

# “Do not be afraid...go and do...”



BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GRINSTEAD CHAPEL

November 10, 2024 10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit as is your preference where you see an asterisk.

PRELUDE

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Boulevard Trio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Merri Bame

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mac Swinford

As we gather for worship, **let us offer praise to God.**

As we join voices and hearts, **we learn the importance of each one of us.**

As we find unity in the wider body of Christ, **we learn that our whole is more than its parts.**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

\*OPENING HYMN 743

“O God, You Are My God (Step by Step)”

\*CALL TO CONFESSION (Nehemiah 9:17)

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us turn to God in honesty and humility, ready to confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our votes cast only for our benefit, or that of our nation’s. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable.**

(moment of silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 34:22)

“The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

\*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

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

\*HYMN OF GLORY 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Casey Hoch

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (adapted from Psalm 19:14)

Mac Swinford

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today.

Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *1 Kings* 17:8-16 (pg. 282)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING *Mark* 12:38-44 (pg. 824)

MESSAGE

“Not Holding Back”

Elder Merri Bame

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (*Acts* 20:35)

OFFERTORY

“Just As I Am”

Boulevard Trio

\*HYMN OF THANKS 647

“Give Thanks with A Grateful Heart”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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 625

“O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“All in All”

Boulevard Trio

Today's order of worship is based on “Order of Worship for November” by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution by Presbyterian Outlook © 2024.

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

Worship Leader: Mac Swinford Usher Captain: Bill Bell Elder of the Month: Kevin Hick

Children's Message: Casey Hoch Worship Service message: Merri Bame

(Rev. Tiffany is on Retreat from 11/6-10)

Worship Service Attendance for November 3, 2024 - 58

### **PASTOR TIFFANY AWAY ON STUDY LEAVE**

After serving as a poll worker on election day, Pastor Tiffany will be heading out on retreat in Kentucky from November 6 - 10, and then heading straight to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley's church professionals retreat from November 10 -12. Merri Bame will deliver the message in worship on November 10 with a special service in the Chapel. As always, Pastor Joel Esala at Covenant Church in Upper Arlington is a good person to contact in the event of a pastoral emergency, however Pastor Joel will also be at the November 10 -12 Clergy retreat, so take good care of each other during that time.

### PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Mary Ann Stockum:
	Ginny Achtermann: pray for healing
Bill Gamble	Sister's cancer has returned: prayers for healing.
	Michael McKinney: pray for healing
	Judy Pierce: prayers for healing.
	Grace Parks: prayers for continuous healing.
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.
	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 NOVEMBER

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member
11/01	Betty Sikking	11/08	Melissa Schauss
11/02	Nancy Wentzel, Annie Frick	11/14	Maryann Stephens
11/03	Jordan Briggs, Pat Nicholson	11/18	Jan Plas
11/04	Glenn Beaber	11/19	Wyatt Schmitz

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 Preschool Administrator: Melissa Schauss

**THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

11/10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Reformation Sunday <b>worship</b> service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook;  <b>-Food Collection:</b> Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit  -We Wonder for Ages 4-7. Children attend 10:00 am worship through the Children’s Message, then go to the window room connected to the nursery.			
11/11) 6:30pm Cub Scouts <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>VETERANS DAY</b>	11/12) Tuesday 6:30pm Worship Committee 7:00pm EDA 7:30pm AA	11/13) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 6:30pm Cub scouts 7:30pm NA	11/14) Thursday 6:00 Spaghetti Dinner for Fellowship Hall 7:15pm Choir Practice 7:30pm GA meets
11/15) Friday 9:30am Stretch with Marlin		11/16)	
11/17) Sunday 10:00 am worship service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook; -After Service: <b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b> -We Wonder for Ages 4-7. Children attend 10:00 am worship through the Children’s Message, then go to the window room connected to the nursery.			

**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.

**OPERATING BUDGET SNAPSHOT SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Month of September	Budget September	2024 Actual Year-to-Date	2024 Budget Year-to-Date	2024 Total Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 13,310.82	\$ 19,075.00	\$ 184,032.89	\$ 215,589.18	\$ 228,900.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 45,964.54	\$ 30,048.74	\$ 254,825.99	\$ 314,620.46	\$ 360,585.00
Net	\$ (32,653.72)	\$ (10,973.74)	\$ (70,793.10)	\$ (99,031.28)	\$ (131,685.00)

September 2023 Comparison

	Month of September	Budget September	2023 Actual Year-to-Date	2023 Budget Year-to-Date	2023 Total Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 14,425.28	\$ 18,948.00	\$ 179,247.19	\$ 170,532.00	\$ 227,377.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 24,320.97	\$ 26,454.00	\$ 220,135.51	\$ 236,646.00	\$ 315,977.00
Net	\$ (9,895.69)	\$ (7,506.00)	\$ (40,888.32)	\$ (66,114.00)	\$ (88,600.00)

**IT’S STEWARDSHIP SEASON** This Fall, your pledges will put leaves back onto our Stewardship Tree as we together aim for our goal of \$275,000 to support our 2025 operating budget. As of Nov. 4, we have received 38 pledges committing over \$100,000 towards that goal!! Please prayerfully consider the value of Boulevard Church to you, your household and our community and make your pledge (pledges still coming in). Additional pledge packets are available in the lounge or contact the church office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES** the Mission Committee announces the kick-off of the annual Community Christmas Package Project! This project provides an opportunity for us to share the love of Christ with our neighbors in need during the Holiday season. Our goal this year is to reach 300 families. Please pray for God's guidance as we undertake this mission.

We will set up shifts for Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14 to assemble and fill boxes. If you are interested in either of those activities, there will be sign-up opportunities soon. One change we made this year was to stop delivering boxes to individual homes. Despite all our efforts to ensure recipients would be available to answer the door, there were just too many undeliverable boxes because no one was home. All boxes for NSI's clients will be taken directly to NSI for distribution there.

We will begin collecting food on Sunday, November 3 according to the following schedule:

November 3 Peanut Butter and Boxed Cereal

November 10 Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit

November 17 Dried Lentils (red preferred)

November 24 Instant Potatoes

December 1 Mac & Cheese or Saltine Crackers

December 8 Black or Baked Beans or any Food Items from previous weeks

Please deliver all donations to Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations are also welcome if that is easier. Please mark your check "Christmas boxes" and place it in the offering or drop it off at the church office. Thank you so much for supporting this important ministry. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jane Swinford at [swinfordjane@gmail.com](mailto:swinfordjane@gmail.com).

**SPAGHETTI DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP HALL DEDICATION THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14** The whole congregation is invited to a spaghetti dinner to celebrate the completion of Fellowship Hall! Construction began on July 29th and was supervised by project manager Hal Schofield. With guidance from committee chairs Alex McCormick and Harold Cheney, walls, floors, lighting, HVAC units and ceiling have all been updated; storage spaces have been updated with fresh paint and additional shelving, and new lighter round tables will make our gatherings even more connectational. The stage has also been properly finished to create more functional space. Coordinating fabric has been selected and installed as a theater curtain on the stage and to reupholster our chairs. This project will be undertaken by church members beginning in January.

We hope all who have been a part of this church and its vision for a brighter more functional space can join us at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2024. Rides will be coordinated for those who choose not to drive in the evening. Please RSVP to the church office at (614)486-0267 or sign up in the lounge.

**GET TO KNOW FUND THE CLIMB** on November 14, our Matthew 25 mission partner, Fund the Climb, will hold an informational lunch at Muirfield Golf Course Country Club. Pastor Tiffany, Jeanette and Mission Committee member Katie Schmidt have all attended previous luncheons and found the presentation a compelling and informative way to better understand the disease of drug addiction and the many ways FTC helps patients overcome hurdles to recovery. The lunch is free (and delicious) and you can respond with gratitude by donation to FTC. Flyers with RSVP and other information are on the window ledge in the lounge

**NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** November 17 immediately following worship A meeting of the Congregation of Boulevard Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, November 17 immediately after worship. Business will include items required by our denomination's polity, including election of church officers and approval of the Pastor's 2025 terms of call. All active members are encouraged to attend and vote! Not a member yet? You are also welcome to stay and learn more about our people-led model of being church.

**NNEMAP'S - HARMONY FOR HUNGER** Concert Don't miss the Harmony for Hunger event on Friday, November 22nd, at 7:30 PM at Linworth UMC! This evening will feature talented musicians from across Central Ohio, including the Westerville Jazz Orchestra, and promises to deliver a wonderful musical experience. As a major NNEMAP fall fundraiser, your attendance will provide you with exciting entertainment and support our vital mission at the pantry. Our silent auction will offer fantastic deals while generating much-needed revenue for our programs. Join us at 7070 Bent Tree Blvd (43235) and make a difference! Tickets may be purchased at the door.

**THE PROPERTY TEAM** invites you to the **Nativity Scene setup beginning Saturday, November the 30th, at 10:00AM** on the Northwest Boulevard side of the church. This annual gathering lasts about 1.5 hours. Cider, coffee, donuts and a chiminea fire will make it even more fun. There are many tasks that need to be done and lots of help will make it go fast. Come join us as we celebrate the beginning of Advent in a special way.

**REALM IS HERE!** Wouldn't it be great to have access to an always up to date church directory on your phone or computer? How about the ability to go online and check your giving records? Share reports and other information easily with folks on your church committee? All of this and more can be done through our new data management platform, REALM. You should have received an email this past Thursday inviting you to create your own REALM account. Please sign up and explore church communication through the cloud! Questions? Contact Jeanette ([office@blvdchurch.org](mailto:office@blvdchurch.org)), Pastor Tiffany ([pastor@blvdchurch.org](mailto:pastor@blvdchurch.org)) or finance officer Valerie Bosworth ([finance@blvdchurch.org](mailto:finance@blvdchurch.org)).

**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.

**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.

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