

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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*Loving, Serving and Accepting All People
with God's Life-Changing Power*

Loving Holy One, we seek communion with you. We long for a sense of deep connection with you - in our prayers and study and our striving for insight. Help us to recognize and rejoice in the many ways you already reach-out to us - through the beauty and grace of this world, by your Spirit's continuing presence, and in the love you show us in Jesus Christ. Amen.



1 Jn 3:2

Sunday November 6, 2016 • 10:00 AM
25th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor

• Rev David Shackle

Director of Music *Financial Secretary* *Ministers*

• David Debick • Joy Garapic All of our Members

Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are male, female, or transgender,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,

Or a life-long member of the UCC,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,

We welcome one another to this place,

Even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!

WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

- ✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.
- ✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers.
- ✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary. Pillows for your back support are also available.

Summer Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:00 - 12:00

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NOVEMBER 6, 2016 – 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Creator of heaven and earth, you lift us up and enable us to move forward, even in times of sadness, loss, and discouragement. Through your Creative Presence, transform our old and tired ways into pathways for new and exciting possibilities. Fill our hearts and lives with your peace, joy, and love - and help us to gladly share these blessings with others. Amen.

Prelude

Apparition of the Eternal Church
*“Made out of living stone,
Made out of heavenly stone,
It appears in heaven:
It is the Lamb's bride!
It is the heavenly church
Made out of heavenly stone
Which is the chosen's souls.
They are in God, and God is in them
For heavenly eternity!”*

Messiaen

Olivier Messiaen, 1932

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Call to Worship

Leader: Today, we remember the faithful lives of those who have gone before us.

People: We give thanks for all those who helped enlightened our path!

L: Today we gather in unity with our sisters and brothers,

P: To celebrate the connectedness of all of our lives!

L: Today we raise-up One Bread and Cup,

P: Remembering the Risen Christ who lives among us!

L: Today we share that Bread and Cup with all who desire,

P: Remembering Christ's extravagant welcome and service to all!

L: Today we lift our voices in thanks and praise!

All: With all the Saints, we worship the Holy One!

* Hymn of Praise

For All the Saints

#299

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Gracious and Loving Holy One, we come before you with thanks for the many ways that you fill our lives with joy: the love of family and friends; the comfort of our homes; the gift of our Church Home. Forgive us when we take our blessings for granted or fail to share them with others. Teach us to live as your compassionate people; inspire us through the examples of those who have gone before us; and give us the courage to faithfully follow the Loving Way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: This truth remains and will never change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life!

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Passing the Peace**

L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you!

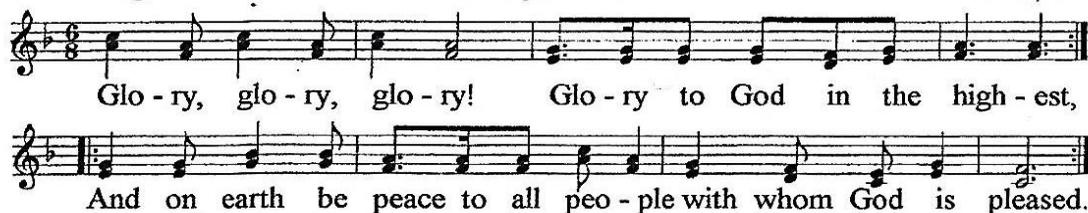
P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

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Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

The Old Testament

Psalm 34:1-14

Pew Bible, page 508

The New Testament

from Hebrews Chapters 11

Pew Bible, page 225

The Continuing Testament

Stewardship Reflections

by Don Seager

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

In That Happy Land Southern folk hymn, arr. Pethel

Sermon

Our Living Link

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

O Saints in Splendor Sing

#380

The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer

*[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's
Theological understanding]*

**...Our Father-Mother, 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.**

Choral Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory

I Bind My Heart
*"I bind my soul this day
To the brother far away
To the sister near at hand
In this town and in this land."*

Toolan

From "Thraldom," *The Tryst*, 1907,
Lauchlan McLean Watt (1853-1931)

***Offertory Hymn**

**We bring our gifts because we care,
They are a part of what we share.
Our love is strong, it heals, uplifts.
With hearts of joy we share our gifts. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, we thank you for entrusting to our care the richness of
Creation. Through our gifts and offerings, we return to you a portion of that which
you have given us. May they be a means of serving you in the mission of outreach
and love to which you have called us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn	Eat This Bread [sung twice]	#788
Communion Music	Contemplation	Rowley

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: It is truly good and right to give you thanks, Divine Source of all Life, for you have called us into your Church to serve you by serving the entire human family, and to proclaim your Good News to all the world. In gratitude we accept your call, and praise your Holy Name, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Divine Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

We give thanks, Divine Source of Life and Love, that you have refreshed us at your Table of Grace. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure	O Savior, for the Saints	#298
*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World		Acolyte

*** Circle of Community**

As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah**. After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' The first staff has chord markings: A, E, A, D, Bm, E. The second staff has chord markings: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

***Benediction**

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

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PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Dorie Gabor, William Zmich, Lenore & Bill Harris, Ann Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, October 30, 2016 – Adults: 68 Kids: 14 Total: 82

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS - We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour: Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery. Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers. Crayons and paper are also available from ushers for children.

FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Tia Vargo-Began in Honor of her Parents Alice and the Late William Vargo's Wedding Anniversary. They were Wed in 1958.

BOOK DISCUSSION – *SALT TO THE SEA* discussion will be Monday, November 7, at 1:00 in the Parlor.

SCHEDULING – for December. If you are on the list to participate in church services the scheduler needs to know if you are not going to be available especially on: Saturday, December 24, Sunday, December 25 or Sunday January 1, 2017. Unless you would like to be scheduled randomly give me a call (440-526-9714)) or send an email (chandler9143@roadrunner.com). Hopefully these communications can be made before November 12th so the schedule can be submitted by November 15.

MANY THANKS to everyone who assisted with the Jazz Vespers concert on Oct. 30 – preparing Pilgrim Hall for our guests, bringing delicious finger foods for the reception, cleaning up afterward; and thanks to Bob Chandler, Jim Duffy, Joy Garapic, George Snider and Matt Wolbert for ushering, greeting and counting. Joanne Cook coordinated an outstanding crew of volunteers before, during and after the concert. 118 adults and children were treated to a splendid jazz program consisting of hymn tune arrangements and original compositions of Paul Ferguson, the ensemble's director. Our amazing volunteers are vital to the success of the free concert series. Thank you all for your participation, support and hard work! -Dave Debick

DONATIONS are being accepted for new choir folders and a cover for the sanctuary piano. Our current folders are falling apart. The cover will protect the piano finish from early morning sunlight and accumulation of dust. Please see Dave Debick.

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a

restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in the ***Weekly Bulletin, Monthly Pillar, and Online Calendar – BUCC Website.***

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

THE BLESSINGS JAR is for your use to drop in a note and/or money in response to a special blessing you have received during the week. We would like to recognize your blessing in the Pillar if you wish.

THE PEACE CANDLE is placed up front every Sunday to remind us of Jesus' teachings on peace and peacemakers. We pray that peace between nations, within our country, community, families, and ourselves will become a priority for all.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 34:1-14

I will bless the Holy One at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul exalts in the Compassionate One; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Righteous One with me, and let us exalt God's name together. I sought God, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look too, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Holy One, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Sovereign One encircles all those who revere God, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Holy One is good; happy are those who take refuge in that Divine Presence. Show reverence, you holy ones of God; for those who exalt the Holy One have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Righteous One lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you to honor the ways of the Holy One. Those of you who desire life, and wish for many days to enjoy good - do this: Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The New Testament - from *Hebrews* Chapter 11

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of the Holy One, so that what is seen was made from things that are not seen.... By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.... By faith Sarah received the ability to conceive, even in her old age, because she considered the Holy One who promised her, to be faithful.... By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph.... By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, foretold of the Exodus of the Israelites....

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was special; and they were not afraid of the Pharaoh's edict.... By faith Moses left Egypt, unafraid of the Pharaoh's anger; for he persevered as though he saw the Holy One who is invisible.... By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land.... And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered territories, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, and won strength out of weakness.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 6

10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6:00 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, Nov. 7

1:00 pm Book Discussion
7:30 pm Facilities

Wed., Nov. 9

6:00 am Early Birds
4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer
7:00 pm Council
****Advent Book Deadline****

Thurs., Nov. 10

1:00 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:00 pm Choir

Sat. Nov. 12

9:00 pm Thanksgiving Meal Set-Up

Sunday, Nov. 13

10:00 am Worship Service/Dedication
Sunday
11:00 am Thanksgiving Banquet

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

NOV. 6, 2016

Lay Reader: Darlene Kelly
Head Usher Jill Zedan
Ushers: Kathy Smith, David Ritchey,
Wes & Evie Novak
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz
Nursery: Valerie Tyler
Counters: Nancy Stella, Donn Whyte
Servers: Marge Culver, Joy Garapic
Clean Up: Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Snacks: Vicki Szabo, Marla Corrado

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

NOV. 13, 2016

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Julie & Dave Bernard
Joe Wilson, Drew Wilson
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr: Jon Thompson
Flowers: Harvest - Miriam
Nursery: Gina Cook
Counters: Bruce McCain, Kathy Pastor
Servers: Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean-Up: Thanksgiving Dinner &
Snacks: Committees