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

*HYMN OF PRAYER 466 "Come and Fill Our Hearts "

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.

*CLOSING HYMN 170 "You Walk along Our Shoreline"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgy from "Wandering Heart" by Rev. Sarah Are Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC © 2023.

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Worship Leader: Bill Gamble; Elder of the Month: Tim Harvey

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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: February 11, 2024 – 60

Ash Wednesday Attendance: February 14, 2024 - 28

**STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Tiffany Komasara

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**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

02/18) Sunday 10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook			
02/19) Monday 6:30pm Boy scouts	2/20) Tuesday 7:00pm EDG 7:30 AA Meeting	2/21) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 7:00pm Lenten Service in Chapel Lent II Meditation 7:00pm-9:pm NA	2/22) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir
2/23) Friday 9:30pm Stretch with Marlin	2/24) Saturday		
02/25) Sunday 10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook			



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member:
2/2	Tim Harvey	2/13	Sarah Murdick
2/5	Kevin Hicks	2/13	Judy Pierce
2/7	Ann Mattiaccy	2/14	Stephanie Nelson
2/8	Michael Frase	2/17	Carol Agler
2/10	Beth Snider	2/25	Harold Cheyney
2/11	Lana Williamson	2/26	Marlin Cheyney
2/12	Katie Schmidt	2/28	Merri Bame
2/13	Dan Hooley	2/29	Enoch Osborne

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS MARCH

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member:
3/1	Conner McCormick	3/14	Mac Swinford
3/2	Pat Rieve	3/14	Sean McCormick
3/5	Hollie Briggs	3/18	Kathy Chaffin
3/6	Emina Osborne	3/18	Carolyn Williams
3/7	Nancy Human	3/19	Brian Zigler
3/9	Ginny Achtermann	3/20	Bill Bell
3/10	Steve Hills	3/24	Mikie Bowles
3/13	Harvey Murdick	3/26	Emmy Williamson
3/13	William Murdick	3/26	Travis Williamson
3/13	Grant Hamilton	3/29	Spencer Murdick

Birthday Blessings to all.

If you find that there is error, or someone's birthday is missing, please contact the office.



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Mark Key: Prayers for healing.
Kyme Rennick	Sister Wendy: Prayers for healing.
	Michael Hamilton: Healing Prayers as he undergoes radiation treatment for prostate cancer.
	Kathy Chaffin: continued prayers for healing of eyes and vision.
Grace Parks	Cousin Julie Bottomley: Recently diagnosed with aggressive stage IV sarcoma. Brother Tim: Parkinson's disease.
Michael and Charmaine Hamilton	Friend, Karla Holton: medical issues and cancer. Healing Prayers.
	Jill Hooley: 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: 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.
	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

CHURCH'S FACEBOOK

The church's formal Facebook page (called Boulevard Presbyterian Church and includes our livestream) 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. We are now ordering our flowers from Green, A Floral Design Studio.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. We'll gather in the lounge for a simple meal of soup, salad and bread. Then at 7 p.m., Pastor Tiffany will offer a Lenten Meditation featuring art and poetry from the "Wandering Heart" worship series. Sign-up sheets are in the lounge, or call the church office, to volunteer to bring food.

NOT YOUR MOTHER'S CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The Youth have spoken, and it seems that right after church on Sundays is a busy, busy time for our students! Youth are invited to stay for fellowship or join an adult faith development class, and will be invited to monthly gatherings - for March, our intergenerational outing to see "Sound of Music" (see below), and in April, we'll cook dinner together and maybe volunteer for an animal rescue organization - date TBD.

THE SCIOTO VALLEY PRESBYTERY

The Scioto Valley Presbytery is joining the **Poor People's Campaign**, a national movement to mobilize poor and low-wealth people, religious leaders, and others to call on our lawmakers to address affordable housing, healthcare, and childcare, along with a living wage, environmental justice and voting rights. This is not a partisan issue - it is a moral imperative! One of the leaders of this movement is a Presbyterian, Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, who co-chairs the campaign with the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. More info here: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org>.

A march and demonstration are being planned for Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. March 2nd. Please contact Steve Hills if you are able to go. We will meet at Trinity Episcopal Church downtown. We see this as an outgrowth of Matthew 25 activity within our church. Come join us!

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

Please contact Pastor Tiffany if you are willing to serve in our church nursery on Sunday mornings. Training on our child and youth safety policy will be provided. All volunteers must be background checked.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are missing any envelopes in your offering box, please go to the usher's station and you will find the envelopes. Apologies for any inconvenience.



INTERGENERATIONAL OUTING

Mark your calendar! The hills are alive with "The Sound of Music" presented by the Grandview High School Saturday, March 9. Performance begins at 7:30 pm in the newly renovated high school auditorium. We will go out to dinner prior to the musical – time and place to be determined – details to come Youth are invited to bring one friend. Their tickets and dinner will be covered by the theater fund.