



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source  
of new life and  
re-birth, may  
the light and  
love of the  
Christ Child be  
reborn in our  
hearts and  
lives this night.  
Like the angels  
and saints of  
old, may we  
also sing-out  
and celebrate  
the glorious  
Good News of  
peace on  
earth, goodwill  
to all!



## CHRISTMAS

**Sunday December 24, 2015 • 10:00 AM**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

*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!**

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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# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## December 20, 2015

**Prelude**

Wither's Rocking Hymn

Vaughan Williams

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

L: Tonight we hear good tidings of a great joy!

**P: Glory be to God on high!**

L: We come together to sing and rejoice,

**P: As we celebrate the wonder of God's coming among us!**

L: We marvel at the gift of Holy Love,

**P: Wrapped-up for the world in the form of a humble baby!**

L: May the Light of the Christ Child shine on our world tonight!

**All: May the Light of Christ's love shine in our hearts forever!**

### **\* The Carol**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye , O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of Angels.

Refrain: O come let us adore him. O come let us adore him.

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus to thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. [Refrain]

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

**Creative Holy One, on this Holy Night we joyfully celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with songs of praise and stories of old. Inspire our hearts and awaken our voices to sing and speak of Christ's love wherever we may be. Help us to trust that love is stronger than fear; that peace is more enduring than hatred; and that darkness can never overcome the Light. Renew our vision of a world filled with your compassion and grace, and inspire us to help make that vision a reality. This we pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Lighting the Christ Candle** [from *Isaiah* Chapter 9]

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: Those who dwelt in the land of deep shadow, upon them has a light shined!**

L: For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

**P: And the government shall be upon his shoulders;**

L: And he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

**P: On this holy night, a light shines through the darkness.**

L: It is the Light of Christ, the Light of Love!

**P: Christ comes to warm our hearts and to show us the way.**

L: Illuminate our lives, O Holy One, that we may receive you with joy!

**All: Fill us with Your Spirit, that your Holy Light may shine in us and through us!**

<b>The Reading</b>	Luke 2:1-7	
<b>The Carol</b>	O Little Town of Bethlehem	#133
<b>The Reading</b>	Luke 2:8-14	
<b>The Carol</b>	Angels We Have Heard on High	#125
<b>The Reading</b>	Luke 2:15-20	
<b>The Carol</b>	What Child is This	#148
<b>The Word</b>	<i>Giving, the Perfect Christmas Gift!</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
<b>Choir Anthem</b>	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	15th century German
<b>Christmas Offering</b>		
<b>The Offertory</b>	We praise the Babe this time of year, Sing carols to him whom we hold dear. Our love, His power we now proclaim, We send our gifts in Jesus's name. Amen!	

# ***Holy Communion***

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**The Blessing**

**\* Sharing the Light of Christ**

**\*The Carol**

**Silent Night**

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, Love's Pure Light!  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth; Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

**\* Benediction**

**\* The Carol**

**Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! The Lord has come;  
Let earth receive its King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

**Postlude**

In Excelsis Gloria

Brown

## ***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**OUR OFFERING TONIGHT** will go to The UCC **Christmas Fund**. This fund is used by the United Church of Christ Board of Pensions to assist retired clergy and lay workers, and to support an emergency fund for UCC pensioners, retired lower-income clergy, and lay employees. THANK YOU for your generous gifts tonight, and throughout the year!

**PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION** from Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. **PASTOR DAVID DURKIT** has graciously offered to be available in the event of a pastoral emergency. He can be reached at First UCC in Eastlake [440-951-0291] or by cell phone [216-832-3453].

## **2015 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS**

Anonymous

*In Memory of the Lost but Not Forgotten.*

Julie Bernard &  
Linda Kriynovich

*In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.*

Joanne Cook

*In Memory of my husband Skip, Sister Jeanne, and Parents,  
Bob & Willie Deeter.*

Jeanne Cowden

*In Memory of James W. Cowden.*

Jane & Cliff  
Cribbs

*In Memory of Loved Ones.*

<u>Marjorie Culver</u>	<i>In Memory of my Husband Richard, and Brothers-in-Law Carton Culver and Ron Lang.</i>
<u>Kim Dessouffy &amp; Tim Wallis</u>	<i>In Memory of Lillain Meszavos.</i>
<u>Jim &amp; Dottie Farwell</u>	<i>In Memory and Honor of our Parents.</i>
<u>Dorothy Faust</u>	<i>In Memory of Mother and Father; Clinton &amp; Caroline Tallant.</i>
<u>Anna Mary Fisher</u>	<i>In Memory of Loved Ones.</i>
<u>Joy Garapic</u>	<i>In Memory of William Garapic, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather.</i>
<u>Diane Gressley</u>	<i>In Memory of my Parents, and Pauline Farina.</i>
<u>Phyllis Hassler</u>	<i>In Memory of Family &amp; Friends who are no longer with us.</i>
<u>Darlene, Michelle, Emily &amp; Celia Kelly-Namitka</u>	<i>In Celebration of Darlene Kelly &amp; Michele Namitka, and in Recognition of the Kelly-Namitka Family.</i>
<u>Mark Lehman</u>	<i>In Memory of my Father Ralph Lehman (2/15/15).</i>
<u>Dassie Matsuoka &amp; Family</u>	<i>In Memory of James Matsuoka.</i>
<u>Bettina Ortiz</u>	<i>In Memory of Betty, Joseph &amp; Timothy Ortiz From Bettina Ortiz, loving daughter &amp; sister.</i>  <i>In Honor of Daniel King; Rachel, Grace, Julianne, Jenna &amp; David Kubic; Stephanie, Steven, Lyndsey &amp; Bradley Hough With love from Bettina Ortiz.</i>
<u>Fred &amp; Connie Pesek</u>	<i>In Honor of Family getting together for the Holidays.</i>
<u>Eric Rahnenfuehner</u>	<i>In Honor of Jan &amp; Marjorie Rahnenfuehner.</i>
<u>Pat Rehm &amp; Carol Miller</u>	<i>In Honor of Robert Miller.</i>
<u>Max Roha</u>	<i>In Loving Memory David J. Roha, Mary C. Roha, and Lois L. Wallin.</i>

Mariam R.  
Rosewicz

*In Memory of Family Members, and Loved Ones.*

Kathy Smith

*For the Joy of my Grandchildren.*

Cheryl Spieth

*In Memory of Tim Spieth and Arlene Griffith.*

Kim Stefanini &  
Michele Marcus

*In Memory of Nick & Dorothy Magold, Casmier & Sarah Mysliwczyk,  
Walt & Ceil Jakubowski, and Nana & Pappa Stefanini.*

Nancy Stella

*In Memory of Lucy Rose Stella, who passed away this year, Frank A. Stella,  
Frank S. Stella, John & Virginia Truex – Grandparents, Fathers, Husbands,  
and Parents.*

The Szabo Family

*In Loving Memory of Vic Szabo.*

The Kids of  
Thomas Jefferson  
School

*In Honor of Falcon Friends Wonder Volunteers.*

Bill & Ann Toneff

*In Memory of Elizabeth & C.C. Thorton, and Vera & Milan Toneff.*

The Wilson  
Family

*In Memory of Norinne & John Brownlow, and Randy Trefzger.*

Jill Zedan

*In Memory of Bobby, Joan, Jack, Preston, and Terry.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2015**

<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Betsey Wilson</b>
<b>Head Usher:</b>	<b>Jan Renovetz</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Diane Gressley, Jill Zedan Fred Pesek, David Pastor</b>
<b>Comms Grtr:</b>	<b>Jill Zedan</b>
<b>Sound:</b>	<b>Doug Melfo</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>David Pastor, Caroline Chandler</b>