



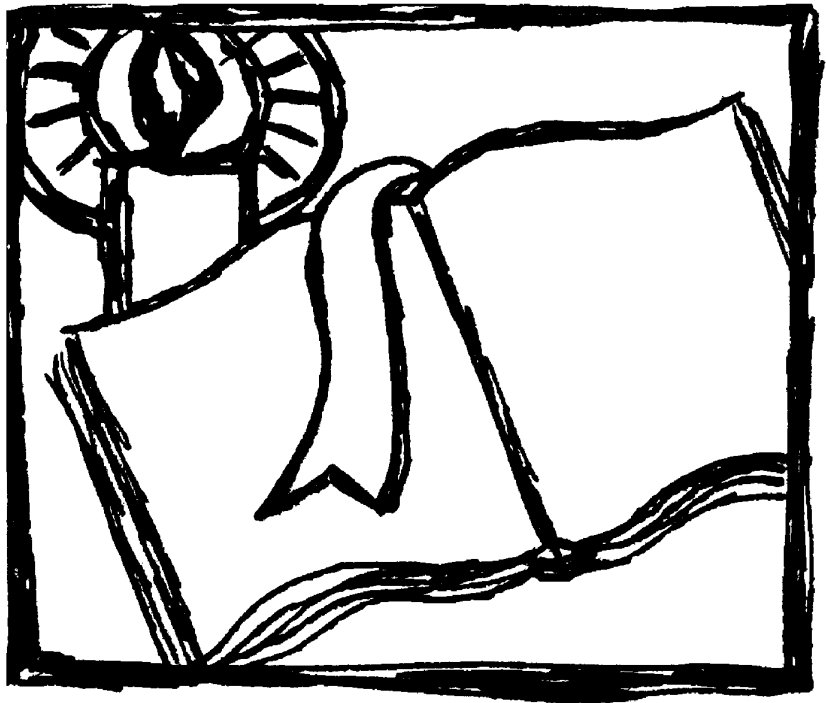
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, sometimes the idea of recognizing your authority in our lives causes us to be afraid. Yet you are more about loving than punishing, peace than power. May your calling grow deeper within us, as your Spirit continues to equip and inspire us for living faithfully. Amen



Sunday January 28, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Fourth 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, 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.

Office Hours:

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

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January 28, 2018 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Meditation Music

Divine Source of hope and help, set us free from those things that long have bound us. Rescue us from our paralyzing fears and our debilitating doubts, and liberate our hearts for faith, service and praise. This we ask in the Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come
Southern Harmony, 1835

"From every ailment flesh endures
Our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need."
F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us praise the Holy One!

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

L: Let us sing to the One who has touched our lives with joy!

P: Let us worship the Compassionate One, who moves among us!

L: Let us gather together in hope and anticipation,

P: To praise our Holy Source of Life!

L: May the Creator of heaven and earth renew and remake us today,

All: That our spirits may soar in thanksgiving and praise!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Living God

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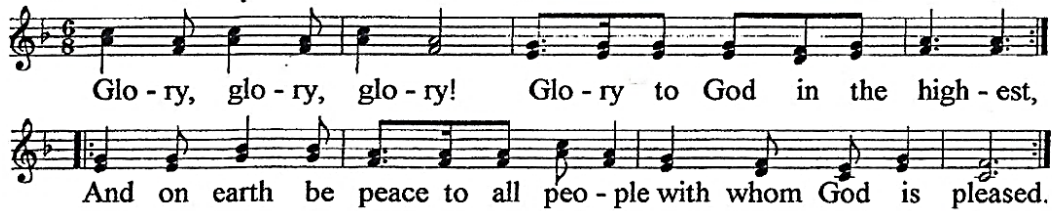
*** Prayer of Invocation**

Divine Source of Life and Love, move among us today and touch us with your grace. Enter our lives, free us from our fears, and guide us by your wisdom. Empower us to be your Church, today and every day. Impart to us the strength and courage we need to faithfully serve you in this place and in this world. Renew within us all, your abiding gifts of faith, hope, and love, so that we might continue to follow your light and praise you with joy! Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Pew Bible, page 174

The New Testament

Mark 1:21-28

Pew Bible, page 35

The Continuing Testament

from *Jesus Christ: Exorcist*

by Susan Garrett

Youth Anthem

Good News

Belihu/Olson

[Joyful Noise Choir]

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Freedom Is Coming

South Africa

[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Sermon

No Time to Dilly-Dally

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

#59

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 Our Days

Strachan

"God of our days, God of our nights,
Holding us gently yet holding with might.
In-dwelling God, filling our need,
guiding our hearts where you lead."
Sue Strachan, 1994

* Offertory Hymn

Winter has come, it's taken hold.
The days are short, the nights are cold.
The poor need food and light and heat.
We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]

Divine Source of us all, we thank you that you have called us together to be your people, the Church. We thank you that you have given us all that we need to serve you. Help us to willingly take our part in your service, by helping one another, by freely giving to those in need, and by sharing with all the greatest gift we have: the gift of your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our shining Light. Amen

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
[verse 1]

#80

*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

Fugue in B flat major

Buxtehude

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Donn Whyte, 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, 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 21, 2018 – Adults: 76 Kids: 12 Total: 88

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Jeannette Kroeger, in Love & Celebration of my daughter Meredith Kroeger Brophy's marriage to Robert Brophy.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to approve our finalized 2018 Budget and Slate of Officers is today, immediately following worship. Please plan to attend this important event!

MARDI GRAS - On Sunday February 11 at 10:00 AM, we will celebrate a Mardi Gras service featuring live New Orleans-style music. Our ensemble regulars include Eric Seddon, clarinet; Pastor Dave Shackle, trumpet; Steve Ostrow, trombone; Mark Mazak, tuba; and Steve Kraus, banjo. The service will be followed by a gala potluck downstairs in Pilgrim Hall. Please plan on joining us for this festive event. Bring a friend!

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!

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.

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.

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***.

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.

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.

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.

Readings

The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Moses said to the Israelites, The Holy One will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Holy One any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Holy One responded to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

You may say to yourself, "How can we recognize a word that the Holy One has not spoken?" If a prophet speaks in the name of the Holy One but that thing does not take place or prove true, it is a word that the Holy One has not spoken. That prophet has spoken it presumptuously; do not be frightened by it.

The New Testament - Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." Immediately Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Continuing Testament - from *Jesus Christ: Exorcist* - by Susan Garrett
[edited]

Since the Enlightenment, many people have reinterpreted the Biblical accounts of exorcisms: Jesus didn't really cast out demons, because victims were actually suffering from psychological maladies, or epilepsy. Such rationalization misses the point of the Gospel accounts. Jesus' exorcisms and other miracles were never understood simply as raw displays of power, but as *signifiers* of the Gospel - the "Good News" of the Divine Realm, and evil's impending demise. When we rush to explain away the miracles, we risk overlooking their deeper message for us. The message of the Gospel is that Jesus is Lord: he releases us from all kinds of bondage, and empowers us to live a new life in service and in praise of the Holy One.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 28	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Wednesday, January 31	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday, February 1	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday, February 2		*Office Closed*
Saturday, February 3	11:00 am	Mardi Gras Rehearsal
Sunday, February 4	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	CE Mtg. - Library
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	Betsey & Joe Wilson Julie & Dave Bernard
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Anne Melfo
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E Teacher:	Kathleen Stewart
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Carole Snider
Servers:	Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean Up:	Sue Stenzel, Jill Zedan
Snacks:	Julie Bernard, Max Roha
Snow Herder	Doug Fawcett

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Lay Reader:	David Pastor
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Bob & Caroline Chandler Betty Kaul, Sam Koch
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Ben Davis
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Dave Bernard
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Jon Cook
C.E Teacher:	Robin Coyer
Counters	Matt Wolbert, Kathy Pastor
Servers:	Mardi Gras Potluck
Clean-Up:	Mardi Gras Potluck
Snacks:	Mardi Gras Potluck
Snow Herder:	Joe Wilson