

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source
of Light and
Life, help us to
pay closer
attention to the
concerns and
needs of the
people around
us. Inspire us to
pursue new and
creative ways to
respond to
those who are
hurting and
struggling, so
that your Realm
of Compassion
and Grace
might spread
and grow
throughout the
earth. Amen

Sunday January 15, 2017 • 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.

Summer Office Hours:

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

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January 15, 2017 – Second Sunday After Epiphany

Meditation Music

Creative Holy One, open our hearts and minds to your Spirit's Presence this day. Help us to trust that your love for us and for this entire world never falters or fails. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shows us the way to renewed life and hope. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

A Follower of Christ
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Harris, harm. Morris

"I want to be a follower of Christ,
I want to be one of His disciples,
I want to live in the newness of life,
Just let me be a follower of Christ."
J. W. Harris, alt.

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: Today the Holy One calls us all to move beyond the familiar and the comfortable;

People: This morning we are invited to look for the amazing and the wonderful!

L: We are reminded that we are not alone in our struggles;

P: We are called to embrace the Holy, and to be embraced by the Holy One!

L: Let us open our eyes to the signs of the Divine Life and Love which are all around us.

P: Let us open our ears to the Sacred Call to be a new and renewed people!

L: In this time of worship, let us tap-into the Divine Power of transforming grace,

All: So that we might share that power and grace with others, wherever we go!

* Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#12

* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

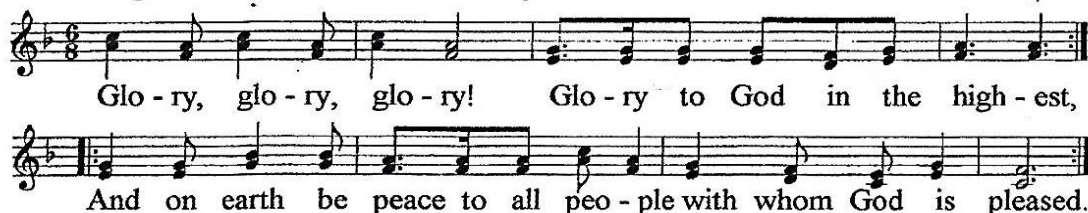
Gracious Holy One, we encounter you in places we might not expect, and in people we would never imagine. Sometimes we see you clearly and sometimes we pass by without seeing you at all. ►

Open our eyes to see you here and now, to see you among the people in this congregation and among the strangers we meet outside these doors. And open our mouths to speak and sing and shout the Good News of your ever-present love! Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Isaiah 49:1-6

Pew Bible, page 679

The New Testament

John 1:35-42

Pew Bible, page 92

The Continuing Testament

from *Strength to Love*

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

My Savior, Your Son

Mahler

Sermon

"The Buoyancy of Hope"

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

You Have Come down to the Lakeshore

#173

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

This Is the Joyful Feast

Nelson

***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]**

Gracious Holy One, may the Light of your Love shine in and through us today.

Bless these gifts, that they might be used to further Your work in this community and in our world. Bless us as we seek to give of ourselves in serving You, by serving others. We ask in the name of the One who gave himself for us all, Jesus Christ our Savior and Friend. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Communion Music

Bread of Life from Heaven

Argentine melody

**"Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours."**

Susan R. Briehl, 2001

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Jesus, Still Lead On

#446

*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

Fantasia in G Minor

Pachelbel

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Don Butler, Jon Thompson, Marla Corrado & Family, The Family of Mary K. Headly, The Family of Bill Harris, Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Dorie Gabor, Ann Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, 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, January 8, 2017 – Adult: 63 Kids: 14 Total: 77

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.

HYMN OF THE MONTH - In order to make fuller use of our hymnal, each month we are introducing a lesser-known hymn. We start this month with #173, You Have Come down to the Lakeshore. The words of this song capture the essence of the Epiphany Season, with Jesus calling his first disciples - and us - to follow him.

If you find a particular hymn with words that move you, or a melody that intrigues you, please let Pastor Dave or Dave Debick know, and we will try to use it as a future Hymn of the Month.

DIRECTORY We are planning to put out a new directory in addition to the Pictorial Directory. Please let the office know if you have had a change of *name, address, email*, or if *your birthday* is not included, and you would like it to be. Either call me at 440-526-4364, or email me your changes to: buccoh@sbcglobal.net.

please send **updated email addresses to stay on top of the latest church information**

WOMEN UNITED There will be an organizational meeting on January 18th at 11:30AM in the Parlor. Please come and bring some great ideas for programs for this coming year. Also bring a lunch. Coffee will be provided.

FINANCE - Please pick up your Quarterly Statements in the Commons today.

CHILDRENS BULLETINS are located in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.

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.

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.

BUCC HAS THE LATEST, up-to-date version of the Williams personal sound system. It may just be your answer if you are concerned (1) that the quality of sound deteriorates between the speakers and your pew in the sanctuary, or (2) that your hearing is getting poorer but not yet bad enough to buy hearing aids, or (3) that you have hearing aids and you want to hear even better or (4) that you are bothered by the route 82 traffic noises or any noise generated by your pew mates during worship.

Receivers are available in the narthex for you to borrow which pick up ALL PARTS of the worship service - sermon, readings, choir and organ music, etc. Just plug in one of our head phones, your favorite Walkman head phones or any other unit with a 3.5mm plug and you are ready for a new hearing experience. Don't know if you want to do this? Then try it out; borrow one of the church's head phones and "test drive" a Williams receiver during a worship service.

And if you already have digital hearing aids, an even better experience awaits you. Simply have your audiologist activate the teleloop option of you hearing aids, borrow a receiver with a teleloop plugged in and experience sound quality you never would have expected. The sound remains electronic all the way from the speaker's mic to your ear drum.

One of our ushers and members of the Spiritual Life Ministry are ready to help you get started. Check with them before the service next Sunday. Your questions are gladly answered.

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***.

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 Readings

The Old Testament - Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Holy One called me before I was born, and named me while I was in my mother's womb. God made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of God's hand I was hidden. God made me a polished arrow, hidden away in God's quiver. And the Holy One said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Holy One, and my reward with my God."

The Holy One formed me in the womb to be God's servant, to bring Jacob back to God, and that Israel might be gathered together.

I am honored in the sight of the Holy One, and my God has become my strength saying, "It is too small a thing that you should be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

The New Testament - John 1:35-42

The next day John (the Baptist) again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Behold, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated, Peter).

The Continuing Testament - from *Strength to Love* - by Martin Luther King, Jr.

More than ever before I am convinced of the reality of a personal God. True, I have always believed in the personality of God. But in the past the idea of a personal God was little more than a metaphysical category that I found theologically and philosophically satisfying. Now it is a living reality that has been validated in the experiences of everyday life. God has been profoundly real to me in recent years.

In the midst of outer dangers I have felt an inner calm. In the midst of lonely days and dreary nights I have heard an inner voice saying, "Lo, I will be with you." When the chains of fear and the manacles of frustration have all but stymied my efforts, I have felt the power of God transforming the fatigue of despair into the buoyancy of hope. I am convinced that the universe is under the control of a loving purpose, and that in the struggle for righteousness, humanity has Cosmic Companionship.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 15

10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:30 am OCWM

Monday, Jan. 16

MLK Day – OFFICE CLOSED

Wed., Jan. 18

6:00 am Early Birds
11:30 am Women United

Thurs., Jan. 19

1:00 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Jan. 22

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

JAN. 15, 2017

Lay Reader:	Kate Klonowski
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Jill Zedan, Matt Wolbert, Dan & Ian Stewart
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Lenore Harris
Narthex Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Carole Snider
Nursery:	Valerie Tyler
Counters:	Carole Snider, Bruce McCain
Servers:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	Gina Cook, Marla Corrado
Snow Herder:	Jim Farwell

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JAN. 22, 2017

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Bridget Sproul
Ushers:	Beth Rehling, Ed Lusk Lindsay Maier, Joe Wilson
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	George Snider
Narthex Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Flowers:	Kathy Pastor
Nursery:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Sue Stenzel, Kathy Pastor
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	Bridget & Chad Sproul
Snacks:	Anne Melfo, Bettina Ortiz
Snow Herder:	Chad Sproul