



# everything [in] between stranger & neighbor

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SANCTUARY

March 9, 2025 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“The Glory of These Forty Days”  
By Johann Walther

Tom Kolar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Tim Harvey

Here in this place, we can ask big questions. **Who is my neighbor? How can I help?  
What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?**

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

**So, may we listen. May we learn. May we stay curious, and may we look for God.**

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

\*OPENING HYMN

“I Saw A Stranger”

NEIGHBOR: I saw a stranger on the road in need of help and care  
No clues to their identity, just human flesh laid bare  
A thought had fluttered through my mind: “Is this one of my own?”  
My tribal mind made me forget that they’re bone of my bone

STRANGER: I laid there desperate by the road in need of help and care  
As one by one they passed me by, too busy or too scared  
Then one approached and my first thought was “Do they mean me harm?”  
To my surprise they met my eyes and held me in their arms

BOTH: In our embrace the memory returned from Eden’s dust  
Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, my kin whom I can trust  
The artificial walls we build around the tribes we claim  
Make us forget the gospel truth: “Beloved” is your name

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray, amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

\*HYMN OF GLORY #399

"God Welcomes All"

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Tim Harvey

GOSPEL READING *Luke 10:25-37*

 **THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**everything [in] between stranger & neighbor**



### Neighbors

by Steve Prince

Inspired by Luke 10:25-37

*Ink on paper*

Each individual carries generations within them, made up of billions of people who have occupied this earth before us. We have an individual and collective responsibility to be good stewards (Good Samaritans) of our bodies, neighbors, and communities, rooted in love. Every day we make a dance of life and death—celebrating the entrance and exit of life, the progression of age and maturity, and the expansion of our tent, grafting to people who share our blood and our beliefs. We are the structures, those temporal buildings that weather the storms, that creak and wither away daily, but are fortified by our relationships to each other and with the sharing of the good news planted by the Heavenly Father. This dance is an open profession of our vow to live by God's commandments and find a

way to collectively preserve the truth of our origin while moving as one communal body into an untouched future. —Steve Prince

MESSAGE

"Stranger and Neighbor"

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Church, if God asked you, "Who is your neighbor?" what would you say?

**We would say, every child, every person, every weeping willow, and every morning lark. Every freckled face, every wrinkled pair of hands, every tail-wagging dog, and every crisp ripe apple.**

**We would say, we are connected—to one another, to all of God's creation. There are no strangers in God's house. We are all family here.**

I think God would delight in that answer. For it is said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

**with all your soul,**

with all your strength,

**with all your mind,**

and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Elder Tim Harvey

OFFERTORY

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

by Edward Cooper

Chancel Choir

Darius McBride, Director

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*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.**

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 #762

“Cuando El Pobre” (*When the Poor Ones*)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
by Matt Limbaugh

Tom Kolar

**MARCH 9, 2025 WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS**

Worship Leader: Tim Harvey Usher Captain: Jody Huggins Elder of the Month: Linda Wilton  
Worship Service Attendance for March 2, 2025 – 47

**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Blvdchurch.org)**

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND COMFORT:					
Michael McKinney	Judy Pierce	Sue Harvey	Ginny Achtermann	Dave Grimm	Grace Parks
PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN					
Pastor Tiffany: prayers for healing					
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				
Jeanette	Nephew, Jon Rosa: had surgery 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 Conner	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	3/18	Kathy Chaffin Carolyn Williams	3/29	Spencer Murdick
				3/30	David Grimm

**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 9**

**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: Charmaine Hamilton, Chair    Katie Schmidt    Larry Schmitz  
 LaMar Zigler, Session Representative and Sandy Zigler

**FAB FOUR** The Mission Committee would like to let you know that we have made the first purchase of Fab Four personal care items. We delivered the following items to NNEMAP this past week:

Toothbrushes	Tubes of toothpaste	Bars of soap
600	288	400

As of right now, we have received enough donations to allow us to purchase more lots like this during the coming year. We will keep you updated on when we make those purchases. We are also researching sources for feminine hygiene products (the fourth item of the Fab Four) and will let you know if we will be able to "bulk up" with them also. Thank you again for sharing the love of Christ with those in need!

**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!

## THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<b>3/9)</b> 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 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.			
<b>3/10)</b> Monday 6:30pm Boys Scouts	<b>3/11)</b> Tuesday 6:00pm Outreach Committee meeting at Cliffside Sports Bar on McKinley Avenue 7:00pm EDA 7:30pm AA	<b>3/12)</b> Wednesday -9:30am Quilters -6:00 Lent Soup F.H. -7:00 Lent Service Sanctuary 7:30pm NA	<b>3/13)</b> Thursday 7:30pm GA 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal
<b>3/14)</b> Friday 10:00 Stretch with Marlin		<b>3/15)</b> Saturday	
<b>3/15)</b> Sunday 10:00am worship service in-person & live-streamed via YOUTUBE - We Wonder for Ages 4-7.			



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our mission focus for the Lenten season is One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual churchwide special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world. Additionally, since the Per Capita assessment paid by individual Presbyterians helps to cover overhead expenses, 100% of all funds collected from One Great Hour of Sharing go to the following programs:

#### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters and provides support for refugees.

#### **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM**

Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation and addresses the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

#### **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

Partners with communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

During the Lenten Season, please take time to reflect on the ways in which you can participate in caring for God’s people. If you wish to donate to this special offering, please note One Great Hour of Sharing on the memo line of your check. Checks can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to/dropped off at the church office.