

*“I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.”
- Proverbs 1:23*



BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SANCTUARY

SEPT 18, 2024 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Jesus Loves Me”
By Jon Spong

Thomas Kolar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 19 & Wisdom of Solomon 7.26-8.1)

Elder Tim Harvey

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

With Wisdom, we rejoice, knowing the streets are full of God’s glory!

The sky proclaims God’s handiwork.

With Wisdom, we rejoice, worshiping in the sanctuary of creation!

The ways of the Holy One make wise the simple.

With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of love.

ALL: Let’s worship the Holy One in the streets, sanctuaries and squares!

*OPENING HYMN 401

“Gather Us In”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us trust God’s mercy and enter the liberating waters of forgiveness and grace. Together, let us boldly confess our sins and acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny such a dance with Divinity is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, Logos of Love, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Minister continues:

*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

La paz del señor! The peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

HYMN OF GLORY 188

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! X3 The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Jesus Goes to School

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Tim Harvey

FIRST READING Proverbs 1:20-33 (pg. 509)

GOSPEL READING Mark 7:24-37 (pg.818)

MESSAGE

“Are We Listening?”

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful [people]. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Lord, Thou Art My God and King”
Arr., Leland B. Stareen

Chancel Choir
Darius McBride, Director

*DOXOLOGY 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God who witnesses the cries and shouts of creation and receives our tithes and offerings. May our streets be filled with jubilation, our cities be embraced by peace, and our lives be blessed with abundance. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAYER 448

“Peace of God Be with You”

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 722

“Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Gather Us In”
By John Behnke

Thomas Kolar

Today’s order of worship is based on “Order of Worship for September 15” by Adam Quine and provided for free distribution by Presbyterian Outlook © 2024.

*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Michael McKinney: pray for healing
Jeanette	Nephew Jonathan Rosa: prayers for his family and healing. Cancer has returned
Jeanette	Cousins, Joe and Madeline Rosa: pray for healing
	Judy Pierce: prayers for healing.
	Grace Parks: prayers for continuous healing.
	William Gonzalez: prayers for healing and comfort.
Grace Parks	Cousin Julie Bottomley: aggressive stage IV sarcoma. Brother Tim: Parkinson's disease.
Michael and Charmaine Hamilton	Granddaughter: Amelia Hamilton, rare disease of Friedreich's ataxia: brother Spencer and friends, Fred Heald and Karla Holton - ongoing medical concerns.
	Jill Hooley: prayers for healing.
	Dave Grimm: prayers for healing.
Leah Hanesworth	Pray for healing for Leah's neighbors and friends, Berniece (colon cancer), and John (cancer of the mouth).
Pat Nicholson	Prayers for Granddaughter Stephanie and husband Corey Sander: healing for Corey's brain cancer.
Kathie Bailey	Brother Mike: pancreatic cancer.
Bonnie Grimm	Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum: has Parkinson's Disease.
	Terry McFadden: in Allen Oakwood Correctional Facility.
Carol McFadden	Carol's sister, Susan Wright: prayers for healing.

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 Assisted living.	Katy Frase	Home

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member
09/02	Pastor Tiffany Komasara	09/13	Charlie Frick
09/03	Mike Hamilton, Brita Knapp, Zachary Schmitz	09/16	Ken Frick, Jan Minton
09/05	Michael Mckinney	09/20	Rob Williams
09/09	Carolyn Schmidt	09/22	Nicole Richardson
09/10	Garrett Fischer	9/27	Ian Rennick

THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9/15) Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook; Ages 4-7 We Wonder hosted by Martha Hill: "Thank You, God"-Psalms 100 Children attend 10:00 am worship through the Children's Message, then go to the window room connected to the nursery.			
09/16) 6:30pm Cub Scouts	09/17) Tuesday 6:30pm Worship Committee Meets 7:00pm EDA 7:30pm AA meets	09/18) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 6:30pm Cub scouts 7:30pm NA Meetings	09/19) Thursday 7:15 Choir Practice 7:30pm GA meets
09/20) Friday 9:30 Stretch w/ Marlin (in Chapel)		09/21)	
09/22) Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook; We Wonder for Ages 4-7 We Wonder hosted by Sandy Ferguson: "Help Me, God"! Psalms 23 Children attend 10:00 am worship through the Children's Message, then go to the window room connected to the nursery.			

OPERATING BUDGET SNAPSHOT - AUGUST 2024

	Month of	Budget	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Total
	August	August	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 9,624.65	\$ 19,075.00	\$ 170,722.07	\$ 152,600.00	\$ 228,900.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 25,830.69	\$ 30,054.00	\$ 208,861.45	\$ 240,432.00	\$ 360,585.00
Net	\$ (16,206.04)	\$ (10,979.00)	\$ (38,139.38)	\$ (87,832.00)	\$ (131,685.00)
August 2023 Comparison					
	Month of	Budget	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Total
	August	August	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 21,946.17	\$ 18,948.00	\$ 164,821.91	\$ 151,584.00	\$ 227,377.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 33,877.56	\$ 26,454.00	\$ 195,814.54	\$ 210,192.00	\$ 315,977.00
Net	\$ (11,931.39)	\$ (7,506.00)	\$ (30,992.63)	\$ (58,608.00)	\$ (88,600.00)

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THANKS TO THOSE HELPING WITH TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Tim Harvey Usher Captain: Michael Schmidt Elder of the Month: Merri Bame
 Worship Service Attendance for September 8, 2024 - 57

Nursery Care Available for Worship!

The Nursery is available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings during the worship service. We need more volunteers to staff our nursery so we can offer care after worship and give our regular volunteers the opportunity to attend worship. Please contact Sue Harvey (614-216-5884) if you can give your time this way. All volunteers will be trained on the church's child safety policy and background checked.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUE DATE FOR ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS - OCTOBER 1

It's Coming: opportunity to submit applications to the Endowment Committee Funds are awarded only TWICE a year, April and October. Funded are projects that fall into the following categories: Capital, Mission and Worship & Education. Funds vary in each category, each award cycle. Applications may only be submitted by Boulevard's members. Disbursements must be used within one year from the date of the approval unless extended by the Endowment Committee at the request of the applicant. Recipients will be required to file a written report to the Endowment Committee at the completion of action association with the disbursement. Copies for reimbursement are to be provided to the Chair. *Funds are not likely to be awarded to projects that can be paid from our operating budget or other sources.*

Endowment forms can also be found in the lounge. Please email your completed application to Jeanette, office@blvdchurch.org and Charmaine, charmainehamilton@hotmail.com. You may also leave a copy with Jeanette. If emailing, please confirm that your application was received. **Do you know your Endowment Committee Members?** Charmaine Hamilton, Chair, Katie Schmidt, Larry Schmitz, LaMar Zigler, Sandy Zigler, Pastor Tiffany, non-voting Melissa Schmidt, Treasurer, non-voting

THE SIGNIFICANT SIX ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY - September 22: Personal care products are always requested by the shoppers who come to food pantries. Such items are typically in very short supply because they are not covered by food assistance programs. Please consider purchasing any of these items for donating to the NNEMAP food pantry. **Toothbrushes, Individual bars of soap, Toilet paper, Toothpaste, Razors, and Feminine hygiene products.** Your donations can be dropped off in the food pantry collection box in the lounge. Thank you for meeting a significant need.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Sunday September 29, 10 AM Bring your well-behaved pawed, clawed, finned and/or feathered friends to our 10 a.m. worship service, which will be on the lawn (weather permitting). Worship will include inspiring music and a special blessing with treats for the pets and creatures that bring so much to our lives.

FALL MISSION FOCUS: FREEDOM ALA CART Our mission focus for September is FREEDOM ALA CART. Freedom ala Cart works with the victims of human trafficking helping them to move their lives forward in new and positive directions. Boulevard supports Freedom ala Cart with monthly donations from our mission budget, our Community Christmas Boxes and individual contributions from our congregation.

Human trafficking has strong and deep roots in Central Ohio. As many as 1,200 solicitation arrests are made each year in Franklin County. An estimated 92% are identified as victims of human trafficking — trafficked since the average age of 13. As a result, they lack job skills and face complex barriers to employment in the traditional workplace: criminal records, arrested development, traumatic brain injuries that affect logic and memory, post-traumatic stress disorder, addiction and mental health issues. Through Freedom ala Cart's three primary levels of service: 1) CATCH Court Support; 2) a robust Workforce Development Program; and 3) our Butterfly Continuum of Care program, Freedom a la Cart provides supportive services to over 400 unduplicated survivors of human trafficking each year. Learn more at <https://freedomalacart.org/about/>

Additionally, Freedom has a wonderful café downtown on Spring Street between Third and Fourth Streets where survivors learn skills that will help them as they transition into independent living and jobs in the traditional workplace. Covenant Presbyterian has strong ties to Freedom ala Cart and the Mission Committee is looking into ways that we might be able to partner with them. We made a start on this last year when our Christmas Boxes were delivered directly to Covenant Presbyterian where a Christmas Party was being held for the survivors. Stay tuned for further developments! If you would like to share further in supporting Freedom ala Cart, you may drop off a donation at the office or place it in the offering plate. Please be sure to mark "Freedom ala Cart" on the memo line of your check.

SAVE THE DATE: SUCH SWEET THUNDER OCTOBER 18. Our next free Community Concert will feature the jazz band Such Sweet Thunder. Featuring some of the Midwest's finest jazz musicians, Such Sweet Thunder pays loving tribute to the music of Duke Ellington and his musical partner Billy Strayhorn. The band consists of Michael Cox (alto saxophone, clarinet), Bryan Olsheshki (tenor saxophone, clarinet), Mark Donovan (baritone saxophone, clarinet, bass clarinet), Jim Powell (trumpet, flugelhorn), Ryan Hamilton (trombone, arrangements), Lucas Holmes (piano), Dean Hulett (bass), and Reggie Jackson (drums)

YWCA Shelter Dinner

YWCA Shelter Dinner. Effective September 1st, there will be a major change in the way we serve dinners. The Shelter has implemented a program where the food must be prepared at the shelter kitchen. The canned goods, chips and cookies are still acceptable in pre-packaged units. We are going to change our menu from sloppy joes to shredded chicken sandwiches and hot dogs. There is a donation box by the sign-up sheet in the lounge. We are anticipating the need for \$200 in donations. Any questions please feel free to contact Bill Bell.

SCRUBBIES: Do you remember the popular "Scrubbies" our church women made? They are now available from the women of Covenant Presbyterian Church for \$2 each with a variety of different colors. Please call Sally Neff at (614) 224-3719 to place an order if you're interested!

NOW HIRING: CHILD CARE PROVIDER We are still in need of volunteers to staff our Nursery during worship and the education hour. We are also seeking to hire an experienced childcare provider to provide continuity from week to week and give our regular volunteers a break. If you can volunteer, or know someone who would be interested in our childcare staff position, please contact Pastor Tiffany or Personnel Committee member Tim Harvey. All volunteers and staff must undergo a background check and be trained on our Child Safety Policy.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: If you would like to provide flowers for worship, please place your order with Green, A Floral Design Studio in Grandview (614) 488-1851 for THURSDAY delivery by 3:00 p.m., and notify the Office by Wednesday of any dedication you would like included in the bulletin.

BE THE BODY: Looking for a way to get involved or serve? Coffee hour hosts are needed each Sunday to make coffee and provide light snacks after worship – sign-up sheet is on the refrigerator in the kitchen off the Lounge; Greeters are needed every Sunday to swing wide the doors at our Second Street and Northwest Boulevard entrances; ushers offer next-level hospitality in the pews, and sign-up sheets for other activities like serving dinner at the YMCA and other volunteer opportunities can be found on the window ledge in the Lounge by the Second Street entrance, or call the church office to find out who to ask.

PER CAPITA BEING COLLECTED NOW: 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 *per capita* envelope provided in your giving envelope box, or simply write "Per Capita" in the memo line of your check.

DEACONS OFFERING: Your gift to our Deacons supports our fellowship activities and makes it possible to provide financial assistance to families in our church community. Your contribution to the Deacons' Fund can be made any time using the deacon's envelope provided in your 2024 pledge envelopes, or by written "Deacons" on the memo line of your check.