



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Loving and
Awesome Holy
One, may your
transforming
grace and love
rule in our
hearts this day
and throughout
this Advent
Season. Stir-up
within us all the
desire and the
courage to
reach-out to
others with your
compassion,
justice and
peace. This we
pray in the
name and Spirit
of Jesus. Amen.

Sunday December 11, 2016 • 10:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

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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DECEMBER 11, 2016 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks for the many ways in which you bring hope and joy to our lives and to our world. Encourage and inspire us all, so that we may find ways to reflect the light of your love in all that we say and do. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Magnificat

Praetorius

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for God has looked with favor on this servant's lowliness...
God has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
God has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.”
Luke 1:47-48, 52-53

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: In Divine Goodness and Joy,

People: A Savior has been sent among us!

L: In Holy Compassion and Grace,

P: An Example has been set before us.

L: In Sacred Service and Selfless Sacrifice,

P: A New Way of giving and living has been revealed.

L: In Jesus Christ, God's Beloved Child,

All: Heaven has once again touched the earth with Hope, Peace, and Joy!

* Hymn of Praise

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

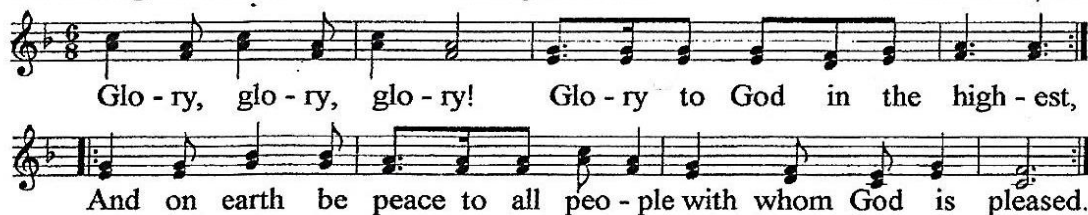
Holy Source of Hope, Peace, and Joy, as we approach another Christmas, fill us with your compassion and grace. Be with us today, as we celebrate your coming among us. Inspire us with your Spirit, so that through our music and praise, we might delight in you and bring glory to your Name.

May this time of worship touch our hearts, and lead us toward a deeper commitment to your loving service. This we pray in the name of Christ our Savior, Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Candle of Joy

The Duffy Family

[As the Candles are lighted, we will sing the following verse of *One Candle Is Lit*]

Come festively sing, while awaiting the birth,
Join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.

L: Our third Advent Candle is the Candle of Joy.

P: Joy to the world, our Savior comes!

L: The Light of Christ brings hope and joy to our turbulent world;

P: The Light of Christ brings hope and joy to our troubled lives.

L: May the Light of Christ's love shine brightly in us and through us,

P: That we might bring hope to others and fill the world with joy!

The Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Pew Bible, p. 198

Time with Young Worshipers

The Cantata
("Gift of Heaven" *See enclosed insert*)

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

All Earth is Waiting

Taulè

**"All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth."**

Catalonian text by Alberto Taulè, 1972; English trans. Gertrude C. Suppe, 1987

***Offertory Hymn**

**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' name. Amen!**

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, we lift up to you our songs of praise, our hearts of joy, and our
gifts of love. Bless these gifts that they may be a source of blessing to others.
Renew our lives, that we might use them to further the work of your Realm. This we
ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our ever-present Savior. Amen.**

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
[verse 1]

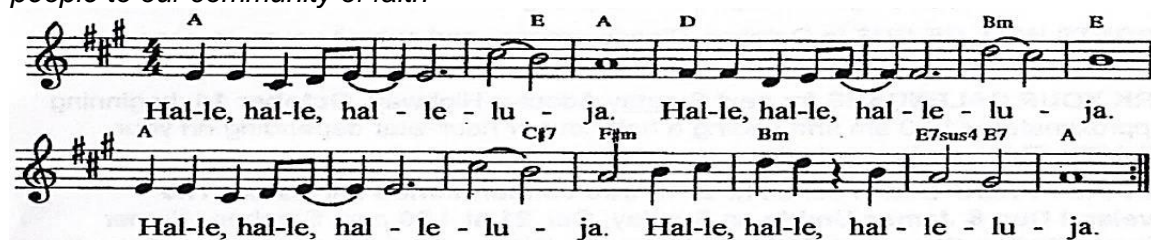
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*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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

Come, Divine Messiah!

Gagnon

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Marla Corrado & Family, Mary K. Headly, The Family Bill Harris, Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Dorie Gabor, 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 27, 2016 – Adult: 80 Kids: 15 Total: 95

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING TODAY! At 2:00 pm, our youth, adults and children of all ages will meet at the church to go caroling to our shut-in members. This is a great opportunity to sing some of our favorite Christmas carols while bringing a special Christmas greeting to those members who cannot join us for worship. We will return to the church around 4:00 to warm ourselves with some hot chocolate and other goodies.

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be held on December 18th during services. We are rehearsing on Sundays during Sunday school but have also scheduled some additional rehearsals as follows: December 11th after church (11:30-2:00, lunch will be provided), December 17th (11:00-2:00, lunch will be provided). In addition, some of the songs will be practiced during Joyful Noise rehearsals on Thursdays at 5:30 the weeks leading up to the pageant. If your child is in the pageant, we really need them to participate in as many rehearsals as possible, particularly if they have a lot of lines or a larger role. Thank you!

DID YOU MISS last Sunday's service or do you just want to have a chance to rehear Pastor Dave's sermon. The Sunday services are recorded in their entirety on audio CDs each week. You can borrow a CD in the church office and listen to it at your convenience at home or in your car. Several recent weeks' recordings are always available. Check them out and check them out.

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.

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.

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.

The Scripture Reading - Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

2016 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS



Anonymous

In Memory of the Lost but not Forgotten.

Julie Bernard &
Linda Kriynovich

In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.

Community of
St. Bridget

*In Thanks to Pastor Dave Shackle, and the Members of BUCC
for their kindness and support over the last year.*

Joanne Cook

*In Memory of my dear husband, and much loved
Deeter Family*

Jeanne Cowden

In Memory of James W. Cowden.

Jane & Cliff
Cribbs

In Memory of Loved Ones.

Marjorie Culver

In Memory of Richard & Carlton Culver, Ron Lang, and Nan Martin.

Jim & Peg
Duffy

In Honor of Aunt Jill's 90th Birthday.

Dorothy Faust

In Memory of my Husband, John Faust.

Dorothy Faust
& Daughter

In Memory of Mother and Father; Clinton & Caroline Tallant.

<u>Anna Mary Fisher</u>	<i>In Memory of Rhoda & Albert Orr, and Erma & Oliver Hartman.</i>
<u>Joy Garapic</u>	<i>In Memory of William Garapic, Dear Husband, Father, Grandfather.</i>
<u>Barb Fisher Gray</u>	<i>In Memory of Truman Fisher.</i>
<u>Diane Gressley</u>	<i>In Memory of Evan & Emma Gressley.</i>
<u>Phyllis Hassler</u>	<i>In Memory of Frank Hassler.</i>
<u>Betty Kaul</u>	<i>In Memory of Jim Kaul.</i>
<u>Mark Lehman</u>	<i>In Memory of Ralph Lehman.</i>
<u>Dassie Matsuoka & Daughters</u>	<i>In Memory of James Matsuoka.</i>
<u>Phyllis Molnar</u>	<i>In Memory of Edward Molnar & Parents, and George & Bertha Ulsenheimer.</i>
<u>Wes & Evie Novak</u>	<i>In Memory of Nancy Karras.</i>
<u>Bettina Ortiz</u>	<i>In Memory of Betty, Joseph & Timothy Ortiz. Also, in Memory of David S. King (my children's father).</i> <i>In Honor of Daniel King; Rachel, Grace, Julianne, Jenna Kubic; Stephanie, Steven, Lyndsey & Bradley Hough With love from Bettina Ortiz.</i>
<u>Fred & Connie Pesek</u>	<i>In Honor of our Parents.</i>
<u>Eric Rahnenfuehner</u>	<i>In Memory of Jan Rahnenfuehner, in Honor of Marjorie Rahnenfuehner.</i>
<u>Max Roha</u>	<i>In Loving Memory David J. Roha, Mary C. Roha, and Lois L. Wallin.</i>
<u>Mariam R. Rosewicz</u>	<i>In Memory of Family Members, and Loved Ones.</i>
<u>Janet M. Roth</u>	<i>In Memory and Honor of Donald E. Hornung.</i>
<u>Kathy Smith</u>	<i>For the Gladness of my Grandchildren, Gabriella Grace, Giuliana Gem, and Evan Sawyer.</i>

Carole & George
Snider

*In Joy of our 2 great grandsons Emilio William Delrosario,
and Evan Gardiner.*

The Stewart Family

In Memory of Chuch Stewart.

The Szabo Family

In Loving Memory of Vic Szabo.

Jon K. Thompson

In Memory of Loved Ones.

Bill & Ann Toneff

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

Tim & Kim
Wallis

In Celebration of our First Wedding Anniversary!

The Wilson
Family

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

Jill Zedan

In Memory of Mom, Dad, Sister, Brother, and many Friends.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 11	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Cantata *LAST DAY FOR GIVING TREE GIFTS*
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Christmas Caroling
Mon., Dec. 12	10:00 am	Leadership Dev.
Wed., Dec. 14	6:00 am	Early Birds
	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., Dec. 15	5:30 pm	Pageant Practice {No Adult Choir}
Saturday, Dec. 17	11:00 – 2:00 pm	Pageant Practice Lunch Provided
Sunday, Dec. 18	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Pageant
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Hunger Meal (PRUMC)

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

DEC. 11, 2016

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Evie Novak
Ushers:	Sam Koch, Jane Cribbs, Diane Gressley
Acolyte:	Ben Davis
Peace Candle:	Jillian Davis
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	George Snider
Narthex Grtr:	Sue Stenzel
Flowers:	Poinsettias
Nursery:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Carole Snider, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Marge Culver, Joanne Cook
Clean-Up:	Kathy & David Pastor
Snacks:	Peg Duffy, Kathleen Stewart
Snow Herder:	Jim Farwell

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

DEC. 18, 2016

Lay Reader:	Sam Koch
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Carole Snider, Joanne Cook George Snider, Darlene Kelly
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Lucy Brown
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Bridget Sproul
Narthex Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	Poinsettias
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Marge Culver
Servers:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean-Up:	Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks:	Beth Rehling, Anne Melfo
Snow Herder:	Dan Stewart