

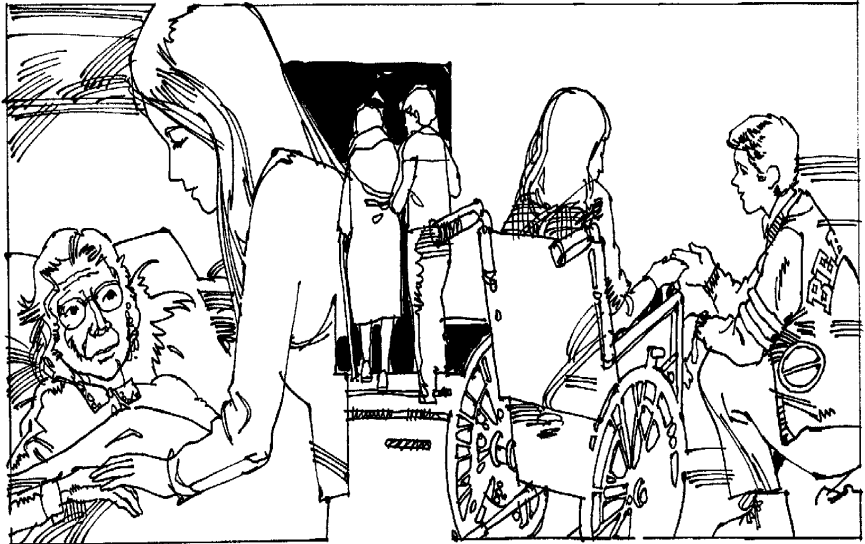
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source of Grace and Peace, calm our minds and our spirits on this day and in this time of worship. Help us to tune-out the negative chatter and confusion of our world, so that we might focus on your Word of compassion, mercy and justice. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



***“...Do Justice, Love Kindness, And Walk Humbly
With Your God.”
Micah 6:8***

Sunday January 29, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Pastor

• Rev David Shackle

Director of Music

• David Debick

Financial Secretary

• Joy Garapic

Ministers

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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January 29, 2017 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, open our eyes to the blessings that abound all around us every day, and to the opportunities to be a blessing to others. Help to see “the more excellent way” that is possible when we follow the loving path of Christ-like service. Amen.

Gathering in God’s Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Happy Is the Child
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Bartlett

“Happy is the child whose heart and soul are meek.
Happy is the child today.
The Lord will give you the earth and all you seek.
Happy is the child today.”
Terry L. Bartlett, 1982

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us praise the Holy One!

People: Let us praise the Creator who has filled the earth with blessings!

L: Let us give thanks to the Gracious One who has filled our lives with joy!

P: Let us worship the Compassionate One who is always with us!

L: Let us gather together in hope and faith,

P: To praise our Divine Source of Life and Love.

L: The Holy One who created heaven and earth, renews and remakes us today!

All: Let our spirits soar to greet our God!

*Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

#4

* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, in whom we live and move and have our being: we have gathered here to sing your praise and to celebrate your Presence. Gather the prayers and praise of our hearts into one harmony of worship and service, that we might truly be One Body. Accept the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, we pray in the name of Christ our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

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 image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Old Testament

Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, page 866

The New Testament

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, page 4

The Continuing Testament from *"What Does the Lord Require of You?"* - by Edward Markquart

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

Marshall, arr. Debick

Sermon

The Joy of Giving

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

O for a World

#574

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.**

Organ Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory

What Does Our God Require of Us?

Strathdee

“To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.”
(Micah 6:8)

*Offertory Hymn

Winter has come, it's taken hold.
The days are short, the nights are cold.
The poor need food and help and heat.
We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]

Creator of all, we thank you that you have called us to be your people, the Church.
We thank you that you have given us all that we need to serve you. Help us to
willingly take our part in your service, by helping one another, by freely giving to
those in need, and by sharing the greatest gift we have: the gift of your love. This
we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our shining Light! Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Lead On, Eternal Sovereign

#573

* 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

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. The second staff has the lyrics: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Chords are indicated above and below the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

*Benediction

Postlude

Canticle of the Turning

Traditional Irish melody, arr.
Cooney

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Don Butler, Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Ann Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, 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, January 22, 2017 – Adult: 73 Kids: 8 Total: 81

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping 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.

OUR BUCC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately after worship. Please plan to attend, as we will finalize this year's budget and our Church Council and Ministry Team members.

CHURCH SURVEY The Parish Staff Relations & Leadership Development Ministries have prepared a survey and we ask that you answer and respond to this survey no later than Sunday, February 12th. The results of this questionnaire will give the Parish-Staff Relations Ministry an opportunity to follow-up and work with the church staff and the ministries to better serve our church life. Those who receive email will receive a copy of the survey on Monday, January 30th. Those who prefer a hard copy can either ask the church office to mail them a copy or can pick up a copy during coffee hour today. We thank you in advance for responding to the church survey.

BOOK CLUB - On February 6 at 1:00 the book club will meet to discuss "Still Life with Breadcrumbs". There are a few more books available in Joy's office.

SAVE THE DATE! I hope you will all make a special effort to join us for our Mardi Gras Worship, Pot-Luck Dinner, and the special presentation by Andy Lang on Sunday the 26th. This event can be a good reminder that every Sunday - and every day of our lives - is a celebration of Good News of Divine love and grace, revealed to us in Jesus Christ!
Pastor Dave

DIRECTORY We are planning to put out a new directory in addition to the Pictorial Directory. Please let the office know if you have had a change of *name, address, email*, or if *your birthday* is not included, and you would like it to be. Either call Jeannette at 440-526-4364, or email me your changes to: buccoh@sbcglobal.net.

please send **updated email addresses to stay on top of the latest church information**

CHILDRENS BULLETINS are located in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

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!

YOU ARE STILL PART OF OUR WORSHIP even when you must retreat to the narthex with an unhappy child or for any other reason. ALL parts of our worship are amplified into the narthex, including the music - choir anthems, congregational hymns and Dave's organ music - items which do not need to be amplified within the sanctuary and would result in bothersome echos.

DID YOU MISS last Sunday's service or do you just want to have a chance to rehear Pastor Dave's sermon. The Sunday services are recorded in their entirety on audio CDs each week. You can borrow a CD in the church office and listen to it at your convenience at home or in your car. Several recent weeks' recordings are always available. Check them out and check them out.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the *Weekly Bulletin* and in the *Monthly Pillar*.

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 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.

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.

The Readings

The Old Testament Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Holy One says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains and you enduring foundations of the earth, the controversy of the Holy One; for the Holy One has a controversy with God's people, and will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what way have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may recall the saving acts of your God."

With what shall I come before the Holy One, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Holy One be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Holy One require of you? To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

The New Testament - Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Realm of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Realm of Heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Continuing Testament - from "*What Does the Lord Require of You?*" - by Edward Markquart [edited]

I remember a story about theological students at Harvard who were preparing for the ministry. These students were taking their final examination on the topic: Immanuel Kant's Moral Imperative. The exam gave the students two hours to write their personal philosophy on the subject, with a ten minute break in the middle. The students wrote furiously for the first hour. Then the bell rang; the students took a break and went out into the hallway. There in the hallway was another student, not part of their class, sitting slumped on the floor, disheveled, looking like a mess. The students were engaged in conversation with each other, getting a drink of water, taking a bathroom break, before returning to the classroom to continue writing their understanding of what it means to be a moral human being.

The following week, the students received their test results: they had all failed. That is, they did O. K. on what they wrote, but their professor was also standing in the hallway during the break and grading them on how they approached the man slumped on the floor, or spoke a kind word to him. Nobody had done so....

The key to worshiping God is being willing to sacrifice our own thoughts, our own conversations with others, our own busyness of body and mind. To sacrifice what's going on inside us, in order to give ourselves in worship to the Holy One. To walk humbly with God, is to sacrifice our busy and self-centered lives, and focus on someone other than ourselves and our concerns, our problems and our pleasures.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 29	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Congregational Mtg.
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Bowling/Cloverleaf Lanes
Wed., Feb. 1	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thurs., Feb. 2	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, Feb. 5	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JAN. 29, 2017

Lay Reader: Evie Novak
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Kate Klonowski, Vicki Szabo,
Caroline Chandler, Cliff Cribbs
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul
Narthex Grtr: Chad Sproul
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Donn Whyte, Jim Duffy
Servers: Joy Garapic
Clean Up: Kathy & David Pastor
Snacks: Kate Klonowski, Vicki Szabo
Snow Herder: Cliff Cribbs

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

FEB. 5, 2017

Lay Reader: Darlene Kelly
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Sam Koch, Fred Pesek,
Tim Wallis, Dave Bernard
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Jane Cribbs
Narthex Grtr: Jill Zedan
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Courtni Began
Counters: Nancy Stella, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Betty Kaul, Joy Garapic
Clean Up: Jill Zedan, Lynne Struck
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Max Roha
Snow Herder: Doug Fawcett