

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.

Office Hours:

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

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NOVEMBER 3, 2013 – TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Eternal Source of Life, we wonder how our lives might be changed if Jesus were to visit in our homes today. We hope that we would be so moved by his presence, and transformed by his love, that our lives would fully reflect your gracious and generous ways. May Your Divine Presence among us now, make that hope a reality! Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Let the Heav'n Light Shine on Me Trad. Spiritual, arr. Carter

“Let the heav'n light shine on me.
Let the heav'n light shine on me
for low is the way to the upper bright world.
Let the heav'n light shine on me.”

African-American traditional, adapt. Roland M. Carter, b. 1942

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: We seek the Holy One in many places:

People: In the crowd, with our friends, or all alone.

L: We search for signs of God in various settings:

P: In church, in nature, on the street;

L: In calm and in strife, in trouble and in peace;

P: In thanks, in prayer, in song, and in praise.

L: In all of Life we seek the Holy One, only to discover with joy, that the Holy One has always been with us!

All: Thanks be to God, who is with us now!

*** Hymn of Praise**

For All the Saints

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*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Gracious and Compassionate Holy One, we come to you with thanks for the many ways 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 with others from our own abundance. Teach us to live as your generous and compassionate people. Inspire us through the faithful examples of those who have gone before us. And give us the courage to faithfully follow in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: One fact remains and does not 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.

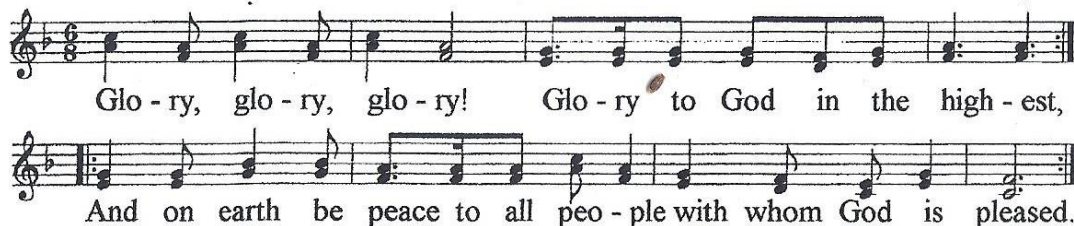
The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 103:1-12

Pew Bible, page 554

The New Testament

Luke 19:1-10

Pew Bible, page 82

The Continuing Testament
Klonowski

A Message about *Stewardship*

Kate

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

You Are the Way

Angrisano/Smith

Sermon

Sinners and Saints

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
[Verse 1]

#551

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 Come and Taste from *Hesperian Harp*, 1848

“Come and taste along with me
consolation flowing free,
from the Maker's wealthy throne,
sweeter than the honeycomb.”

Attrib. John Leland (1754-1841)

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all Blessings flow
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication [unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, we thank you for entrusting to our care the richness of
your Creation. Through our gifts and offerings, we seek to return to you a
portion of that which you have given us. Bless these gifts, and our lives, that
they may be used in the mission of outreach and love to which you have
called us. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Eat This Bread
[Sung twice]

#788

The Thanksgiving

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in God's presence!

L: Let us give thanks for God's Holy Love!

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

L: Gracious God, baptized by your Spirit into One Body, we bear witness to your faithfulness toward people of every time and place, nation and language. In gratitude for all your blessings we praise your Holy Name, saying,

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

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Communion Music

Adagio from Sonata

No. 18 Mozart

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

We give thanks, Gracious God, 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 in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

O Savior, for the Saints

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Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

Circle of Fellowship

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 through once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.



*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

Smart

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doug Lightbody, The Family of Nancy Foose, Bill & Ann Toneff, Beth Rehling, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, Effie Pappas, Betty Batsch, 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 27, 2013 –Adults: 97 Kids: 18 Total: 115

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Diane Gressley in Loving Memory of her Parents, Emma & Evan.

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for refreshments and conversation.

THE BUCC PASTOR'S FUND was established several years ago to provide assistance to people who are facing critical needs. It is primarily used to help with rent or utilities, uncovered medical/medication bills, food gift cards, or emergency aid to travelers passing through town. Because of increased needs, we are asking that our members and

friends consider making a contribution to help increase this fund. Checks can be made out to BUCC, or cash may be placed in a pew envelope, with the notation "Pastor's Fund" written on the check or envelope. Your generous gift will go a long way in helping our church make a positive difference in the life of a neighbor in need!

ADVENT BOOK TIME AGAIN Today during coffee hour, Jon Thompson of the Spiritual Life ministry will be seeking willing writers to contribute to this year's Advent Devotional Book. This is a project in which participants select an offered passage of scripture regarding Advent, which starts this year on 12/1/13, Christmas, or Epiphany, through 1/6/14. That's 43 days in all. You will write around 300 words in response to it. It can be a reflection on that passage or something else you might want to share regarding this season. The writing concludes with a brief prayer. Jon will explain all and there's a sheet of instructions as well. This is something BUCC has done for years. It's by us and for us and is something that can be enjoyed throughout the holiday season. We look forward to the finished product!

DANCE PROGRAM: Next Sunday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m., Brecksville UCC will host the first program in our 2013-2014 free concert series. Members of **Nritya Gitanjali School of Indian Classical Dance & Music** (based in Strongsville) will present a program of Classical Indian (Hindu) Dancing. Artistic Director Shoba Narayan will provide an overview of Indian culture and the Hindu religion; she will also discuss the symbolism of the dancers' movements. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. Please plan on joining us for this unique intercultural event. For more information, contact Dave Debick.

MITTEN TREE Cold weather is coming and that means it is time to set up BUCC's magical Mitten Tree. No, the tree doesn't grow mittens but they do appear magically. The tree is now in the Narthex waiting for your decorations - hats, socks, mittens, or scarves. Children in the inner city will appreciate them. We also have some yarn and directions if you would like to make mittens or hats.

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.

YOUR NEW ROOF Look for a display of the "before and after" pictures at fellowship hour today. \$30,000 has been given by very generous members and friends. \$4,330 is still needed to reach our goal.

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.

OUR NEXT LEAF CLEAN-UP PARTY will be held on Sat. Nov.16 starting at 8:30 am. Besides blowing leaves to the curb (if you have a blower, bring it), there is pruning and weeding to be done. Bring your favorite tools. A return-address sticker makes a quick way to identify a left behind possession. Good fellowship, fresh air, exercise and refreshments will be provided. See Jim Demko today or call him at 330-659-6324 and commit an hour or more.

NOVEMBER FOOD PANTRY items are small canned hams, canned sweet and white potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned mixed vegetables, pie crust mix, canned pumpkin, etc

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.

PASTOR DAVE can be contacted at the church office, 440-526-4364 or home at, 440-546-1193. He also be contacted by e-mail buccpastor@sbcglobal.net. Please do not hesitate to contact him if the need arises.

THE READINGS

The Old Testament - Psalm 103:1-12

Bless the Holy One, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name. Bless the Holy One, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your strength is renewed like the eagle's.

The Holy One works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. God made known to Moses the way of compassion, through acts of kindness to the people of Israel. The Holy One is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God will not always accuse, nor keep angry forever. God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who show God reverence; as far as the east is from the west, so far is the distance that God removes our transgressions from us.

The New Testament - Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus said to Jesus, "Look, half of my possessions, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man is also a son of Abraham and Sarah. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 11/3/2013

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

Tuesday 11/5/2013

ELECTION DAY

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| 10-11:30 | CWRU-Mexico |
| 7 pm | Membership |

Wednesday 11/6/2013

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| 6 am | Early Birds |
| 5 pm | Recorder/Dulcimer |

Thursday 11/7/2013

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| 1 pm | Bible Study |
| 5:30 pm | Joyful Noise |
| 7:00 pm | Seasonal Choir |
| 8:00 pm | Choir |

Sunday 11/10/2013

10 am

Worship

11 am

Coffee Hour

4 pm

FREE CONCERT INDIAN CLASSICAL
DANCING

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 3, 2013

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| LAY READER: | Cliff Cribbs |
| HEAD USHER: | Caroline Chandler |
| USHERS: | Dave & Julie Bernard, David & Kathy Pastor |
| ACOLYTE: | Courtnei Began |
| PEACE CANDLE: | Carli Began |
| SOUND: | Max Roha |
| COMMONS GRTR: | Jane Cribbs |
| NARTHEX GRTR: | Marge Culver |
| FLOWERS: | Dot Bailey |
| NURSERY: | Peg Duffy |
| COUNTERS: | Nancy Stella, Betty Kaul |
| SERVERS: | Joy Garapic, Robin Coyer-Westerberg |
| CLEAN-UP: | David & Kathy Pastor |
| SNACKS: | Max Roha, Marge Culver |

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

NOVEMBER 10, 2013

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| LAY READER: | Tia Began |
| HEAD USHER: | Jan Renovetz |
| USHERS: | Dot & Stu Bailey, Diane Gressley, Linda Kriynovich |
| ACOLYTE: | Lindsey Maier |
| PEACE CANDLE: | Garrett Demko |
| SOUND: | Mike Westerberg |
| COMMONS GRTR: | Betty Gifford |
| NARTHEX GRTR: | Ann Kelly |
| FLOWERS: | Carole Snider |
| NURSERY: | Kathy Pastor |
| COUNTERS: | David Pastor, Dassie Matsuoka |
| SERVERS: | Darlene, Emily & Celia Kelly |
| CLEAN-UP: | Jane & Cliff Cribbs |
| SNACKS: | Sue Maier |