

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, as you inspire and lead your people in every generation, so stir-up our spirits and guide us today. Fill us with your love that we might love you, others, and ourselves. And as we follow in your loving ways, draw us ever closer to you, and to one another. Amen.

Sunday November 1, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

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.

Office Hours:

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

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November 1, 2015 – Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Loving and Compassionate Holy One, we thank you for those faithful people who have touched and blessed our lives in so many ways. Help us to follow their gracious examples and to also walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ – that all those around us might also see Christ's love in action, and trust in his amazing grace. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude in C major

Massenet

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** 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 people!

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

All: With all the Saints, let us worship the Holy One!

*** Hymn of Praise**

For All the Saints

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*** 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 with others. Teach us to live as your compassionate people; inspire us through the faithful 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.

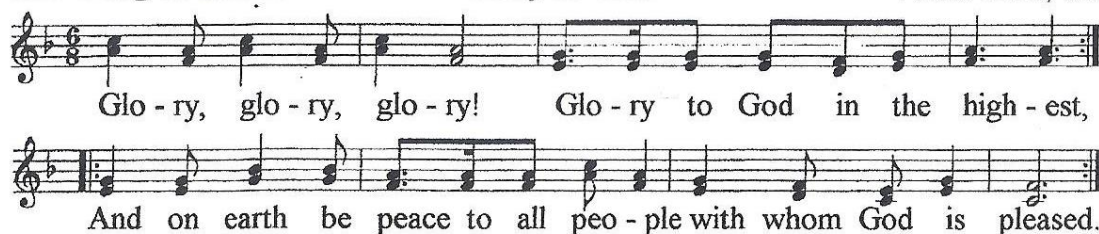
The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Old Testament

Exodus 3:11-15

Pew Bible, page 50

New Testament

Hebrews Chapters 11 and 12

Pew Bible, page 225

Continuing Testament

Reflections on Stewardship

by Jon Thompson

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

In Bright Mansions Above

African-American spiritual,
arr. White

Sermon

Now That's a Cool Cloud!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise
[sung to the tune, *Materna*]

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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

O Great Creator

Martin

"O great Creator of all things that be,
our life, our work, we consecrate to thee,
whose heavens declare thy glory from above,
whose earth below is witness to thy love."
Ernest Edward Dugmore (1843-1925), alt.

***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 love 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

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

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Here With Me

Mercy Me

“And I can feel Your presence here with me,
Suddenly I'm lost within Your beauty,
Caught up in the wonder of Your touch.
Here in this moment I surrender to Your love.”
Pete Kipley and Dan Muckala, 2004

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

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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*



*Benediction

Postlude

Hearken to the Anthem Glorious

Childs

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ann Toneff, Jill Black, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, 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 25, 2015 – Adults: 77 Kids: 9 Total: 86

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Peg & Jim Duffy for our Mother, Mother-in-Law, Jackie Henry.

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.

QUILT TO BE RAFFLED to cover the expenses of the bicentennial quilt will be on view in the Upper Commons. The tickets are 5 for \$6 or \$1 for 1 ticket. See Caroline Chandler.

COME AND HELP!! The annual fall clean-up of the church grounds will be held on Saturday, November 14. Come as early as 8:30 or whenever you can to help clean up the leaves and tidy whatever else needs attention. We have some tools, but it's best if you bring your favorites. Gas driven leaf blowers are very useful. As usual, plenty of exercise, fresh air, fellowship and refreshments will be available. The Facilities Ministry will have a sign-up sheet at the next few coffee hours.

HUNGER MEAL TODAY We will be serving a hunger meal at Bethany UCC. We expect to serve about 60 meals. A few people are needed from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM to set up and prepare the meal, and a few people are needed from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM to serve and clean up. The sign – up board is in the narthex for folks to indicate their preference of time. Questions? 440-526-9714

ON SUNDAY, NOV. 29 AT 4:00 P.M., BUCC will host the **Autana Trio**, which features violinist Ruben Rengel, cellist Anna Hurt, and pianist Yuri Noh. The award-winning ensemble, which formed during the musicians' studies at Cleveland Institute of Music, will perform works by Bach and Mendelssohn. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. We hope you'll join us on Nov. 29 to experience this outstanding chamber music ensemble..

MITTEN TREE: It may be a bit early but Old Man Winter isn't far away. Inner city children will need mittens, hats, scarves, and socks. We have a tree sitting in the Narthex of BUCC that needs some decorations. Also is you some yarn suitable for mittens consider knitting mittens or contribute the yarn.

URGENT NEED If anyone has a spare computer they'd be willing to donate for use in the music office, please contact Dave Debick or Jim Duffy.

ADVENT BOOK Deadline for all entries is **next Sunday 11/8!** Please email your completed work to Jeannette at buccoh@sbcglobal.net

CALLING FOR ALL RECIPES!! Please get your recipes in as soon as you can so that they can be typed. Also, it would be wonderful if you could include personal information about the recipe. For example, "this was my grandmother's favorite recipe for chocolate cake and she passed it on to me!" If it is more convenient you can email your recipe to me at: culinarybee@gmail.com. Thank you for your help in making this the best cookbook ever!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY is looking for you...catch us at Coffee Hour.

Today Members of Spiritual Life, Facilities, Parish-Staff Relations/Personnel will be available during Coffee Hour with an opportunity for you to learn about their ministry.

On 11/8OCWM, Leadership Development and Finance - (see above)

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.

Readings

The Old Testament - Exodus 3:11-15

Moses said to the Holy One [who had spoken to him from the burning bush], "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" The Holy One replied, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship me on this mountain." But Moses said, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is God's name?' what shall I say to them?" The Holy One said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM! Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" The Holy One also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The

Holy One, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Now the Holy One said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Holy One had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

The New Testament - Hebrews Chapters 11 and 12

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 God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not seen.... By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household..... 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 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, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God.... By faith he 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, won strength out of weakness.....

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every burden, fear and evil that would linger around us, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from evildoers, so that you yourselves may not grow weary or lose heart.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 1	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
		Hunger Meal – Bethany
Monday, Nov. 2	1:00 pm	Book Discussion/Parlor
Tuesday, Nov. 3	10:30 am	CWRU Parlor
Wed, Nov. 4	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life
Thurs, Nov. 5	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, Nov. 8	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
Ushers: Dot & Stu Bailey Linda
Kriynovich, Jim Duffy
Acolyte: Carli Began
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: Max Roha, Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz
Nursery: Shauna Bigelow
Counters: Nancy Stella, Marge Culver
Servers: Joanne Cook, Dorie Gabor
Clean Up: Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks: Kate Klonowski, Beth Rehling

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 8, 2015

Lay Reader: Sue Stenzel
Head Usher: Kathy Smith
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor
Beth Rehling, David Ritchey
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Garrett Demko
Sound: Dave Bernard
Comns Grtr: Fred Pesek
Narthex Grtr: Jon Thompson
Flowers: Kathy Pastor
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Bruce McCain
Servers: Joy Garapic, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Heidi Spangler, Anne Melfo