



Lessons & laughter

A creative liturgy for the first Sunday after Christmas

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GRINSTEAD CHAPEL

December 29, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

“Hark! The Harold Angels Sing”
By Carl Schalk

Tom Kolar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRE, Cindy McKay

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandy Ferguson

We have named our joy out loud, and it is clear—

God is in our joy.

God is in this room.

We have reason to celebrate.

We have a reason to sing.

Thanks be to God for the bright hope of this day.

OPENING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

CRE, Cindy M

*CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joyful God,

You told us that in order to enter the kingdom of heaven,
we must be like children.

Did you mean that like children, we must practice unhindered joy?

**Did you mean that like children, we should lean into laughter, release our cynicism, and
open ourselves to delight?**

In a world as broken and battered as ours, we admit,

this often seems easier said than done.

Forgive us, patient God, for the moments

when we are so focused on the bad that we miss the good.

**Forgive us for hearing the nativity story and staying in our seats
instead of jumping for joy.**

We know that even now

you are sowing delight in our lives.

Open our hearts up to it.

With gratitude we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

We are seen. We are loved. We are forgiven.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*HYMN OF GLORY (To be Announced)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sandy Ferguson

FIRST SCRIPTURE *Psalms* 126:1-3 (pg. 499) and *Isaiah* 55:12-13 (pg. 598)

SECOND READING *Luke* 2:41-52 (pg. 833)

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

MESSAGE

“Where’s Jesus”

CRE, Cindy McKay

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a with-us God,

**a God who is beside us in the mountains and valleys,
holding our hand through every bump and turn.**

And in the chaos of our journey,

we believe that God sees what we cannot always see: a path home by another way.

Therefore, trusting in this ever-resent and guiding God, we lace up our shoes.

We look for God’s fingerprints in the world.

We trust that there are paths still unexplored, paths that God has only begun to invite us down.

And like the Magi, we dare to follow.

May it be so Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Sandy Ferguson

OFFERTORY

“Gloria”
By Alec Wyton

Tom Kolar

*HYMN

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 (To be Announced)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”
By James Woodman

Tom Kolar

Liturgy from “Words for the Beginning” by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Pastor Tiffany will be away December 26 - January 2, returning January 3, 2025.

TO THOSE HELPING WITH TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Sandy Ferguson Usher Captain: Ian Rennick Elder of the Month: Tim Harvey
Worship Service Attendance for December 22, 2024 – 59

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Blvdchurch.org)

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PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
Larry Johnson	Daughter: Andrea Buescher (principal in the West Jefferson area): prayer for healing
	Grace Parks: pray for healing.
	Linda Wilton: pray for healing.
	Jody Higgins: prayers for healing.
	Sue Harvey: prayers for healing.
	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	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	Betty Sikking	Home
Tom Hayes	The Forum-Assisted Living	Katy Frase	Home
Brita Knapp	Home		

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member
12/1	Bruce "Smitty" Smith	12/25	Emersyn Hicks
12/4	Linda Mahoney	12/27	Carol Kizer, Kyme Rennick
12/14	Vincent Nobel	12/28	Beryl Bunn
12/17	Linda Wilton, W. Garret Hunt, Sebastian Hunt	12/29	Eric Engdahl
12/23	Garrett Culbertson, Barbara Rine	12/31	Joe Mattiaccy

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12/29 Sunday 10:00 am worship service in-person & live-streamed in Chapel; A Special Worship Service "Lessons and Laughter" with CRE, Cindy McKay

-We Wonder for Ages 4-7. Children attend 10:00 am worship through the Children's Message, then go to

12/30) Monday
6:30pm Cub
Scouts

12/31) Tuesday
7:00pm EDA
7:30pm AA

1/1) Wednesday



Office Closed

1/2) Thursday
7:30 GA Meetings

1/3) Friday

1/4) Saturday

1/5) Sunday 10:00 am worship service in-person & live-streamed

-White Gift Bags

- After worship with our traditional Epiphany Sunday "Three Kings Bread" celebration.

Operating Budget Snapshot - November 2024

	Month of	Budget	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Total
	November	November	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 41,912.28	\$ 19,075.00	\$ 235,749.77	\$ 209,825.00	\$ 228,900.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 23,516.12	\$ 30,048.74	\$ 310,045.33	\$ 330,536.14	\$ 360,585.00
Net	\$ 18,396.16	\$ (10,973.74)	\$ (74,295.56)	\$ (120,711.14)	\$ (131,685.00)
November 2023 Comparison					
	Month of	Budget	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Total
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Total Revenue	\$ 11,136.07	\$ 18,948.00	\$ 205,746.71	\$ 208,428.00	\$ 227,377.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 23,088.65	\$ 26,454.00	\$ 270,307.87	\$ 289,554.00	\$ 315,977.00
Net	\$ (11,952.58)	\$ (7,506.00)	\$ (64,561.16)	\$ (81,126.00)	\$ (88,600.00)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH DEVELOPMENT after worship resumes January 5 with our traditional Epiphany Sunday "Three Kings Bread" celebration. Then on January 12, we'll begin our study of Amy Jill-Levine's "Sermon on the Mount: a Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven." This multi-week study features video lectures and a companion book that you may want to order or borrow.

Personal Care Products for White Bags



Boulevard's Chrismon Tree

For the worship service on Epiphany Sunday, January 5th, 2025, you are invited to fill a white gift bag (available in the lounge) with personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, razors, feminine hygiene products, or bath tissue rolls), and place the bag in front of Boulevard's Chrismon tree, it will make a great pile of snowy gifts. Personal care items are always requested by the customers of food pantries and are typically in short supply there. All donations will be taken to the NNEMAP food pantry in January. This will assist the pantry meet a critical need for the start of the new year.