



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy One, on this holy night as we celebrate your coming to us as a tiny child, we ponder all that this means for our lives and for the whole earth. Help us to remember that your love for us is born in us anew at every birth, on every Christmas, and in every moment. And may all people everywhere come to know this tremendous love which you have for your whole world. Amen.



**Saturday December 24, 2016 • 10:00 PM**

### **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!**

### **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**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

**e-mail: [buccoh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buccoh@sbcglobal.net) – web address: [www.BrecksvilleUCC.org](http://www.BrecksvilleUCC.org)**

# December 24, 2016 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### **Prelude**

The Night of the Poor Ones

Santini (Uruguay)

“It's the night of the poor ones.

It's a night filled with love.

He's born poor and yet a King;

though he's hungry, he's the Bread.

Though he's cold, he is the Sun.”

José María Santini, 2004; trans. S. T. Kimbrough, Jr.

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

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

**People: 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 an innocent 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. Awaken our voices and inspire our hearts to proclaim Christ's love wherever we may be. Help us to trust that this 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!**

**The Reading**

Luke 2:1-7

**The Carol**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#133

**The Reading**

Luke 2:8-14

**The Carol**

Angels We Have Heard on High

#125

**The Reading**

Luke 2:15-20

**The Carol**

What Child is This

#148

**The Word**

*Peace to All People....*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Choir Anthem**

Unto Us a Boy Is Born!

*Piae Cantiones*, 1582

**Christmas Offering**

**\*The Offertory**

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***

**Musical Offering**

O Holy Night  
[Kate Klonowski, soprano]

Adam

**\*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**

Sing a Song of Gladness

Bricusse

***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. 3<sup>rd</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].

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Dec. 25</b>		<b>*MERRY CHRISTMAS!*</b>
	10:00 am	Worship Service
<b>Monday, Dec. 26</b>		<b>*OFFICE CLOSED*</b>
<b>Wed., Dec. 28</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
<b>Thurs., Dec. 29</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>Sunday, Jan. 1</b>	10:00am	Worship Service Coffee Hour <b>*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*</b>

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE**

**DEC. 24, 2016**

<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>David Pastor</b>
<b>Head Usher:</b>	<b>Jan Renovetz</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Beth Rehling, Wes Novak Tim &amp; Kim Wallis</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>Carrie Coyer-Westerberg</b>
<b>Peace Candle:</b>	<b>Amy Coyer-Westerberg</b>
<b>Sound:</b>	<b>Mike Westerberg</b>
<b>Comns Grtr:</b>	<b>Betty Kaul</b>
<b>Narthex Grtr:</b>	<b>Fred Pesek</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Poinsettias</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Sue Stenzel, Kathy Pastor</b>
<b>Snow Herder:</b>	<b>Dave Bernard</b>

**PARTICIPANTS FOR WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**JAN. 1, 2017**

<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Matt Wolbert</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Jon Thompson</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Andrew Wilson, Kathy Smith Linda Kriynovich, David Ritchey</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>Grace Hunt</b>
<b>Peace Candle:</b>	<b>Lily Hunt</b>
<b>Sound:</b>	<b>Max Roha</b>
<b>Comns Grtr:</b>	<b>Claire Novak</b>
<b>Narthex Grtr:</b>	<b>Kathy Pastor</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Sue Stenzel</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Marla Corrado</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Nancy Stella, David Pastor</b>
<b>Servers:</b>	<b>Marge Culver, Caroline Chandler</b>
<b>Clean Up:</b>	<b>Sue Stenzel, Jill Zedan</b>
<b>Snacks:</b>	<b>Jim Pay, Susan Snyder</b>
<b>Snow Herder:</b>	<b>Matt Wolbert</b>