

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

~Luke 6:36

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SANCTUARY

February 23, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

“In Christ There Is No East Or West”
By James Biery

Tom Kolar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor David Bubb

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Allyson Engdahl

Come, you who are happy and joyful.

We come to celebrate the God of Abundant Life.

Come, you who are confused or searching.

We come to be guided by the One who is the Way.

Come, you who are weary and worn.

We come to be embraced by the Comforter.

Come, whoever you are and however you are.

We come to worship the God of love, grace, and peace.

*OPENING HYMN 2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor David Bubb

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you shower us with love and forgiveness. Yet, we are reluctant to step beneath that flowing grace, sometimes imagining we do not need it, other times believing, we are unworthy of it. We are slow to allow you to cleanse us and heal us. We are even more hesitant to share that grace with others. We expect perfection from “them” and forgiveness for “us.” We compare “our” strengths with “their” weaknesses. We hide our flaws and shine a light on their failings.

Forgive us, Merciful God, for our insecurity that leads us to hide from you and your vision for us. Forgive us Guiding Lord, for failing to imitate your never-failing love. Wash us again with your cleansing grace. Renew us and send us out to be your ambassadors of mercy, healing, and love. Amen

(silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends hear and believe the Good News: the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ that our sins are forgiven, and we are being made whole.

Let us live and love as followers of the Prince of Peace. Amen

*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Pastor David Bubb

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

*HYMN OF GLORY or Gloria Patri

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN		Kathi Bubb
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Allyson Engdahl
FIRST SCRIPTURE <i>Genesis 45:3-11,15</i> (pg. 37)		Allyson Engdahl
SECOND READING <i>Luke 6:27-38</i> (pg. 838)		Pastor David Bubb
MESSAGE	"A Life of Imitation"	Pastor David Bubb
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Pastor David Bubb
<p>We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.</p>		
*HYMN 693	"Thou I May Speak"	
CALL FOR THE OFFERING		Allyson Engdahl
OFFERTORY	"Gift Of Love"	Tom Kolar
*HYMN OF THANKS OR DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Pastor David Bubb
<p>God of grace and God of glory, on your people, pour your power. Take and use what we have given, what we have kept, and who we are. Help us and these gifts to be part of your work for justice, peace, and love in the world. Amen.</p>		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
<p>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.</p>		
CLOSING HYMN 435	"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"	
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	"Improvisation on "Italian Hymn" By Henry Dunham	Tom Kolar

*Thank you to Pastor David Bubb and Kathi Bubb for
today's worship service*

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND COMFORT:					
Michael McKinney	Judy Pierce	Sue Harvey	Ginny Achtermann	Dave Grimm	Grace Parks
PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN					
Prayers of comfort for the family of Shirley Wagner after her passing 2/16/25					
Carol Agler	David Taylor, a federal employee: in fear of losing his job, and who begins radiation treatment for prostate cancer soon.				
Kathie Bailey	Cousin, Tommy Stickney: having Kidney removed for cancer				
Ann Mattiaccy	Grandson, Joe Mattiacy: In ICU				
Nancy Human and Alex McCormick	David King, son and brother: prayers for healing				
	Jon Stephens: prayers for healing				
Jane Conners	Nephew, Evan Smith: Evan will be starting radiation and Chemo for brain tumors at the beginning of February.				
Bill Gamble	Sister, Dawn: cancer has returned. Prayers for her upcoming surgery. Grandson, Julian				
Grace Parks	Cousin, Julie Bottomley: aggressive stage IV sarcoma. Brother, Tim: Parkinson's disease.				
Michael & Charmaine Hamilton	Granddaughter, Amelia Hamilton: rare disease of Friedreich's ataxia. Brother, Spencer & friends, Fred Heald and Karla Holton - ongoing medical concerns.				
Pat Nicholson	Granddaughter, Stephanie and husband Corey Sander				
Kathie Bailey	Brother, Mike: pancreatic cancer.				
Bonnie Grimm	Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum				
Carol McFadden	Sister, Susan Wright				
	Terry McFadden: in Allen Oakwood Correctional Facility.				

PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE LIST

Members:		Members:		Members:	
Glenn Beaber	Willow Brook	Betty Sikking	Home	Brita Knapp	Hospice care at home
Tom Hayes	The Forum-Assisted Living	Katy Frase	Home		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Date:	Member	Date:	Member	Date:	Member
2/25	Harold Cheyney	2/28	Merri Bame	2/29	Enoch Osborne
2/26	Marlin Cheyney				

MARCH BIRTHDAY

Date	Member	Date:	Member	Date	Member
3/1	Conner McCormick	3/9	Ginny Achtermann	3/19	Brian Zigler
3/2	Pat Rieve	3/10	Steve Hills	3/20	Bill Bell
3/5	Hollie Briggs	3/13	Grant Hamilton , Harry & William Murdick,	3/23	Emma Lobao
3/6	Emina Osborne	3/14	Mac Swinford, Sean McCormick	3/24	Mikie Bowles
3/7	Carol Mcfadden, Nancy Human	2/16	Kathy Chaffin, Carolyn Williams	3/30	Spenser Murdick, David Grimm

Pastor Tiffany will be on vacation from February 19 – 26.

THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<p>2/23) Sunday 10:00am worship service in-person & live-streamed via YOUTUBE --Pastor David Bubb preaches Sunday. - We Wonder for Ages 4-7. Children attend 10:00 am worship through the Children’s Message, then go to the room behind the nursery. -11:15 Sermon on the Mount Bible Study led by Steve Hills and the featuring the scholarship of AJ Levine in Chapel.</p>			
<p>2/24) Monday 6:30pm Boys Scouts 7:00pm Book Club (lounge)</p>	<p>2/25) Tuesday 7:00pm EDA 7:30pm AA</p>	<p>2/26) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>2/27) Thursday 7:30pm GA Meetings 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>2/28) Friday 10:00am Stretch with Marlin</p>		<p>3/1) Saturday -9:00am Partners in Education (PIE) Event; Registration starts at 9am and will last to 2:30pm at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Columbus - 10:00 Funeral Service for Shirley Wager - 11-12:30 Reception. After reception is the burial.</p>	
<p>3/2) Sunday 10:00am worship service in-person & live-streamed via YOUTUBE - We Wonder for Ages 4-7.</p>			

February 23 WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

Worship Leader: Allyson Engdahl Usher Captain: Ian Rennick Elder of the Month: Beth Walli
 Worship Service Attendance for February 16, 2025 – 41

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Blvdchurch.org)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23:

BOOK CLUB Just a reminder that our next meeting is Monday February 24th at 7pm to discuss How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen by David Brooks, led by Steve Hills. Thanks, Casey Hoch.

FUNERAL SERVICES March 1 at 9:00am, here at the Boulevard Presbyterian Church, for Shirley Wagner. From 11 to 12:30 there will be a reception in our lounge. After the reception, they will be going to the cemetery.

MARCH 1, 2025 - PIE (PARTNERS IN EDUCATION) EVENT "Visions and Dreams" PIE (Partners in Education) Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Columbus with registration at 9:00 am. The event lasts until 2:30 p.m. and the \$20 cost includes lunch from Freedom a la Carte. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall, Presbyterian Mission Agency's Deputy Executive Director of Vision, Innovation and Rebuilding. Eight exciting workshops will be offered, four in the morning and four in the afternoon, including Matthew 25 issues, children and youth ministry, a youth adult panel, making your church more visible, ministry innovation, chair yoga, and downsizing your life. Please put this on your calendar and spread the word! Sponsored by the Presbytery's Commission on Justice, Outreach and Education (CJOE).

PANCAKE BREAKFAST MARCH 2 after worship. The Deacons bring Chris Cakes Pancake Catering for a pre-Lenten celebration. Faith Development will resume the following Sunday, March 9, with a Lenten Study - Adam Hamilton's "Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws."

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5 our Lenten season begins with a soup supper in Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm, followed by Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. We'll continue to meet for supper and worship every Wednesday of Lent. Please sign up to bring soup/sides on the sign-up sheet in the lounge.

YEAR END FINANCIAL SUMMARY Our Treasurer and Financial Secretary have now closed out Boulevard's 2024 finances, which will be reviewed by the Finance Committee later this year per its standard procedure. Session has also approved a 2025 budget, which includes income primarily from 49 pledging households, and expenses based on all positions being fully staffed for the first time in several years.

YEAR END OPERATING FUND

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budgeted
Income	\$281,653.93	\$236,898.46	\$195,500
Expenses	\$307,459.99	\$342,367.45	\$374,800
Net Loss	-\$25,806.06	-\$105,468.99	-\$179,300

While the church has sufficient funds available to cover the projected deficit for the coming year, Session and our Finance Committee are well aware that continuing to operate with a deficit is not sustainable. A more detailed letter explaining our current financial position and the action steps church leadership is taking to be financially secure in the future will be sent out next week by email and post. You are encouraged to study this information and join a Town Hall style discussion on finance, our building and the future of our church at our **March 9 Congregational Meeting**. Questions and concerns can be directed to our Treasurer Melissa Schmidt, Finance Chair LaMar Zigler, Finance Committee Member and past chair Steve Hills, or any member of Session.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 9 After worship, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall for a Town Hall style discussion with church leadership about the future of our church - finances, faith and who God is calling us to be in times such as these. All are welcome to attend.

2025 PER CAPITA NOW DUE: \$44 per member. *Per capita* is the "per member" share of the costs of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly - the offices of our denomination that provide support for our churches, pastors and many denomination-wide mission efforts. Boulevard pays per capita on behalf of every member on the rolls, so your payment of per capita at \$44 per member means more money stays in our church operating budget. Thank you for your support!

BULK UP TO THE FAB FOUR! The Significant Six is becoming the FAB FOUR. The Mission Committee gets with our mission partners periodically to see if what we are doing still best meets their needs. Marlin Cheney reached out to NNEMAP and found that we can better help them by providing toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste (the size you get from your dentist after a cleaning), small bars of soap (the size you get in a hotel) and feminine products—our new FAB FOUR. The small sizes of toothpaste and soap allows NNEMAP to serve more clients, particularly the unhoused, while also allowing flexibility in giving extra of these smaller products to larger families. At this point, NNEMAP is able to get the last two items from the Significant Six, toilet paper and razors, from other sources. To this end, the wizard of Amazon, Bill Bell, has found that we can purchase toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap in bulk at great prices.

Toothbrushes - 600 – for \$70	Toothpaste-144 tubes for \$30	Soap-200 bars for \$38
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The Mission Committee is asking those of you who have been purchasing these items for the pantry to consider switching to a monetary donation so that we can provide more products for the same amount of money spent. We have several members who have already committed to doing this. Should you wish to "bulk up" also, you can send a check into the office or leave it in the collection plate Sunday mornings. Please mention FAB FOUR on the memo line of the check so the funds go to the right place. We have not yet found a bulk supplier for feminine products so those can continue to be brought in to be taken to the pantry. We are excited about the opportunity to "bulk up" and provide this level of products to the pantry!

NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE FOR WORSHIP from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings during the worship service. Please contact Sue Harvey (614-216-5884) if you would like to volunteer. 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.



PRE-K REGISTRATION IS OPEN for Full time and Part time



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For Part-Day: Partday@blvdchurch.org

For Full-Day: Fullday@blvdchurch.org