



# BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

“Churches perceive they are a friendly church because the members are friendly to one another... They don’t look at their facilities, their parking, their website, or their friendliness from a guest perspective.”

~ Thom Rainer



**All Saints' Service, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 • 10:00 AM**

***Pastor***

• Rev. John King

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• David Debick

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## **Affirmation of Welcome**

***We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming ALL of God's children.***

*Whether you are single, married, divorced, separated,  
or partnered,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your gender identity or sexual orientation,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your religious background, creed, or spirituality,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your social or economic circumstances,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your health conditions, impairments, or mobility needs,*

***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 - if you are interested in learning more about our church, please feel free to speak to our pastor.
- Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use.

***Office Hours:***

***Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:30am - 12:30pm***

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**Please submit your announcements by noon on Wednesday – Thank You!**

# All Saints' Service – October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Prelude/Gathering Music    *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*    Martin Luther, c. 1529

## Welcome & Announcements

### Quiet Meditation as Peace Candle is Brought Forward

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*"I do not fear Satan half so much as I fear those who fear him." – St. Theresa of Avila*

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## **Gathering in God's Presence**

(Please Stand as you are able.)

### \* Call to Worship: (*Ephesians 1*)

Leader: On this day we remember and celebrate saints of yesterday and of today; faithful people who set their hopes on Christ and who with their lives, praised God. May our hearts and minds be open to new realities in Christ. We want to be counted among saints who will inherit your kingdom.

**People: May we, in this hour, commit ourselves to living lives that are pleasing to God.**

### \* Hymn of Praise:    *The Church's One Foundation*    #386

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are Christ's new creation by water and the word;  
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;  
with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,  
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,  
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.

3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

4. Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

(Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864; words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.)

**\* Invocation: [UNISON]**

O Still Speaking God, throughout history and the wide world, you have gathered people around your Word, to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities, to follow in your way. Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts and grow in love for each other. Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds; enable us to rejoin you in your suffering and baptism. We desire to be your children and we claim these blessing in your name. Amen

**\*Assurance of God's Grace**

**\* Song of Praise:** *Glory to God* Pablo Sosa, 1988

*Glory, glory, glory – Glory to God in the highest! (2X's)*

*And on earth be peace to all people, For God loves us all! (2X's)*

***God Is Still Speaking***

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

**First Reading James 2:2-8 (The Message)**

**Gospel Reading Luke 19:1-10 (The Inclusive Bible)**

**Continuing Testament** By Thom S. Rainer



***Time with Young Worshippers***



**Anthem**

***God of the Ages***

*Refrain: God of the ages, hear now our praises; we sing your glory on this holy day.*

*You are our Light, our Life and salvation. We lift our thanks and praise forevermore!*

*You are the God of those gone before us; your holy presence guided their way.*

*We now join with the saints of the ages in song, singing alleluia, alleluia... (Refrain)*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. We lift our praise forevermore!*

*You are the God of those gone before us; your holy presence guided their way.*

*We now join with the saints of ages before singing alleluia, praise the Lord.*

*Praise the Lord.*

(Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957; arr. Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933; text: arr. Hal H. Hopson, based on Psalm 27)

**Sermon:**

***Up A Tree***

Rev. John King

## ***Litany for All Saints***

Pastor: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

**Many: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.**

Pastor: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

**Many: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.**

Pastor: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

**Many: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.**

### ***We Remember:***

Marcia Andrasik

Donald & Martha Colbert

Barbara DiGiacomo

David Fawcett

Anna Mary Fisher

Lenore Harris

Carrie Mae Keefe

Celeen Neuman

Fred Pesek

Robert Policicchio

Marjorie & Jan Rahnenfuehrer

Rick Reising

Max Roha

Franklin Santone

John Sattele

Tim Skoda

Bill Toneff

Jean & Paul Truex

Sandra Wilbert



**ALL: God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Hymn of Reflection:*****O for a World***

#575, v. 1-2, 4-5

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

(Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1828; adapt. Lowell Mason, 1839; words: Miriam T. Winter, 1987)

***The Church at Prayer***

Family and Friends of Lenore Harris, Friends of Bill Toneff, George Snider, Dorie Gabor, Mac Hopple, Kathy Smith, Allison Colbert, Phyllis Hassler, Jeanne Cowden, Rose Kaval, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, Dassie Matsuoka, Tina Ortiz, Terry Heiman, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Betty Kaul, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, Jon Thompson, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), "Edna House", people who are unemployed and under employed.

*(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)*

**Silent Meditation****Prayers of the Church****Our Lord's Prayer: [UNISON]**

...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.

## ***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

### **Stewardship Moment**

**Call to Offering:** (Rev. John)

**\* 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]**

**Loving God, we present to you our gifts. We pray that you might bless them and us as we praise you with our voices and with our lives. Amen.**

### ***Going with God's Love***

**\*Hymn of Departure      *Lead On, Eternal Sovereign*      #573**

1. Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;  
loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:  
Through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong,  
to carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.

2. Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,  
for in each human conflict your words of strength we hear:  
That when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,  
our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.

3. Lead on eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace;  
Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,  
to love and serve each other for all eternity.

(Music: Henry T. Smart, 1836; words: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.)





## ***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.

A musical score for 'Hallelujah' in 4/4 time, key of A major. The top line shows a melody on a treble clef staff with chords A, E, A, D, Bm, and E. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' are repeated. The bottom line shows a bass line with chords A, C7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' are also repeated.

## † Benediction (Rev. John)

## Postlude:

## ***Shout for Joy***

Jean S. Hawk, 1994

# Be *Strong* and *Courageous*

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,

For the *Lord* your *God*

Will be with you wherever you go.

~ Joshua 1:9

## **Announcements**

**REMEMBERING LENORE** – There will be a memorial service this afternoon at 1 pm, for long-time member Lenore Harris. Her family extends an open invitation to all those who wish to honor her.

**ADVENT BOOK** – The deadline for submissions to the 2022 Advent Book is **TOMORROW**, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please submit your reflections/devotion to **Anne** at [buccoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:buccoffice23@gmail.com). We look forward to reading your contribution!

**NEXT SUNDAY** Rob Grow will be stepping in for Rev. John, who will be on vacation. Therefore, we will not have communion on the first Sunday of the month - communion will be celebrated on November 13<sup>th</sup>, when Rev. John is back.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA 2022** – Your voices are needed! Rehearsals for this year's cantata are on **Thursday evenings, from 7- 8 pm**. Please join us even if you've never done it before - it's a lot of fun, and a great way to prepare for the holidays! The cantata will be presented at a regular Sunday service in mid-December, and high school students are welcome to participate.

**FAMILY FALL FEST MEAL BENEFIT** - In partnership with students in the Tri-C Hospitality Management Program, BUCC is planning a fundraiser on **Thursday November 10, 2022 , from 5:30 to 8:00 PM**. Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available, as well as dine in and/or carry out. Pre-order is necessary – please go to BUCC's website at **brecksvilleucc.org** and click on **“Learn more and order tickets”** (typed in orange). If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at **440-526-4364**.

**STEWARSHIP SUNDAY TURKEY DINNER** - On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our return to the annual Turkey Dinner!

The turkeys will be roasting downstairs in the kitchen, beginning early on that morning. You are requested to bring your most wonderful dish to share. The sign up sheet is going around, so here's your chance to share your culinary specialties with the congregation. And if you don't bring anything, please join us still! There will be more than enough to share. Come enjoy the food and fellowship!!

**SNOW HERDING** – It's that time of year again when the Facilities Ministry is looking for "snow herders" to attack the winter snows. Please sign up through Breeze, beginning with the first Sunday after Thanksgiving (11/27). Thank you for volunteering!

## Readings

### First Reading

#### James 2:2-8 (The Message)

If a someone enters your church wearing an expensive suit, and a person experiencing homelessness, wearing rags comes in right after, and you say to the one in the suit, "Welcome, sit here; this is the best seat in the house!" and either ignore the street person or say, "Better sit here in the back row," haven't you segregated God's children and proved that you are judges who can't be trusted?

Listen, dear friends. Isn't it clear by now that God operates quite differently? God chose the world's down-and-out as the kingdom's first citizens, with full rights and privileges. This kingdom is promised to anyone who loves God. And here you are abusing these same citizens! Isn't it the high and mighty who exploit you, who use the courts to rob you blind? Aren't they the ones who scorn the new name—"Christian"—used in your baptisms?

You do well when you complete the Royal Rule of the Scriptures: "Love others as you love yourself."

### Gospel Reading

#### Luke 19:1-10 (The Inclusive Bible)

Entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a wealthy person there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but he couldn't do so because of the crowd, since he was short.

In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus ran on ahead, then climbed a sycamore tree that was along the route. When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come on down. I'm going to stay at your house today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and welcomed Jesus with delight.

When everyone saw this, they began to grumble, "Jesus has gone to a sinner's house as a guest." Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, "Here and now I give half my belongings to poor people. If I've defrauded anyone in the least, I'll pay them back fourfold." Jesus said to the tax collector, "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a descendant of Sarah and Abraham. The Promised One has come to search out and save what was lost."

*(Readings continued next page)*

## Readings

### **Continuing Testament – From *Becoming a Welcoming Church*,** by Thom S. Rainer

We church members are often clueless about what our guests are thinking and experiencing. We think we know because we know how we feel and think. But the perspectives of church members and guests are often vastly different.

Most of you have been a guest at a church. So let's replay the likely journey of visiting a church together. Keep in mind, this journey is especially important if you are looking at this church as a possible new church home.

Joining us on this journey are Kathy and Jim. They will be our guides because they are the ones who actually helped me visualize the issue not too long ago. Kathy and Jim really needed a good guest experience. They had a lot of frustration getting their three kids, all under the age of eight, ready for church. To exacerbate the tension, neither Kathy nor Jim had been in a church for a decade. They did not know what to expect.

Kathy said, "We really had an overall good experience. But, there was one part that just was not that good. It was the nine to ten minutes after we sat down in the worship space and before the services started. No one spoke to us. No one sat by us. No one even acknowledged us. It was really uncomfortable until the service began."

That, in essence, is one of the surprises we heard from guests. Even in incredible churches, very few members make the effort to greet and speak to someone already seated before the service begins. And, frankly, most church members don't ever go sit with guests. Guests are most often overlooked in the few minutes right before the worship services. No one speaks to them or sits with them.

They have a challenge I call the "holy huddle." The holy huddle takes place when members talk to other members they know without acknowledging the people they don't know.

# Special Thanks:

## October 30, 2022

**Head Usher:** Jill Zedan  
**Ushers:** Evelyn Seager  
**Volunteer Needed**

**Lay Reader:** Jim Duffy  
**Greeter:** Jon Thompson  
**Nursery:** **Volunteer Needed**

**Counters:** Marge Culver  
Janet Renovetz

**Acolyte:** **Volunteer Needed**

**Peace Candle:** **Volunteer Needed**

**A/V Team:** David Pastor

**Flowers:** Dorie Gabor

**Snack:** Dorie Gabor  
**Volunteer Needed**

**Set Up/Serve:** Betsey Wilson  
**Volunteer Needed**

**Clean Up:** **Volunteer Needed**  
**Volunteer Needed**

## November 6, 2022

**Head Usher:** **Volunteer Needed**  
**Ushers:** Evelyn Seager  
**Volunteer Needed**

**Lay Reader:** Jill Zedan  
**Greeter:** Sherrill Witt  
**Nursery:** **Volunteer Needed**

**Counters:** Marge Culver  
Janet Renovetz

**Acolyte:** **Volunteer Needed**

**Peace Candle:** **Volunteer Needed**

**A/V Team:** Fred Pedersen

**Flowers:** Anne Melfo

**Snack:** Sue Stenzel  
**Volunteer Needed**

**Set Up/Serve:** Sue & Cliff Stenzel

**Clean Up:** Sue Stenzel  
**Volunteer Needed**