

“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

– Mark 9:37



BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SANCTUARY

SEPT 22, 2024 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Elms”  
By Ned Rorem

Tom Kolar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tiffany Komasaara

\*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 1

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

**And meditate on God’s word day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

**Which yield their fruit in its season.**

**Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.**

Allyson Endahl

\*OPENING HYMN 64 “I Long for Your Commandments”

\*CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 1:8,9)

God, without your Word, your light guiding our paths, we do go astray. Let us come now and repent; that is, turn, and redirect ourselves away from that which destroys and towards God’s life-giving grace.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (inspired by James 3:13-4:3)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others.**

(moment of silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Walk in the newness of life!

\*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

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

HYMN OF GLORY 584

“Glory, Glory, Glory”

**Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! (2x)**

**And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased. (2x)**

**¡Gloria, gloria, gloria, en las alturas a Dios! (2x)**

**Y en la tierra, paz a la gente que ama el Señor. (2x)**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

“Welcome!”

Rev. Tiffany Komasaara

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Allyson Engdahl

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. Amen.

FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10 - 31 (p.535)

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:3-37 (p.820)

MESSAGE

“Character”

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**RIGHT PEWS: In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**LEFT PEWS: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**ALL: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Slow Me Down, Lord”  
D. Ourada / Arr. Wilson

Chancel Choir  
Darius McBride, Director

\*DOXOLOGY 652

“A Grateful Heart” stanzas 1, 3

**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.**

**With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery  
with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never end.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ’s name, we pray. 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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN 459

“O Word of God Incarnate”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Today’s order of worship is based on “Order of Worship for September 22” by Bobby Hulme-Lippert 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 and for his dad, Joe.
	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: sister passed away 9/13. Prayers for-----
	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

9/22) 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.

09/23) 6:30pm Cub Scouts	09/24) Tuesday 6:30pm Worship Committee Meets 7:00pm EDA 7:30pm AA meets	09/25) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 6:30pm Cub scouts 7:30pm NA Meetings	09/26) Thursday 7:15 Choir Practice 7:30pm GA meets
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09/27) Friday

09/28)

09/29) Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook;

Children attend 10:00 am worship through the Children's Message, then go to the window room connected to the nursery.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be held on the lawn-second avenue side

### 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)

**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (Blvdchurch.org)

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### THANKS TO THOSE HELPING WITH TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Allyson Engdahl Usher Captain: Ian Rennick Elder of the Month: Merri Bame

Worship Service Attendance for September 8, 2024 - 72

### 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

**SING WITH US** Thursdays 7:15-8:45 Chancel Choir rehearses in the sanctuary. All voice types and levels of musicianship are welcome to join! Questions? Talk to Choir Director Darius McBride.

**EVERYTHING GOOD ABOUT GOD IS TRUE** Our Fall Faith Development offering after worship has just begun and meets most Sundays after worship in the Chapel. Together, we are reading Bruce Reyes' Chow's book, "Everything Good about God Is True," and will be creating our own 'faith montage' (kind of like a collage). Please see Pastor Tiffany or Martha Hills with questions or to request a copy of the book, which is also available through the Columbus library system.

**REALM** is coming! For many months, our administrative staff has been working diligently to update our congregational contact information, including giving information, and learning REALM - a new platform for sharing and managing all kinds of information and activities. If you receive an invite asking you to set up an account in REALM, please do not delete it! If you have questions or need to supply a better email address, please contact Jeanette at [office@blvdchurch.org](mailto:office@blvdchurch.org)

**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.

### **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.*

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** October 6 Another special worship service will be followed by an international-food themed time of fellowship sponsored by the Faith Development committee. If you have a favorite international treat that you'd like to share, please bring it!

Endowment forms can also be found in the lounge. Please email your completed application to Jeanette, [office@blvdchurch.org](mailto:office@blvdchurch.org) and Charmaine, [charmainehamilton@hotmail.com](mailto: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

**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)

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING** Saturday, October 26, 9:30 a.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington. See flyer in lounge for details.

### **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.