

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Creative Source
of us all, help
us hear you and
see you when
you work and
teach and heal
in new ways
and in new
places. We
expect you
in certain areas
of our lives, but
can forget that
you also meet
us in ways and
places we do
not anticipate.
Ready our
hearts to
welcome you
and your work
among us.
Amen.



***Jesus Said To Them, "Fill The Jars With Water." And They
Filled Them Up To The Brim....
John 2:7***

Sunday, January 20, 2019 • 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, bisexual, or pangender
You Are Welcome Here!*

*If you are fully abled, 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!***



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, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Simply ask an usher. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use. Pillows for back support are also available, if needed

Office Hours:

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

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January 20, 2019 – Second Sunday After Epiphany

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Grace and Mercy, we pray for your power to be revealed where it is needed: to bring justice where there is despair, to overcome hatred with love, and to unite the hearts of all your children in all places. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known 16th century German
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

"Oh, what a miracle divine,
when water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed
in streams that nature ne'er bestowed."

Caelius Sedulius (5th century); trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: A new day has dawned! The Divine gift of Life is renewed in you and me.

People: Praise the Holy One for today! Praise the Creative Spirit in our midst.

L: Let us be still and know that the Holy One is here. Let us welcome-in the Spirit.

P: We come to pray and reflect and rejoice. We come to hear Good News!

L: Let us listen and respond to the Holy One, who meets us in new ways:

P: The One who is with us today as we worship, and every day as we walk in this world.

L: Inspire us, O Holy One, and guide our lives;

All: Empower us to be your people!

***Hymn of Praise**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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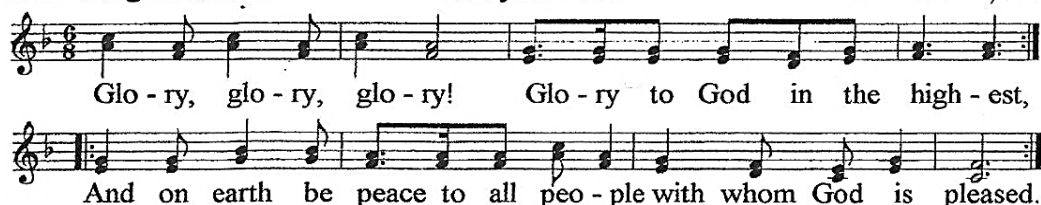
***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Divine Source of us all, we seek your Presence here today. Fill us with a sense of your Being; move us with the power of your Spirit; touch us with faith, hope and love. Come to us and be with us, that we may worship you in this place, and then be prepared to serve you in this world. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Salvation. Amen.

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 36:5-10

Pew Bible, page 510

The New Testament

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible, page 93

The Continuing Testament *Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

The Trumpets Sound (The Feast Is Ready)

Kendrick, arr. Debick

Sermon

Stop Whining, and Savor the Wine!

Pastor Dave Shackles

Hymn of Reflection

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

#531

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

Episode

Rorem

***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]**

We offer ourselves with these gifts, Gracious Holy One, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see the signs of your love which surround us every day. Open our hearts to embrace new ways to serve you and others. Renew our compassion and inspire our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Hope and our Joy. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Sarabande

Rameau

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
[verse 1]**

#77

*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

Roberday

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Kirk Sanderson, Suzanne Patrick, Niece of Kathy Smith, Pat Bailey, Fred Pesek, Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, 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 13, 2019– Adults: 61 Kids: 13 Total: 74

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 Carole & George Snider "Celebrating the Joy all our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren bring to our lives."

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday February 3rd immediately following Worship. We will finalize our slate of officers and budget for 2019.

THE MITTEN TREE in the narthex is nearly bare of items. The previous “ornaments” have been taken to a hunger center to be distributed when families receive food and other items. The mitten tree angels supplied five! bags of hats and mittens! This magic tree will probably fill up two or three times before the cold weather is over, which says something about the view of BUCC members and friends about outreach.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRACTICAL LEARNING:

Understanding Care after a Hospital Admission. Patients and families are provided an overwhelming amount of information on care in the community after a hospital stay. On **Tuesday January 29th** Mark Lehman will present an overview of the various care options in the community, what is fitting for the patient and the how it is paid for.

This session will be held from **7:00-8:00 pm** in Pilgrim Hall.

FINANCE Year-end statements are ready to be picked up in the Commons area.

FLOWER MINISTRY - Flowers are placed in the front of the church each Sunday to honor/celebrate your family/friends/events. We need your help to get this information to our office manager, Jeannette Kroeger, before she prepares the Bulletin on Wednesdays. It's easy as 1-2-3.

1. Put your name on the chart hanging on the west wall just inside the double doors to the Narthex.
2. Fill out the information form found in the pocket below the chart. **If you are providing the flowers yourself, please check that box on the form and let me know so there are no mix ups.
3. Turn this information and money in to Joy Garapic, our financial secretary.

The flower ministry does not want to miss sharing your joy by not having the correct information. Thank you, Janet Renovetz

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.

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!

The Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Holy One, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, gracious Creator. How precious is your steadfast love! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of Life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

The New Testament - John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So, they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Continuing Testament - from *Words of Martin Luther King, Jr* [edited]

The belief that God will do everything for us is as untenable as the belief that we can do everything for ourselves. They are both based on a lack of *faith*. We must learn that to expect God to do everything while we do nothing is not faith, but superstition. A religion true to its nature must also be concerned about people's social conditions. Religion deals with both heaven and earth, both time and eternity. Religion operates not only on the vertical plane, but also on the horizontal. It seeks not only to integrate people with God, but also to integrate people with people, and to help all people to be self-integrated within.

This means that the Christian Gospel is a two-way road. On the one hand, it seeks to change people's souls and thereby unite them with God; on the other hand, it seeks to change people's environmental conditions, so that the soul will have a chance after it is changed. Any religion that professes to be concerned with people's souls and is not concerned with the slums that damn them, the economic conditions that strangle them, and the social conditions that cripple them, is a dry-as-dust religion. Such a religion, as Marx might say, is merely an opiate of the people.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 20

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Monday, Jan.21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Thursday, Jan. 23

1:00 pm Bible Study

5:30 pm Joyful Noise

7:00 pm Choir

Friday, Jan. 25

Office Closed

Sunday, Jan. 27

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

5:30 pm Youth Percussion

6:00 pm Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE
JANUARY 20, 2019

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Dan Stewart, Betty Kaul George & Carole Snider
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comms Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Carole Snider
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:	Anne Melfo
Counters:	Jim Duffy, David Pastor
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	Kathleen Stewart, Jill Zedan
Snow Hrdr:	Tim Wallis

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE
JANUARY 27, 2019

Lay Reader:	Sam Koch
Head Usher:	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	David & Kathy Pastor Betsey & Joe Wilson
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Janet Renovetz
Nursery:	Jonathon Cook
C.E. Teacher:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Marge Culver, Carole Snider
Clean-Up:	Bob & Caroline Chandler
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Anne Melfo
Snow Hrdr:	Wes Novak