

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source
of love,
goodness,
and mercy -
touch our
hearts with
your tender
Spirit, so that
we may
faithfully live
in ways that
are pleasing
to you and
helpful to
others. May
we grow
closer to you
this day and
every day,
that our lives
may reflect
the gracious
life of your
son, Jesus
Christ. Amen.



***"I Am The Alpha And The Omega.... Who Is, Who
Was, And Who Is to Come."
Revelation 1:8***

Sunday November 22, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Reign of Christ Sunday

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 22, 2015 – Reign of Christ Sunday

Meditation Music

May the Spirit of Divine Compassion flow through us as we stand-up and speak-out for the poor, the hungry, the sick, and victims of intolerance and injustice. And may we learn to see the face of God in the faces of all our sisters and brothers. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Jesus, Our Mighty Lord

Mennes

*“Glorious their life who sing,
with glad thanksgiving,
true hymns to Christ the King
in all their living.”*

Clement of Alexandria, c. 200; para. F. Bland Tucker, 1982

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: Draw near to us, O Holy One,

People: As we seek to draw near to you.

L: Be with us in our compassion for those in need,

P: Increase our concern for those who are vulnerable and wandering.

L: Inspire us as we care for those who are hungry and hurting,

P: Guide our steps as we seek to encourage those who are lost and lonely.

L: Fill us with your gracious love,

All: That is might freely flow from our lives into the lives of others!

* Hymn of Praise

Lift High the Cross

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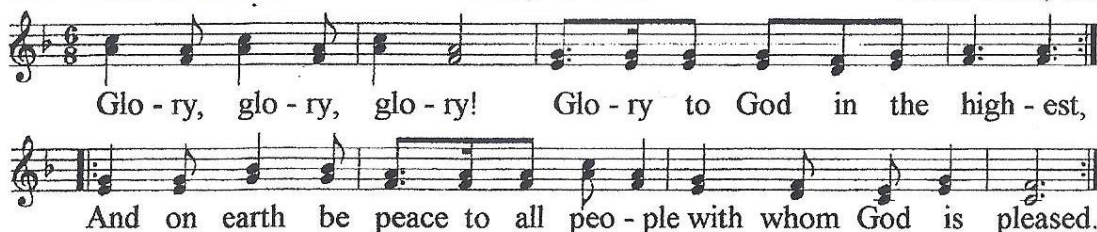
* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Divine Creator of our world, ourselves, and all that is: 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 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



The Old Testament

Micah 4:1-7

Pew Bible, page 864

The New Testament

John 18:33-37

Pew Bible, page 113

The Continuing Testament

from *Pale Blue Dot*

by Carl Sagan

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Look at the World

Rutter

Sermon

#Porte [est Coeur] Ouverte
[Open Door, and Heart]

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

We Love Your Realm, O God

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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

God of All the Universe

Veizi

*"I rejoice you found me, God,
your wounded hand stretched out to me.
Then you grasped my hand with yours
and now from you nothing can sever.
I give thanks, I give thanks,
I give thanks to our God."*

Valentin Veizi, 1997

* Offertory Hymn

**We clear the harvest from the field
And share the bounty of its yield;
Providing all with daily bread,
In doing so, God's love is spread. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, accept, these offerings that we present to you, and grant that the causes to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance and bring glory to your name. Help us also to give ourselves fully and freely to the work of your Present and Coming Realm, that the love of Christ might shine through us and throughout the world! Amen.

Going with God's Love

*Hymn of Departure

Now Is the Time Approaching

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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

Christ Shall Have Dominion

Piersma

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, November 15, 2015 – Adults: Kids: Total:

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 David & Kathy Pastor in Honor of Ingeborg Romanin.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC on Sunday December 6th at our morning worship service. If you are interested in joining, learning more about membership - or about our congregation or denomination - please talk with Pastor Dave.

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, December 13th, following worship. We will be presenting the preliminary 2016 budget and approving the 2016 slate of officers.

SCHEDULING for December will be done soon. If you know that you will be gone during the holidays, please inform Caroline Chandler (440-526-9714).

NEXT 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.

ADVENT TREE & DECORATIONS. The decorations for Advent need to be put up. The first Sunday in Advent is November 29th. The decorations and tree can be quickly put up after church, **today**, November 22nd. Many hands make quick work. If you would like to help contact Caroline Chandler

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.

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!

BLANKET DRIVE - Maya MacKeigan-Moore, former BUCC member and daughter of Pastor John King, sends us the following: The Richfield UCC youth group would love your help with a blanket and pillow drive for a nursing home for people in need. Many patients at University Manor Health Care Center in Cleveland do not have a pillow, and the single blanket that is given to them is very thin and uncomfortable. (Monetary donations also accepted!)

Maya came up with the idea for this project while with her father on a visit to that facility. If you would like to help, please leave a blanket, pillow, or an envelope stuffed with cash under our Mitten Tree - marked "Blanket Project". Thanks for your help!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT Reminder: If you have a new address, please let the office know of the change, also if you have recently given up your land line and are using only a cell phone, please make us aware of your cell phone number.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Micah 4:1-7

In days to come the mountain of the Holy One shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Holy One, to the house of the God of Jacob; that the Holy One may teach us to walk in the paths of righteousness." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Holy One from Jerusalem. The Sovereign One shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid. For the mouth of the Holy One has spoken.

For all the nations walk, each in the name of their own gods, but we shall all walk in the name of the One True God, forever and ever. In that day, says the Holy One, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away, and those who are afflicted. From the lame, I will form a community; and from those who were cast off, a strong nation. The Holy One will reign over them in Mount Zion, now and forevermore.

The New Testament - John 18:33-37

Then Pontius Pilate entered the courtyard again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own people and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My realm is not from this world. If my realm were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the authorities. But as it is, my realm is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Continuing Testament - from *Pale Blue Dot* - by Carl Sagan [edited]

Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar", every "supreme leader", every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived here - on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors, so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner, how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday, Nov. 22 | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour / Hanging of the Greens |
| Wed, Nov. 25 | 6:00 am | Early Birds |
| Thurs, Nov. 26 | Happy Thanksgiving *Office Closed* | |
| Friday, Nov. 27 | *Office Closed* | |
| Sunday, Nov. 29 | 10:00 am | Worship Service /Advent Starts |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour |
| | 4:00 pm* | Free Concert – Autana Trio |

** **Note:** the Brecksville Christmas Parade is at exactly this same time. Please plan on arriving early in order to access our parking lot.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

NOVEMBER 22, 2015

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| Lay Reader: | David Ritchey |
| Head Usher: | Jan Renovetz |
| Ushers: | Caroloe & George Snider Bridget & Chad Sproul |
| Acolyte: | Ben Rehling |
| Peace Candle: | Indira Bigelow |
| Sound: | Doug Fawcett |
| Comns Grtr: | Sue Stenzel |
| Narthex Grtr: | Dorie Gabor |
| Flowers: | Betty Gifford |
| Nursery: | Gina or Jon Cook |
| Counters: | David Pastor, Sue Stenzel |
| Servers: | Marge Culver, Anne Melfo |
| Clean Up: | Jill Zedan, Jon Thompson |
| Snacks: | Gina Cook, Marilyn Wrights |

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

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|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Lay Reader: | Ed Lusk |
| Head Usher: | Bob Chandler |
| Ushers: | Heidi Spangler, Drew Wilson |
| Acolyte: | Ryan Stewart |
| Peace Candle: | Evan Merritt |
| Sound: | Kevin Smith |
| Comns Grtr: | George Snider |
| Narthex Grtr: | Linda Kriynovich |
| Flowers: | Marla Corrado |
| Nursery: | Kate Klonowski |
| Counters: | Jim Duffy, Kathy Pastor |
| Servers: | Caroline Chandler, Carole Snider |
| Clean-Up: | Bridget & Chad Sproul |
| Snacks: | Diane Gressley, Tina Ortiz |

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH POINSETTIAS IN OUR SANCTUARY



Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Christmas with those who are ill or shut-in, or have recently lost a loved one. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and turn it in to the Church Office

DEADLINE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

I Enclose \$10.00 _____ or other _____ for Poinsettias

In Memory _____ or Honor _____ or _____

Of _____

Your Name

I WILL HELP DELIVER PLANTS TO SHUT-INS _____

****PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP YOUR
POINSETTIA OR LEAVE IT HERE FOR SHUT-INS AND OTHERS****

WILL KEEP _____

WILL NOT KEEP _____