



**“The most common way people give up their power
Is by thinking they don’t have any.”**

~Alice Walker

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SANCTUARY

February 9, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

“Kum Ba Yah”
By Douglas Wagner

Tom Kolar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Merri Bame

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mac Swinford

Jesus promises that when we gather, God is present.

God is with us here. God is with us today.

Let us praise our Creator, the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty saying,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The Lord of hosts is here. Let us ground ourselves in worship.

*OPENING HYMN 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy,” verses 1 - 3

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Merri Bame

Worship begins each week with a communal acknowledgement that we have failed the task set before us. God calls us to live our lives in the way of Jesus, who humbly and justly loved God and neighbor. We are called to set ourselves aside, to make the world a better place. Yet, because the salvation of the world is ongoing, we fall short. Let us confess our sins before our just and merciful Creator so that we may be free to live into our purpose again.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Merri Bame

Minister: Beloved, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are. You are forgiven. We are forgiven. You are loved. We are loved. Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God’s kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.

*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

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

*HYMN OF GLORY 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy” verse 4

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mac Swinford

FIRST SCRIPTURE *Isaiah* 6:1-8 (pg.553)

Mac Swinford

SECOND READING *Luke* 5:1-11 (pg. 836)

Elder Merri Bame

MESSAGE

"A Great Catch"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE IN "Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

Accordingly, we reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Mac Swinford

OFFERTORY

"Kum Ba Ya"
Arr. Ed Lojeski

Chancel Choir
Darius McBride, Director

*HYMN OF THANKS 647

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, whose love is so extravagant, we dedicate these gifts to you. May they be used to share your love and care with the world. 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.

HYMN 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me?"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Hymn #834)

Bill Gamble

"River of Peace"
by Roberta Rowland

Tom Kolar

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9:

THE ENTIRE RENNICK family would like to extend its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Boulevard Presbyterian family for the love and support we felt during the brief hospitalization and passing of our matriarch, Ellen Rennick.

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR YOU! Because of you . . .

- 150 bean soup kits were delivered to NNEMAP on February 3. Our initial goal was 125 kits.
- 72 pounds of unopened beans were donated to NNEMAP
- Members and friends enjoyed delicious bean soup made by Alaina and tamales made by Sandra and Daniel.

Many thanks to Marlin and Harold for organizing this project for many years and to Jan Plas for donating the spices. Boulevard provided a warm meal for many recipients and extra beans for additional meals. Thank you. Charmaine

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



www.blvdpreschool.org

For Part-Day: Partday@blvdchurch.org

For Full-Day: Fullday@blvdchurch.org

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).

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.

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!

NSI NEWS: Martin sent out the email, below, to the NSI Staff and Board of Directors. We should be proud of the support we lend to make NSI's services to the community successful.

Dear NSI Team,

This information just came out today. In 2024, NSI was the 16th largest food pantry in Mid-Ohio Food Collective's 20 county footprint, out of 419 pantries! In addition, in 2024, of the 353 agencies in Franklin County that distribute food, including produce markets, meal programs, shelters, pantries, and youth programs, NSI was ranked 10th in Franklin County for meal share percentages, at 2.5%. (Meal share percentage is a calculation of the number of pounds of food collected and how that converts to meals. Martin provided that definition). Congratulations to everyone! In Peace, Martin

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.

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 Rennick family and friends after the passing of Ellen Rennick.					
Ann Mattiaccy	Grandson, Joe Mattiaccy: In ICU				
	Jon Stephens: Prayers for healing				
Jeanette	Friend, Jennifer's husband Ed: heart issue				
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. 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	Home
Tom Hayes	The Forum-Assisted Living		Katy Frase	Home		

BIRTHDAYS

Date:	Member		Date:	Member		Date:	Member
2/2	Tim Harvey		2/12	Katie Schmidt		2/17	Carol Agler
2/5	Kevin Hicks		2/13	Dan Hooley, Sarah Murdick, Judy Pierce		2/25	Harold Cheyney
2/7	Ann Mattiaccy		2/14	Stephanie Nelson		2/26	Marlin Cheyney
2/8	Michael Frase		2/15	Ron Nines		2/28	Merri Bame
2/10	Beth Snyder		2/16	Regina Lukich		2/29	Enoch Osborne

THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<p>2/9) Sunday 10:00am worship service in-person & live-streamed via YOUTUBE - 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>2/10) Monday 6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2/11) Tuesday 7:00pm EDA 7:30pm AA</p>	<p>2/12) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>2/13) Thursday 7:30pm GA Meetings 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>2/14) Friday 10:00am Stretch with Marlin</p>		<p>2/15) Saturday</p>	
<p>2/16) Sunday 10:00am worship service in-person & live-streamed via YOUTUBE - We Wonder for Ages 4-7.</p>			

February 9 WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

Worship Leader: Mac Swinford Usher Captain: Bill Bell Elder of the Month: Beth Wall
 Worship Service Attendance for February 2, 2025 – 47

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