

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy Source  
of abundant  
joy and  
overflowing  
grace, open us  
to your Spirit's  
Presence this  
day. Help us to  
trust in love  
that never runs  
out. Inspire  
us to  
follow Jesus'  
example of  
freely giving to  
and sharing  
with those  
whose hope  
is running dry.  
Open us  
to Christ's  
renewing  
power, which  
can make all  
things new.  
Amen.



***"...They Filled Them To The Brim."  
(John 2:7)***

**Sunday January 17, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

*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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# JANUARY 17, 2016 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## Meditation Music

Divine Source of Light and Life, you nudge us to notice and pay attention to what is going on in front of us. You offer us opportunities and possibilities. Help us discern what we want in this life, and give us the wisdom to know what we truly need. Help us to recognize and to share what you provide for us all, in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### Prelude

The Feast Is Ready  
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Kendrick

"Tables are laden with good things;  
O taste the peace and joy he brings.  
He'll fill you up with love divine;  
he'll turn your water into wine."  
Graham Kendrick, 1989

## **Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Life of Christ**

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

Leader: A new day has dawned! God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

**People: Praise God for today! Praise God for the Creative Spirit in our midst.**

L: Let us be still and know that the Holy One is here. Let us welcome in the Spirit!

**P: We come to pray and reflect and rejoice. We come to hear God's Good News!**

L: Let us listen and respond to the Holy One, who meets us in new ways:

**P: God who is with us today as we worship, and every day as we walk in this world.**

L: Inspire us, O Holy One, and guide our lives;

**All: Empower us to be your people!**

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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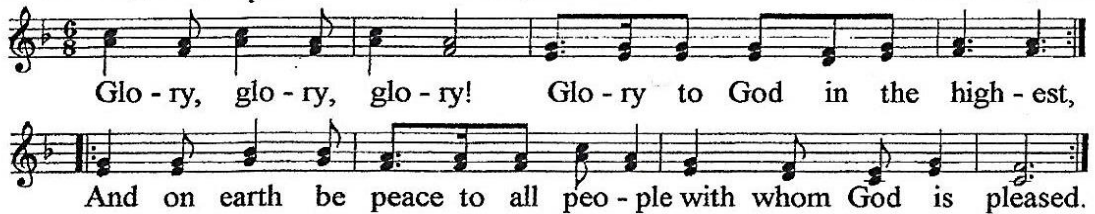
### **\*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Eternal Holy One, 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 faith, hope and 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 in the name of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Salvation. Amen.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Psalm 36:5-10

Pew Bible, page 510

**The New Testament**

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible, page 93

**The Continuing Testament** from *A Christmas Sermon on Peace*

by Martin Luther

King, Jr.

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

Friedell, arr. Debick

**Sermon**

*"The More You Pray, The More You Win!"*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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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**

Holy Is the Name of God

Berthier (Taizé Community)

#### **\* Offertory Hymn**

**Winter has come, it's taken hold.**

**The days are short, the nights are cold.**

**The poor need food and help and heat.**

**We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.**

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

**We offer ourselves with these gifts, Gracious Holy One, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see the signs of your love which surround us every day. Open our hearts to embrace new ways to serve you and others. Renew our compassion and inspire our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Hope and our Joy. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

### **Words of Institution**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

### **The Invitation**

### **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

### **The Blessing**

#### **Communion Music**

Better Is One Day

Redman

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O God Almighty.

For my soul longs and even faints for you."

Based on Psalm 84:1-2

## Going with God's Love

### \*Hymn of Departure

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing  
[verse 1]

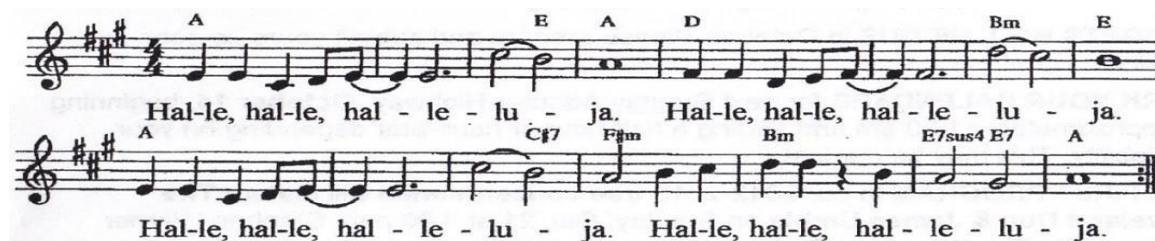
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### \*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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

Improvisation in A

Debick

### 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, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, 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, January 10, 2016, – Adults: 70 Kids: 12 Total: 82

## ***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 Dassie Matsuoka & Daughters in Memory of James Matsuoka.

**TODAY WE USE DIFFERENT OFFERTORY WORDS** - These were written by Max Roha, to remind us of the importance of helping those for whom the Winter months are particularly difficult. We thank all of you for your financial gifts that enhance our outreach to people in need!

**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.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to approve our finalized 1216 Budget and Slate of Officers will be held on January 31st, immediately following worship. Please plan to attend this important event!

**HAVE YOU VISITED THE BUCC LIBRARY LATELY? IF NOT, COME SEE ALL THE NEW BOOKS!**

Over the course of the last few months, we have been blessed to receive a number of donated books for our library - so many in fact, that we can't keep up with cataloging them all! To ensure that they are made available to folks as soon as possible, we have started putting bright orange 'New' stickers on the books and putting them on the shelves. You can borrow these books whenever you like on the honor system - no need to sign them out. Once they are cataloged, we will add them to the sign out lists. Our library has more than just biblical and religious Christian texts -- there's now a whole shelf with quotes and illustrative stories for public speakers.

There are also a number of books on other religions and spirituality. If you are a Sunday School teacher, there's an entire section of reference materials for you.

So thank you to all the folks who continue to help our library grow by donating books, and come take a look - you may find an interesting read!

**BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 200 YEARS OF SERVING** This is the title of our fundraiser cookbook, and we **NEED** more recipes. We have enough recipes under the category “**DESSERTS**”, and “**COOKIERAMA**”.

We need recipes in the following categories: “**APPETIZERS**”, **VEGETABLES**” “**BREADS & ROLLS**”, “**MAIN DISHES**”, **AND MISCELLANEOUS**. You don’t have to type the recipes, handwritten will be fine, and don’t worry about using a certain format. You can use your favorite recipe from a magazine or cookbook that you have tweaked and made your own. Just remember to give us your name and if you wish to make a comment about the recipe that will be welcomed. You can put your recipes in the box that sits on a table in the commons area or give the recipes to Caroline Chandler, Bob Chandler, Sue Stenzel, Dorie Gabor, Max Roha, Tina Ortiz or me, Caroline Snider. The cutoff date is January 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks you very much.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

**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***.

**MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE** the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: [www.brecksvilleucc.org](http://www.brecksvilleucc.org). It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.



## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Psalm 36:5-10**

Your steadfast love, O Holy One, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, gracious Creator. How precious is your steadfast love! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

### **The New Testament - John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### **The Continuing Testament - from *A Christmas Sermon on Peace* - by Martin Luther King, Jr. [1967 - edited]**

If you lose hope, somehow you lose that vitality that keeps life moving, you lose that courage to be, that quality that helps you go on in spite of it all. And so today I still have a dream. I have a dream that one day people will rise-up and come to see that they are made to live together as brothers and sisters. I still have a dream that...every person will respect the dignity and worth of every human...that empty stomachs will be filled...that justice will roll down like thunder, and righteousness like a mighty stream!

I still have a dream today that in all of our state houses and city halls people will be elected who will do justly and love mercy and walk humbly with their God. I still have a dream that one day war will come to an end, that people will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, that nations will no longer rise up against nations, neither will they study war any more....I still have a dream that with faith we will be able to adjourn the councils of despair, and bring new light into the dark chambers of pessimism....I still dream that we will be able to speed up the day when there will be peace on earth and good will toward all. It will be a glorious day! The morning stars will sing together, and the children of God will shout for joy!

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Jan. 17</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	OCWM
<b>Tues., Jan. 19</b>	10:00am	CWRU
	7:00 pm	Bicentennial Ministry
<b>Wed., Jan. 20</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
<b>Thurs., Jan. 21</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday, Jan. 24</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JANUARY 17, 2016**

Lay Reader:	Evie Novak
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Bob & Caroline Chandler Dan Stewart, Ian Stewart
Acolyte:	Carli Began
Peace Candle:	Indira Bigelow
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	George Snider
Narthex Grtr:	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Marge Culver, Carole Snider
Servers:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	Peg Duffy, Diane Gressley
Snow Herder:	Joe Wilson

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JANUARY 24, 2016**

Lay Reader:	Betsey Wilson
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Jim Duffy, Sam Koch Diane Gressley, Tina Ortiz
Acolyte:	Ben Rehling
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Jill Zedan
Narthex Grtr:	Jon Thompson
Flowers:	Carole Snider
Nursery:	Jon Cook
Counters:	David Pastor, Caroline Chandler
Servers:	Chad Sproul, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up:	Kathy & David Pastor
Snacks:	Anne Melfo, Tina Ortiz
Snow Herder:	Wes Novak