



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

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



***".... Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise."
Luke 23:43***

Sunday November 20, 2016 • 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.

Summer Office Hours:

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

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NOVEMBER 20, 2016 – REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

Meditation Music

Divine Source of new beginnings, we pray that your Reign of Peace and Justice may be established on earth. Guide us and strengthen us to play our part as we seek to follow Jesus. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

At the Name of Jesus

Vaughan Williams

“At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Almighty's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.”
Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: Draw near to us now, O Holy One,

People: As we seek to draw near to you.

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

P: In our care for those who are vulnerable.

L: Walk with us as we walk with your children who are lonely and hurting,

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

L: Inspire us today with your gracious love,

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

* Hymn of Praise

Crown with Your Richest Crowns

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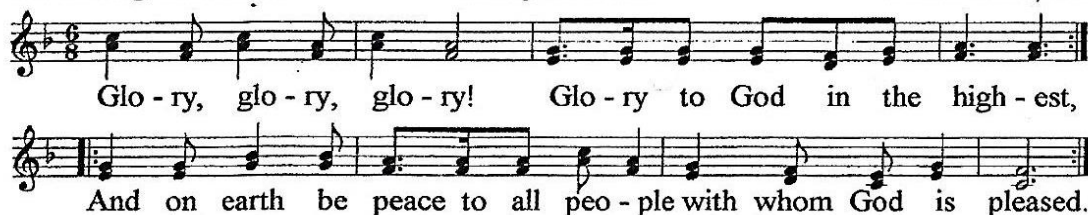
* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Divine Creator of our world and ourselves, 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 fully 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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Pew Bible, page 725

The New Testament

Luke 23:33-43

Pew Bible, page 89

The Continuing Testament

from *Christ the King*

by William Loader

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Majesty

Hayford, arr. Thomas

Sermon

A Leader Worth Following

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.

Choral Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory Jesus, Remember Me Berthier (Taizé Community)
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Luke 23:42

*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 joy we share our gifts. 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 our world! Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Communion Music	Fantasia on: Jesu, meine Freude	J. S. Bach
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“Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure,
 Truest friend to me:
 Ah, how long I've panted, and my heart has fainted,
 Thirsting, Lord, for thee!
 Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;
 I will suffer nought to hide thee,
 Nought I ask beside thee.”

Johann Franck (1618-1677); trans. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Jesus Shall Reign

#300

*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 Is the King!

Anders

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Dorie Gabor, William Zmich, Lenore & Bill Harris, Ann Toneff, 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, November 13, 2016 – Adult: 89 Kids: 19 Total: 108

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA – On Sunday December 11 at our regular morning service, BUCC's choir, supported by an instrumental ensemble and narrators, will present *Gift of Heaven*. The piece features stirring contemporary songs and several traditional carols. Please plan to join us on the 11th to enjoy this BUCC holiday tradition!

RE-SCHEDULING THE SCHEDULER Betty Kaul is taking over the job of scheduling worship participants. That means you will be contacting her with the Sundays for which you are not available or if you wish to serve on a particular Sunday. As usual the Pillar deadline is the 15th of the previous month. It would help Betty and Jeannette if you can get your schedule to her a few days prior. If you find that you are scheduled for a date that you cannot make, the policy is that you should trade with another person on the schedule and then notify the office of this change. Betty Kaul's phone number is 440-526-1244.

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

JUST THE SPOKEN WORDS are amplified by our sound system into the sanctuary during our worship service. The musical offerings do not normally need amplification. However the complete worship service, including the anthems, hymns, etc., is fed to our audio-CD recorder (CDs are available in the church office for borrowing) and to the narthex speakers (for the benefit of anyone who must leave the sanctuary because of a restless child or for any other reason). Our sound operators continuously select and adjust the output from one or more of the six or seven microphones normally in use during a typical worship service to provide what they hope is optimum, seamless sound in the sanctuary as well as in the narthex and for the CD recorder. If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its original location so that it is not eliminated from its next planned use.

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in the ***Weekly Bulletin, Monthly Pillar, and Online Calendar – BUCC Website.***

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

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 - Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Holy One. Therefore thus says the Holy One, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Holy One. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing. The days are surely coming, declares the Holy One, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The New Testament - Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "God, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, God's chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who was hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Continuing Testament - from *Christ the King* - by William Loader [edited]

From the beginning, the Gospel writer Luke presents Jesus as one who is addressing Israel's hopes of liberation. The songs of the birth narratives are full of it. Jesus marches into his hometown synagogue to announce good news to the poor, the oppressed and the afflicted. He asserts and expresses the value of those considered valueless. He gathers people and announces change. He is not beginning a school of meditation for personal enrichment [though that will have its place]; nor is he promising a utopia at another time and place. Rather he is announcing change, and embodying it in himself and in his community. Is that dangerous? Well, it's certainly not harmless for those with a vested interest in the status quo. The Realm which Jesus envisions and advocates for, will certainly shake and challenge the realms of this world.

To affirm that Jesus is king, however, is to affirm a different kind of kingship - though not a kingship which abdicates to an inner or other world. Jesus didn't come to create a set of doormats, but to spread a revolution of love and grace.

The power of Christ's Passion is not to be dissolved by dislocation - by saying Christ's concerns lie elsewhere, beyond this world. It is rather a power to be reckoned with in the here and now. Asserting Christ the King as a counter image - is a powerfully subversive declaration, particularly in the midst of the cruelty and corruption which keeps poor people poor.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 20

10:00 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6:00 pm Youth Ministry

Wed., Nov. 23

6:00 am **NO** Early Birds
4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer

Thurs., Nov. 24

Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri., Nov. 25

Office Closed

Sunday, Nov. 27

10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

NOV. 20, 2016

Lay Reader:	Jill Zedan
Head Usher:	Caroline Chandler
Ushers:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs George & Carole Snider
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr:	Linda Kriynovich
Flowers:	Harvest - Miriam
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Sue Stenzel, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Joanne Cook, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks:	Kate Klonowski, Susan Snyder

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

NOV. 27, 2016

Lay Reader:	Ed Lusk
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Beth Rehling, Fred Pesek Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Mike Westerberg
Comns Grtr:	Sue Stenzel
Narthex Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, David Pastor
Servers:	Caroline Chandler, Carole Snider
Clean Up:	Peg & Jim Duffy
Snacks:	Diane Gressley, Jon Thompson

**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 4



I Enclose \$12.00_____ 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 _____