



# BRECKSVILLE

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## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy Source of Divine Wisdom, help us recognize how we sometimes can be narrow-minded in our assumptions and prejudices. Help us to break free from what we assume to be the only obvious way of proceeding in a situation. Give us the flexibility and courage to see the world from the viewpoint of others. And give us all the insight to perceive things from your perfectly Divine perspective. Amen.

*“Leave Your Gift Before The Altar And Go; First Be Reconciled To Your Brother And Sister, And Then Come And Offer Your Gift.”  
(Matthew 5:24)*

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**Sunday February 12, 2017 • 10:00 AM**

**Sixth 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**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

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## February 12, 2017 – Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

### **Meditation Music**

Divine Source of Compassion and Wisdom, renew within us devoted hearts that seek to listen and think, feel and care. May your Spirit of Grace and Peace help us to subdue the clamor and clutter that whirls around us, so that we might focus on your genuine love for us all. Amen.

### ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

#### **Prelude**

Chanson de Matin (Morning Song)  
*[Robert Howell, violin]*

Elgar

#### **Bearing the Light of Peace**

#### **Bearing the Light of Christ**

#### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us gather in the awareness of Divine Love.

**People: The love which gives us life and brings us to this time and place.**

L: Let us gather in the confidence that the Holy One brings us,

**P: Knowing that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.**

L: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

**P: Because we are welcomed, we too can welcome others.**

L: Let us rejoice in the Holy One's marvelous grace among us!

**All: Let us offer to the Holy One our worship and praise!**

#### **\* Hymn of Praise**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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#### **\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Divine Creator of ourselves and all that exists: we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself fully in the person of Jesus Christ, who fully shared his life with others. Help us to follow Christ's example and be fully present with and for one another today, and in all our days to come. 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 G major, 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**

from Psalm 119

Pew Bible, page 566

**The New Testament**

Matthew 5:21-24; 33-37

Pew Bible, page 4

**The Continuing Testament**

by Jesse Middendorf

in *A Plain Account*

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

God Is Forgiveness Taizé Community, arr. Debick

*[Kate Klonowski, Anne Melfo, Diane Gressley, soprano; Jon Thompson, bass;  
Betsey Wilson, Becky Anderson, Erin Tomlinson, flute; Rob Howell, viola;  
Pastor Dave, guitar]*

**Sermon**

*The God Honest Truth!*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

O Grant Us Light

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## ***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**

Berceuse

Fauré

**\*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]**

**Gracious and loving Holy One, we are thankful that you have created us all in your  
image and proclaimed that each of us is precious in your sight. Bless these gifts  
that we offer, that our giving may help your Church proclaim the Good News of  
justice and peace throughout the world. This we pray in the name of Christ, our  
Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

### ***Going with God's Love***

**\* Hymn of Departure**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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**\*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 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 written below the notes. The first staff has lyrics: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' The second staff has lyrics: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' Above the first staff, there are chord markings: A, E, A, D, Bm, E. Above the second staff, there are chord markings: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

## \*Benediction

Postlude

Allegro from Violin Sonata No. 3 in F Major

Handel

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

“Edna House”, 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, February 5, 2017 – Adult: 77 Kids: 13 Total: 90

## **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.

**TODAY’S FLOWERS** are given by by Bettina Ortiz in Honor of her great-granddaughter, Lyndsey Hough's 7th Birthday on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**WE ARE THANKFUL THIS MORNING** to welcome violinist/violist Robert Howell, nephew of Bob and Caroline Chandler. Let's express our gratitude to Rob during coffee hour following service.

**TODAY WE HAVE ADDED THE NAME OF EDNA HOUSE** to the prayer list. Edna House is a residence on west 65<sup>th</sup> street that rehabilitates women who are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. We will be receiving an offering for Edna House in May.

**CHURCH SURVEY DUE TODAY** - The Parish Staff Relations & Leadership Development Ministries have sent out a survey to all of our BUCC Members. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Please 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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. It's also an excellent occasion to invite a friend or family member to come and celebrate with us.

**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.

**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.

**BUCC HAS THE LATEST**, up-to-date version of the Williams personal sound system. It may just be your answer if you are concerned (1) that the quality of sound deteriorates between the speakers and your pew in the sanctuary, or (2) that your hearing is getting poorer but not yet bad enough to buy hearing aids, or (3) that you have hearing aids and you want to hear even better or (4) that you are bothered by the route 82 traffic noises or any noise generated by your pew mates during worship.

Receivers are available in the narthex for you to borrow which pick up ALL PARTS of the worship service - sermon, readings, choir and organ music, etc.

Just plug in one of our head phones, your favorite Walkman head phones or any other unit with a 3.5mm plug and you are ready for a new hearing experience. Don't know if you want to do this? Then try it out; borrow one of the church's head phones and "test drive" a Williams receiver during a worship service.

And if you already have digital hearing aids, an even better experience awaits you. Simply have your audiologist activate the teleloop option of your hearing aids, borrow a receiver with a teleloop plugged in and experience sound quality you never would have expected. The sound remains electronic all the way from the speaker's mic to your ear drum.

One of our ushers and members of the Spiritual Life Ministry are ready to help you get started. Check with them before the service next Sunday. Your questions are gladly answered.

**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!

**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.

**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 - Exodus 32.15-20**

Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain, carrying the two tablets of the covenant in his hands, tablets that were written on both sides, written on the front and on the back. The tablets were the work of the Holy One, and the writing was the writing of the Holy One, engraved upon the tablets. When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp." But he said, "It is not the sound made by victors, or the sound made by losers; it is the sound of revelers that I hear." As soon as he came near the camp and saw the golden calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets from his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. He took the calf that they had made, burned it with fire, ground it to powder, scattered it on the water, and made the Israelites drink it.

### **The New Testament - Matthew 5:21-24; 33-37**

*Jesus says*, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

...."Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Holy One.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is God's footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Sovereign One. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

## **The Continuing Testament** - by Jesse Middendorf - in *A Plain Account* [edited]

It is easier to live by lists of rules and laws than to live in authentic, dynamic, and redemptive relationship with people. Laws can be static and arbitrary. Jesus reaches into the Law to reveal its objective: the valuing and the protection of others. For instance, it is not enough to prohibit the killing of another. The point is the *value* of the other. What is required is that we not only fail to do them harm, but that we are engaged in proactively seeking their good and affirming their worth. And it begins with us. We dare not wait for them to act, to seek us out, to offer us a hand in reconciliation. We cannot even worship well until we have stepped redemptively toward another with whom we are in conflict.

For Jesus, the value of all persons prohibits our diminishing or demeaning them. Rather, we are to treasure and nurture one another as sisters and brothers, as equals, and as worthy of honor and protection. All of this stands on a foundation of simple and profound truthfulness. Christians have spent much time arguing whether or not one should be required to “swear” an oath in order to testify in a court of law. What Jesus asks of his followers is an utter trustworthiness that doesn’t need oaths of affirmation in dealing with one another. The formal swearing of an oath in court has little to do with the point Jesus is making. What he asks is that we live utterly true, transparently honest, and dependably trustworthy.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, Feb. 12**

10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

**Wed., Feb. 15**

6:00 am Early Birds  
11:30 am Women United  
4:30 pm Recorder/Dulcimer

**Thurs., Feb. 16**

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

**Sunday, Feb. 19**

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**

**FEB. 12, 2017**

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley  
Head Usher: Evie Novak  
Ushers: Jim Duffy, Darlene Kelly,  
Wes Novak, Lindsey Maier  
  
Acolyte: Grace Hunt  
Peace Candle: Lilly Hunt  
Sound: Doug Fawcett  
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul  
Narthex Grtr: Max Roha  
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz  
Nursery: Marla Corrado  
Counters: Marge Culver, David Pastor  
Servers: Vicki Szabo, Julie Bernard  
Clean-Up: Anne Melfo  
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Peg Duffy  
Snow Herder: Joe Wilson

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**FEB. 19, 2017**

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul  
Head Usher: Jon Thompson  
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard  
Diane Gressley, David Ritchey  
  
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Drew Demko  
Sound: Kevin Smith  
Comns Grtr: George Snider  
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek  
Flowers: Julie Bernard  
Nursery: Gina Cook  
Counters: Bruce McCain, Carole Snider  
Servers: Marge Culver, Sue Stenzel  
Clean-Up: Bob & Caroline Chandler  
Snacks: Jon Thompson, Jane Cribbs  
Snow Herder: Jim Demko