

Boulevard United Methodist Church



A 30-foot pine tree had riven this man's house. But as cleanup crews broke down that tree to remove it, the man saved the top 7 feet of the tree and planted it upright in his front yard as a kind of pre-Christmas Christmas tree. He dug out a few surviving ornaments from his house. Soon neighbors added symbols of the storm itself—surgical masks, battered coffee cups, and the like. It was a sign of resilience, a sign of hope and of a desire to re-build.

- Scott Hoezee

December 2, 2018

First Sunday in Advent
4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad St.

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Opening Words

O Branch of Hope, O Root of Possibility, O Shade of Compassion,
Shelter us a while as we learn to tell your story.

Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* 209

Time with Children

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Music

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16

*O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Scripture Luke 21:25-36

Hymn *Trim the Cruise's Failing Light*

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn *Canticle of the Turning*

Offering

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Lord's Supper

Hymn *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

Dismissal with Blessing

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God...

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...

And so,

in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

OUR CURRENT MISSION FOCUS is United Methodist Family Services. We help them put hope into the holidays for children and families in Virginia. Making a check out to Boulevard UMC and designating it UMFS is the way that we ask you to contribute. Online givers can select the mission box.

POVERTY SIMULATION

Wednesday, December 5

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 1127 N. 28th St.

What is a Poverty Simulation?

During a poverty simulation, participants role-play the lives of low-income families ranging from single parents caring for their children to senior citizens maintaining their self-sufficiency on Social Security. The goal of the simulation is to bridge the gap from misconception to understanding. It is an interactive immersion experience that sensitizes community participants to the realities of poverty.

What will you be doing during the simulation?

The simulation provides participants with the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget. The experience is divided into four 15-minute sessions, each of which represents one week in which you must provide for your family and maintain your home. Participants will move around the room and interact with roleplaying others.

Good to Know:

A light dinner will be served. Children over the age of 12 are encouraged to participate, however, everyone who is participating **MUST** register (group registration is available) at www.handsonrva.org. Childcare is available for children under the age of 12 who are not participating in the simulation.

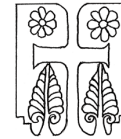
NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for those grieving the deaths of Rita Callis, Deanna Spain, and Charlie Ruxton. Also on our prayer list: Nancy Tate and Leslie. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 year olds begins after the children's moment (approximately 4:15). They rejoin us for Communion. Ms. LaRonda is an experienced childcare provider currently employed by Grace Covenant Child Development Center.



O ROOT OF JESSE is the fourth of the seven O Antiphons of Advent, which are based on Isaiah's vision of the Messiah. This Sunday, we add our voices to the ancient prayer: "O Root of Jesse, tarry not; over all your people your banner waves. All rulers and nations worship you: Heal the nations!"

10:30 AM on Christmas Eve
at 1837 W. Broad

A service that is less and yet more.

Long ago they called it a

Love feast

And so shall we.

There will be Moravian Sugar Cake and tables with chairs.

It'll be earnest and honest and simple and gentle.

It'll be what we, collectively, manage to give and to receive.

Come.

Eat.

Give an old, old story the chance to be bread for the journey.