



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

# Wandering Heart: "Rescue me from danger"

MATTHEW 14:22-33 | PSALM 22:23-31

10:00am Worship Service

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

**the courageous and the fearful,**

the hungry and the hopeful,

**the impatient and the reserved.**

God welcomes the young and the old,

**the poets and the prophets,**

the faithful and the tired,

**the curious and the convicted.**

Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

**there is room for all to gather here. This is God's house.**

**Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.**

OPENING HYMN 311 "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"

(after the hymn, you may stand, sit or kneel)

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the prayer of confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God. This is our moment to crawl out of the boat. So, friends, let's be like Peter. Join me in being courageous. Join me in truth-telling. Join me in prayer. It's time to get our feet wet. Let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, you could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging. Fearful or brave, faithful or doubting, Christ is always walking toward you. So, hear and believe this good news: God's love is stronger than any storms. On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved. God is always walking toward you. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

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

HYMN 399 "God Welcomes All"

(after the hymn, you may stand, sit or kneel)

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

"Buddy Check"

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 22:23-31 (pg. 435)

SECOND READING Matthew 14:22-33 (pg. 796)

POEM

"Rescue Me"

by Rev. Sarah Speed, sanctifiedart.org

I'd rather not need rescue.  
I'd prefer a five-step plan  
and a quick-fix solution.

I'd prefer stubborn insistence  
over honest vulnerability,  
because rescue requires  
asking for help.

Rescue names  
the rising water.

Rescue sees  
the tired, treading feet.

Rescue feels  
the swell of the wind  
and the rain at a slant.

But when the floor falls out  
and the world is on fire  
and my small hands  
cannot fix the hurt welling in me,  
the prayer that slips out  
is rescue  
rescue  
rescue me.

MESSAGE

"Hands Up and Out"

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (please remain seated)

**I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.**

**I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.**

**I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.**

**I believe in a God who knows my name. I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid. Amen.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir  
Arr. K. Lee Scott

“Who At My Door is Standing?”

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,  
Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?  
Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”  
Within, the rooms are darkened, all filled with dust and sin;  
How shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.  
Yet, the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”  
Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.  
Though he rebuke and chasten, he shall with me abide.  
Sweetly the tones are falling; “Now open the door for me!”  
Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me. Dear Lord, abide with me!

HYMN OF THANKS 647 “Give Thanks”

(after the hymn, you may stand, sit or kneel)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**God of grace, you sustain us in all things with your abundant love. Empty our hands of that which we hold too tightly that we may reach out to others in need. Take all that we have to offer and use our lives according to your will. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAYER 466 “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

(after the hymn, you may stand, sit or kneel)

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 762 “When the Poor Ones”

(after the hymn, you may stand, sit or kneel)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Today’s liturgy from “Wandering Heart” by Rev. Sarah Are Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC © 2023.



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**Maundy Thursday**

*Please join us in the Chapel March 28 at 7pm (no soup/ salad dinner prior to service)*

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Worship Leader: Mary Ann Stephens; 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 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: February 18, 2024 – 56

Wednesday Chapel Meditation Attendance: February 21, 2024 - 18

**STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Tiffany Komasara

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

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**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### 02/25) Sunday

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

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### 02/26) Monday

6:30pm Boy scouts

### 2/27) Tuesday

7:00pm EDG

7:30 AA

Meeting

### 2/28) Wednesday

9:30am Quilters

6:30pm Soup/Salad dinner in lounge

7:00pm Lenten Service in Chapel

Lent III Meditation

7:00pm-9:pm NA

### 2/29) Thursday

7:15pm Chancel Choir

### 3/01) Friday

9:30pm Stretch with Marlin

### 3/02) Saturday

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### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY

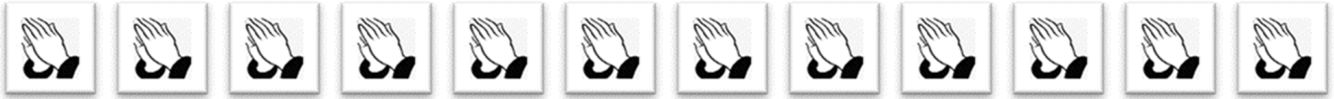
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2/28	Merri Bame	2/29	Enoch Osborne

### 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:
	Pat Nicholson: Is in the hospital. Prayers for healing and comfort
	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](mailto:Office@blvdchurch.org)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES

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**PER CAPITA** is the Presbyterian way of supporting the people who support our churches - our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. 2024 Per Capita is \$40 per person. Please submit your payment using the envelope provided in your bulletin or giving envelope box, or simply write "Per Capita" in the memo line of your check.

**DEACONS** offering can also be made at any time using the Deacon's envelopes provided with your 2024 pledge envelopes, or by writing "Deacons" on the memo line of your check.

## 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.

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## 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.

## OUR BOOKS

PLEASE READ PRIOR TO TAKING BOOKS, ETC. ON THE TABLES ONLY

- **Items to be taken are located on and under the tables next to the wall and under the TV.**
- **The books located on the shelves in the lounge and conference room/library are not included in the donations of “FREE” books/items. They may be checked out and must be RETURNED.**
- All items selected must leave the church. We are trying to tidy the church, and do not want any returned.
- Researched articles of VHS tapes for selling. One must have rare ones to bring any value.
- Miscellaneous children’s craft kits. Take what you can use.
- We will add to the tables as time permits, but most of the donations have already been placed in the lounge.
- Many of the books in the boxes located under the tables were left from the last rummage sale.
- The items on the tables are available through Sunday, March 10. We will open this opportunity to our anonymous members after February 25.
- Books remaining will be boxed and taken to Half Price Books store. If there are Bibles remaining, I may have someone who wants them.
- Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you, Charmaine 614-579-0622 call/text

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## 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.