



**“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit
of the Lord is, there is freedom”**

-2 Corinthians 3:7

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SANCTUARY

March 2, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

“ Cantilena”
By LLOYD Webber

Tom Kolar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor David Bubb

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 99)

Ginny Achtermann

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!

So, come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

*OPENING HYMN 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

On Transfiguration, on the holy mountain of God, we see Jesus as he truly is. But in confession we let Jesus see us as we truly are. We name our sins, our faults, and the things we’ve gotten wrong, and we do so in faith that Jesus wants to see us as we are. So, let’s tell the truth together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we’ve fallen short. You know the work we’ve left undone, the mercy we’ve left ungiven, the love we’ve left unshared, the peace we’ve left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we’ve chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen.

(silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the Lord sees you and knows you. The Lord sees you and loves you. The Lord sees you and calls you. Open your eyes, and know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

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

*HYMN OF GLORY 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ginny Achtermann

FIRST SCRIPTURE *2 Corinthians* 3:12-18, 4:1-2 (pg.939)

Ginny Achtermann

SECOND READING *Luke* 9:28-36 (pg. 843)

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

MESSAGE

“A Closer Look”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Theological Declaration of Barmen)

“Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age” (Matt. 28:20.) “The word of God is not fettered.” (II Tim. 2:9.)

WE BELIEVE The church’s commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ’s stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.

We see, in the acknowledgment of these truths and in the rejection of these errors, an indispensable theological basis that invites all who are able to accept this declaration to be mindful of these theological principles in their decisions in church politics. This Declaration entreats all whom it concerns to return to the unity of faith, love, and hope.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Ginny Achtermann

OFFERTORY

*HYMN OF THANKS 654

“In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you have sustained us in lean times and led us to sources of living water. Take these gifts and multiply their blessings for those who are hungry, hurting and in need of your strength. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you! **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

HYMN 595

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord**

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With Thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God, thank you for opening our eyes, hearts and minds with this meal of love and grace. May this blessing pull us back from the depth of our imaginations and into the presence of this very moment, again and again and again, that we may do acts of compassion for other

CLOSING HYMN 372

"O For A World"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in E Minor"
By Johann Pachelbel

Tom Kolar

Today's liturgy is based on "Order of Worship for February 16, 2025" by Terri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution ©2025 Presbyterian Outlook.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND COMFORT:					
Michael McKinney	Judy Pierce	Sue Harvey	Ginny Achtermann	Dave Grimm	
PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN					
Prayers of comfort for the family of Shirley Wagner after her passing 2/16/25					
Jeanette	Jennifer, family friend: dad, John Godfrey in hospital				
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 Mattiaccy: prayers for healing				
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		

MARCH BIRTHDAY

Date	Member	Date:	Member	Date	Member
3/1	Connor 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 Harvey & 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

THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3/2) 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. -After worship in FH: Deacons will have Chris Cakes Pancake Catering for a pre-Lenten celebration.			
3/3) Monday 6:30pm Boys Scouts	3/4) Tuesday 6:00 pm Nominating committee 7:00pm EDA 7:30pm AA	3/5) Wednesday -9:30am Quilters -7:00pm Service of Imposition of Ashes w/ Chancel Choir in Sanctuary 7:30pm NA	3/6) Thursday 7:30pm GA Meetings 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal
3/7) Friday		3/8) Saturday	
3/9) Sunday 10:00am worship service in-person & live-streamed via YOUTUBE - We Wonder for Ages 4-7. - After worship service 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. Fellowship Hall.			

MARCH 2, 2025 WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

Worship Leader: Ginny Achermann Usher Captain: Jody Huggins Elder of the Month: Linda Wilton
 Worship Service Attendance for February 23, 2025 – 49

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Blvdchurch.org)

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Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez– office@blvdchurch.org

Music Director: Darius McBride Organist: Tom Kolar

Financial Officer: Valerie Bosworth- finance@blvdchurch.org Preschool Administrator: Melissa Schauss

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2

REUPHOLSTERING FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIRS the next upholstering work day will be this coming Tuesday, March 4th at noon. We have tasks for everyone. Come join in the fun! If you have any questions, please call Alex McCormick 614-747-1082.

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. The Chancel Choir will provide music for our service of imposition of Ashes. 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.

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.

TUESDAY MARCH 11 at 6:00 Come hang with the Outreach Committee at Cliffside Sports Bar on McKinley Avenue - we'll be discussing our new website and other ways to "reach out" and share our faith with our community, family and friends.

2025 ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS It is never too early to start thinking about Endowment requests. Applications must be submitted on or before April 1. When submitting a request, it is important to first discuss the request with the appropriate committee at Boulevard. For example, if the application falls under Mission, please reach out to the Mission Committee to ensure it falls in line with their current or long-term plans. Please leave your application with Jeanette and send an email to Charmaine to ensure the committee tracks all the applications. Please reach out to any Endowment committee member if you have any questions. Thank you.
Endowment Committee Members: Chair: Charmaine Hamilton Katie Schmidt Larr Schmitz Session Representative: Lamar Zigler Sandy Zigler

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!