

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

23 Public Square • Brecksville • Ohio • 44141 • 440-526-4364

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

Divine
Source of all
things great
and small,
help us to
trust that
when we
faithfully
do our
small part
to advance
your
Realm of
compassion
and grace,
the results
can truly be
great. Give
us the
courage to
show up and
speak up
and to make
a difference.
Amen.



***“This Poor Widow Has Put In More Than All Those
Contributing...” Mark 12:43***

Sunday November 8, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Twenty Fourth 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

Church Phone: 440-526-4364

e-mail: buccoh@sbcglobal.net – web address: www.BrecksvilleUCC.org

November 8, 2015 – Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Holy Helper of the poor and downtrodden, may we be rich in courage - to confront the greed that leads to oppression. May we be rich in compassion - to comfort and care for the brokenhearted. And may we be rich in faith - to boldly follow in the loving path of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

When the Poor Ones
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Manzano

"When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way."
José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - based on *Psalms* 33

Leader: Rejoice in the Holy One, all people!

People: Sing praise to our Maker, for all of Creation's marvelous gifts!

L: Every day, Divine grace and goodness renew the earth;

P: Compassion and mercy pour-down upon us!

L: Our saving help comes, not from power or might;

P: But by trusting in the strength of steadfast, Divine love.

L: The Holy One delivers our hearts from despair,

All: The Redeeming One graciously rescues all those who cry-out for help!

*Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#12

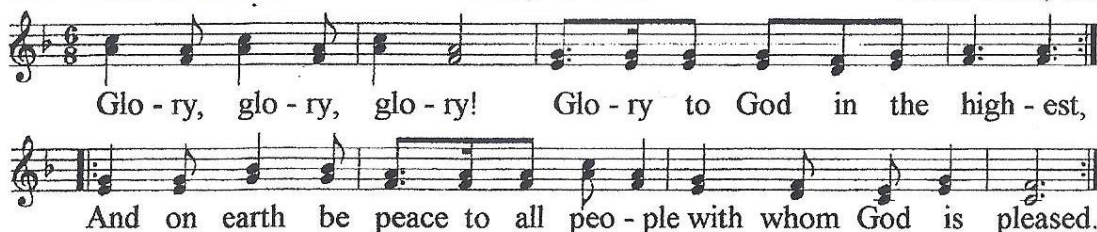
*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, Giver of all good things: we seek your presence here today. Fill us with a sense of your Being; move us with the power of your Spirit; touch us with the assurance of your Love. Come to us and be with us, that we may worship you in this place, and then be prepared to serve you in this world. We ask this in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Old Testament

Psalm 49:1-12, 15-19

Pew Bible, page 519

New Testament

Mark 12:38-44

Pew Bible, page 50

Continuing Testament

Stewardship Thoughts

by Heidi Spangler

Youth Anthem

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
[Joyful Noise Choir]

African American spiritual

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Earthen Vessels

Foley

Sermon

Money Talks...but Needs a Translator

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Where Charity and Love Prevail
[sung to the tune *St. Anne*]

#396

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

As Saints of Old

Sateren

"In gratitude and humble trust
We bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love
With all along life's way."
Frank von Christierson, b. 1900, alt.

* 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]

Eternal Holy One, we offer our gifts from the abundance entrusted to us. Bless them, that they may be used to help bring the light of your love to people and places where it is needed. Help us to bear witness to your amazing grace, not only through the giving of our gifts, but also through the living of our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who willingly gave his all for the sake of all. 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*



*Benediction

Postlude

Ricercare Cromatico

Frescobaldi

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 1, 2015 – Adults: 80 Kids: 15 Total: 95

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 Diane Gressley in Memory of Evan & Emma Gressley.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN Today, we are using new words for our Offertory Hymn. This seasonal expression of our gratitude and our giving comes from a blending of ideas and words provided by Anne Melfo and Bill Toneff. Our thanks to them and to all of you who help enhance our worship experience!

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

QUILT RAFFLE The winning ticket for the raffle quilt will be drawn on Sunday, November 15th. Sale of the raffle tickets will continue until the drawing. Also there is a raffle for a collectible doll. The funds collected will be used to defray the costs of the Bicentennial Quilt. Any money left over will go to the Bicentennial Celebration.

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).

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.

WOMEN UNITED - Hi ladies of BUCC, and friends! Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 18th at 11:30 AM. Jan Renovetz will be leading us in making paper angels from the used Christmas cards she has been collecting. The angels will be given to the residents and patients of Heartland Hospice at Christmas. Please remember to bring SCISSORS, a sandwich or a bag lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

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.

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 on 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!

WE HAVE RECEIVED two computers for use in the music office – one from Don and Evelyn Seager, and a laptop from Diane Gressley. Many thanks from Dave D. and our communications

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

TodayOCWM, Leadership Development and Finance will be available during Coffee Hour with an opportunity for you to learn about their ministry.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 49:1-12, 15-19

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp. Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it. For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others. Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own. Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish....

But The Holy One will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, and will receive me. Do not be afraid when some become rich, when the wealth of their houses increases. For when they die they will carry nothing away; their wealth will not go down after them. Though in their lifetime they count themselves happy - for you are praised when you do well for yourself - they will go to the company of their ancestors, who will never again see the light.

The New Testament - Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the pious scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Jesus sat down opposite the Temple treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums, with a showy display. A poor widow came and humbly put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then Jesus called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 8	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, Nov. 9	7:30 pm	Facilities
Tuesday, Nov. 10	11:00 am	Leadership Development
Wed, Nov. 11	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs, Nov. 12	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Saturday, Nov. 14	8:30 am	Fall Clean-Up
Sunday, Nov. 15	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Stewardship Banquet

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

NOVEMBER 15, 2015

Lay Reader:	David Pastor
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs Joanne Cook, Sam Koch
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Mike Westerberg
Comns Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Narthex Grtr:	George Snider
Flowers:	Thanksgiving
Nursery:	Caroline Chandler
Counters:	Carole Snider, Donn Whyte
Servers:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean-Up:	All
Snacks:	Stewardship Banquet

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 _____