



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, we pray that we may respond to the challenges of our day with courage. May we not be afraid to speak and act in ways consistent with the values of our Faith, even when it means speaking and acting in ways that may not be popular within our culture. Amen



Matthew 25:21

Sunday November 19, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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, 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 19, 2017 – Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Divine Source of perfect goodness, help us to set higher expectations for ourselves and others; and give us the stamina and imagination to strive to achieve them. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Give Ear, O Earth, Attend My Songs
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Hayes

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us praise the Holy One!

People: Let us praise the Creator who has filled the earth with blessings!

L: Let us give thanks to the Gracious One who has filled our lives with joy!

P: Let us worship the Compassionate One who is always with us!

L: Let us gather together in hope and faith,

P: To praise our Divine Source of Life and Love.

L: The Holy One who creates heaven and earth, renews and remakes us today!

All: Let us lift our voices in joyful praise!

* Hymn of Praise

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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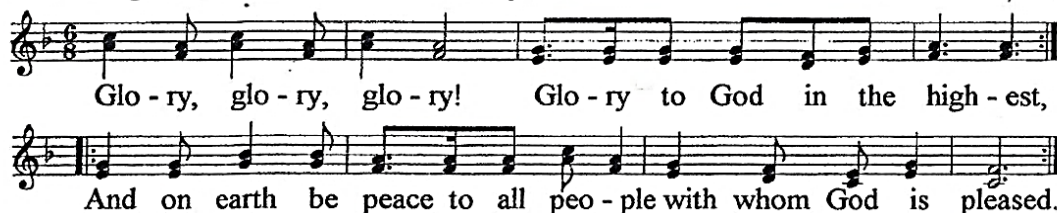
* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that your compassionate care is for all people and all Creation. Help us to trust in your deep concern for us and for our entire world. Bring your wisdom and power into our lives, that we may join you in bringing help and healing to those in need, that your Reign of justice and peace might be known among us all. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 145:1-9

Pew Bible, page 581

The New Testament

Matthew 25:14-29

Pew Bible, page 28

The Continuing Testament

from *Transcend Your Limits*

by Stefan Zugor

Youth Anthem

Forever I Will Sing
[Joyful Noise Choir]

Mangan

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bach, setting Hopson

Sermon

BUCC's Got Talent!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

O God in Whom All Life Begins

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The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

The Prayer of Jesus

*[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

God of All Good

Watson

"God of all good, we bring our gifts to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill;
tokens of love and pledges they shall be
that our whole life is offered to your will."

Albert F. Bayly, 1950

*** 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]**

We thank you, O Holy One, for the opportunity to share in your creative and healing work. May these offerings strengthen the ministries of this congregation and help strengthen the Church in other places and situations. May they also express our gratitude, and our desire to be your faithful and loving people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose Spirit and steps we follow. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Prayer

Ropartz

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
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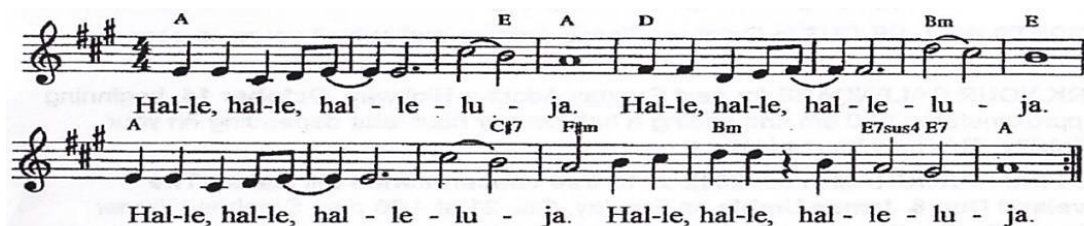
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*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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

Praise the Lord!

Zimmerman

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, 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 November 12, 2017 – Adults: 88 Kids: 14 Total: 102

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping 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.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC on Sunday December 3rd, at our morning worship service. If you are interested in learning more about membership at BUCC, please talk with Pastor Dave.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING December 3 after Worship – we will vote to approve our Officers & Ministry Members for 2018, plus our preliminary Budget.

TIME TO PUT UP THE CHRISTMAS TREE! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AFTER CHURCH SERVICE We can use all the helpers we can get! We will have snacks and pizza!

DECORATING FELLOWSHIP HALL - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 9AM

Come join us as we decorate! We have another tree to put up and assorted decorations to hang.

WE NEED DECORATIONS! Do you have any decorations you'd like to donate? Starting this Sunday, we'll have a box/basket in the narthex. We welcome any and all decorations! Thanks! Sue Maier & Anne Melfo

OUR “HYMN OF THE MONTH” for November is ***O God in Whom All Life Begins*** by Carl P. Daw, Jr., who has authored many contemporary hymns. Daw, an Episcopal priest, served as the Executive Director of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada from 1996 to 2009. In this hymn, Daw expresses the idea that the Holy One, who is the Source of us all, also calls us all to join together in using our various gifts and talents to serve and love the world.

MITTEN TREE – The mitten tree is in place in the narthex. The weather is turning colder, and there are people who need warm hats, mittens, and scarves. Please respond to their need by placing these items on the mitten tree. This tree is magic, because it fills up two or three times over the cold months. The items are taken to a hunger center, and people can get these items when they pick up food items.

WOMEN UNITED There will be no set meetings for November and December, however, on Tuesday December 5th at 7:00PM Christ The Redeemer Lutheran Church will be presenting their Annual Advent Tea. Several of our women have attended this service in the last few years and found it truly meaningful and welcoming. If you would like to attend this year please meet in the lobby of CRLC and we will sit together. After an eventful service Tea and TRAYS of cookies are served in the Community Room. We highly recommend this opportunity to begin the Advent Season! Please Come!

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 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.

HAVING TROUBLE HEARING PARTS OF THE SERVICE? Please talk to any usher about the Williams Sound - Personal PA Receiver, available for your use. These simple-to-use units can help improve your worship experience, by amplify those parts of the Service that may be more difficult to hear.

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.

Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 145:1-9

I will extol you, my Source and Sovereign, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Holy One, and greatly to be praised; the Holy One's greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The Holy One is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Holy One is good to all, and shows compassion for all of Creation.

The New Testament - Matthew 25:14-29

Jesus says "The Divine Realm is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master came and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ►

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless servant, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ”

The Continuing Testament - from *Transcend Your Limits* - by Stefan Zugor [edited]

In Life you'll always find that it seems to be the things you don't do that you regret. What do I mean by this? Well, think about all of the chances you've had in your life. All the times when you've had an opportunity. Think about, for example, your last holiday. There were probably opportunities to do some things you wouldn't usually be able to do. Things like unique excursions which you wouldn't find anywhere else. Did you do those things? If you did, well done. If not, you probably find yourself looking back and wishing you did.

It's always this way because, in Life, we have a short period of time to fill with experiences and memories. If we don't take the opportunity when it's there, or we decline certain things, we look back on it and say things like: "I wish I'd given it a go!" or the classic line: "If I knew then what I know now...." And I'm not just talking about major things. Often it's the small stuff - like taking the opportunity to go on an outing with your family, or going for a walk with an old friend - that we most regret not doing. They might seem like little things at the time, yet often they're things that matter the most.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 19	10:00 am	Worship Service
		*Pageant Rehearsal during
		Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

Wednesday, November 22	6:00 am	NO Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer

Thursday, November 23	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
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Friday, November 24	*Office Closed*
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Sunday, November 26	10:00 am	Worship Service
		*Pageant Rehearsal during
		Sunday School*
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
		Hunger Meal PRUMC

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Ed Lusk, Dave & Kathy Pastor,
Jim Pay
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Flowers: HARVEST
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Jim Duffy
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Marge Culver
Clean-Up: David & Kathy Pastor
Snacks: Gina Cook, Dorie Gabor

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Lay Reader: Kate Klonowski
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Dan & Ian Stewart
Jess Barnes, David Pastor
Acolyte: Carli Began
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers: Lenore Harris
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Jon Thompson, Bruce McCain
Servers: Michele Namitka, Darlene
Kelly
Clean Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Dian Gressley, Beth Rehling