



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***stewardship,
'stü-ərd-.ship\
noun***

***1: the office,
duties, and
obligations of a
steward***

***2: the
conducting,
supervising, or
managing of
something
especially: the
careful and
responsible
management of
something
entrusted to
one's care***

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Webster.com**



Sunday November 17, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Stewardship Sunday

Pastor

• Allan Lane

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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Meditation Music

“Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.” — **Steve Goodier**

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

God Loves a Cheerful Giver
[Recorder/dulcimer/guitar ensemble]

Jehovah songbook

"Yes, the giving that's cheerful, to Jehovah brings delight.
It adorns all God's teaching, to love does incite.
Great indeed is its value when it wells up from the heart;
happiness and great joy to us then it will impart."
Sing Praises to Jehovah songbook, 1984

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: We are here because of God's great love for us.

People: We are here because of God's great compassion on all of us.

Leader: We are here because we want to be a part of what God is doing to change the world.

People: We are here because we share God's vision: love as the guiding force of life; justice for all people because all people are made in God's image; forgiveness freely offered to others, as forgiveness was freely offered to us.

Leader: Come now, let us worship God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Come, O Thankful People, Come

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*** Prayer of Confession** [Unison]

Oh God, the sin in our lives causes us to be far from you, far from each other, far from hope, far from life. Envy keeps us from enjoying the things we have. Greed makes us always want more, no matter how much you have already given us. Pride sets us in unjust judgment over others who are different from ourselves. Gossip cuts us down, whether we are telling it, hearing it, or the subject of it. It is not for these things that Christ came into the world, but to save us from them.

Hear us when we call to you for help; heal us when we turn to you for strength; restore us when we come to you in Christ, in whose name we ask these things.

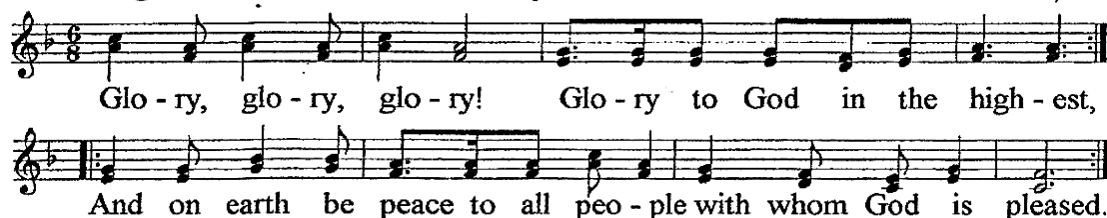
***Words of Assurance**

Leader: The gospel writer John wrote, "From Christ's fullness we have all received grace upon grace." Hear the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pew Bible, page 698

[This is the call of the prophet Jeremiah. Like so many people that God calls, Jeremiah felt that he wasn't up to the task. God assures him that it will be all right, because God is going to go with him.]

Contemporary Reading

The Return of the King

J.R.R. Tolkien

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:12-13:13 Pew Bible, pages 174 &175

[The church is a body of love!]

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Treasure
[Kate Lane, cello]

Graham

Sermon

There Is No Eye In Church?

Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection

Take My Gifts

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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

Offering

Third Day

"This is my offering, dear Lord.
This is my offering to You, God.
And I will give You my life,
for it's all I have to give."
Third Day, 2002

***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]**

O God of self-giving love, it is in imitation of you that we bring these gifts and offerings. You have graciously given yourself to us, along with every other good gift, and now we return a portion to you this day. Amen

Presenting Our Pledges for 2020

[Please come forward and place your pledges in the basket]

Hymn of Dedication

We Praise You, O God

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been;
when perils o'er-take us, you never will forsake us,
and with your help, O God, life's struggles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer,
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise;
your strong love will guide us, our God is beside us,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

***Prayer of Commitment**

L: With joy and thanksgiving, let us dedicate our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's Church in this place and throughout the world.

All: All good gifts come from you, O Gracious Holy God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. Because you have blessed us so abundantly, we now offer our gifts and ourselves to you and to your service. Make us a generous and faithful people, on this day and every day of our lives. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Friedell, adapt. Turner

"All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true."
Percy Dearmer, 1925; alt.

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Now Thank We All Our God

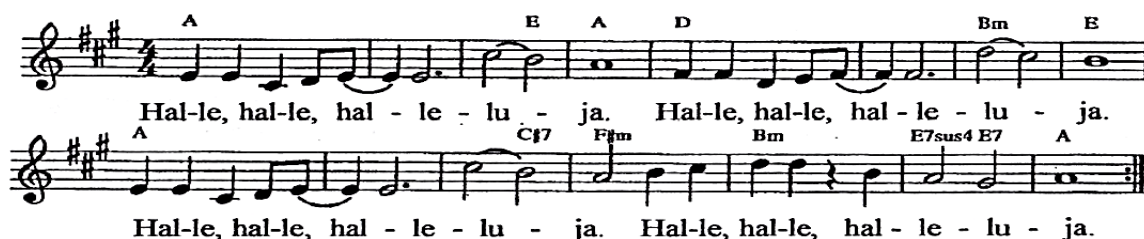
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* Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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

Fugue in D Major

Beauvarlet-Charpentier

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty Kaul, Don Seager, Kate Klonowski, The Corpora Family, Anna Mary Fisher, Bill Toneff, Richard Sacher, brother of Jan Renovetz, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick (Niece of Kathy Smith), Pat Bailey, Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, 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 Sunday, November 10, 2019 – Adults: 65 Kids: 14 Total: 79

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 childcare 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

THE BUCC PASTOR'S FUND is primarily used for food gift cards, help with rent or utilities, uncovered medical/medication bills, or emergency aid to travelers passing through town. We are asking that those who can, consider making a contribution to help replenish this fund. Checks can be made out to BUCC, or cash may be placed in a pew envelope, with the notation "Pastor's Fund" written on the check or envelope. Thank you for your continuing support!

ADVENT BOOK – DEADLINE – is today! Please email your entry to the office buccoh@sbcglobal.net

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING FOR A NICE APARTMENT?

BUCC has a very nice 2-bedroom unit available for rent in our Arlington Street property. The unit has an eat-in-kitchen, dining room, and living room on the first floor, and two bedrooms and bath on the second floor. The unit comes complete with a stove, fridge, washer and dryer, garage parking and cozy front porch. The unit will be available December 1st, and rents for \$850 per month. Please pass the word around! Thank you, Doug Fawcett.

THE MITTEN TREE has sprouted in the narthex again, just waiting to be "decorated" with hats, mittens, scarves, etc. to be delivered to those who will need them in the cold weather. They are delivered to hunger centers when the donated food items are delivered to hunger centers.

FOOD PANTRY/NOVEMBER- Small Canned Hams, Canned Sweet & White Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Pie Crust Mix, Canned Pumpkin, etc.

PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. This is a local and national organization that has been in the Cleveland Area for 35 years. One of the services provided is a Monthly Support Group Meeting. ►

The group is led by a licensed Psychologist and Social Workers. The purpose is to provide support and education to family and friends of people coming out Gay, Lesbian, Trans, Bisexual or Questioning. The group is free and meets at Trinity Cathedral on the second Tuesday of the month 645p-830p. For more information, call Mark Lehman, LISW at 330.631.4415

PAPER RECYCLING BIN – You may have noticed that we now have a Paper Recycling Bin in the Parking lot. Please bring your paper recyclables and help us fill it up!

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.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule on the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

Readings

The Old Testament - Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
and before you were born, I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Contemporary Reading –The Return of the King - J.R.R. Tolkien

“The rule of no realm is mine, neither of Gondor nor any other, great or small. But all worthy things that are in peril as the world now stands, those are my care. And for my part, I shall not wholly fail of my task, though Gondor should perish, if anything passes through this night that can still grow fair or bear fruit and flower again in days to come. For I also am a steward. Did you not know?”

The New Testament - 1 Corinthians 12:12-13:13

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 17	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Stewardship Sunday Thanksgiving Dinner **ADVENT BOOK DEADLINE**
Tues., Nov.19	7-8:30 pm	Elizart – Banner Room
Wed., Nov. 20	7:00 pm	Leadership Development Library
Thurs., Nov. 21	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	4:30-5 pm	<u>NO</u> Rec/Dul/Guitar
	5:30-6:15pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	7-8:30 pm	Elizart – Banner Room
	8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday, Nov. 22		*OFFICE CLOSED*
Sunday, Nov. 24	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 17, 2019 – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY-
THANKSGIVING DINNER

Lay Reader:	Kathleen Stewart
Head Usher:	Kathy Smith
Ushers:	Betsey & Joe Wilson Carrie Coyer-Westerberg, Michelina Fawcett
Acolyte:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	HARVEST
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Thanksgiving Potluck
Snacks:	Thanksgiving Potluck
Clean-Up:	Thanksgiving Potluck

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Lay Reader:	Betsey Wilson
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Sam Koch, Beth Rehling, Kim Wallis, Matt Wolbert
Acolyte:	Joshua Anderson
Peace Candle:	Peter Kucmins
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Caroline Chandler
Flowers:	HARVEST
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E. Teacher:	Beth Rehling
Counters:	Marge Culver, Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Leroy & Kathy Ford
Snacks:	Pat Rehm, Carol Miller
Clean-Up:	Jim & Peg Duffy