



Brecksville

United Church of Christ

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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,
Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,*

*Whatever your gender identity or
sexual orientation,*

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

*Whatever your social or economic
circumstances,*

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

ALL SAINTS' DAY



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- 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.

Announcements:

Please submit the announcements you would like to have printed in the bulletin by noon on Wednesday – Thank You!

Sharing Good News -At the beginning of the Sunday service you are welcome to share announcements. Please keep these brief by avoiding details. Share the essentials, then share how people can learn more details (e.g., see the bulletin announcement or talk to somebody). Also, feel free to share good news such as birthdays, anniversaries, retirement, awards, etc.

 **Calling All Kids! Be Part of Our Christmas Story!**  - We're looking for children in grades K through high school to silently act out the "Story of Christmas" during our Christmas Cantata Service on Sunday, December 14th—the third Sunday of Advent! Commitment: attend three 25-minute rehearsals and the performance. To join, please sign up each weekend with Rob after service or email BuccMusic23@gmail.com.

 **Join Our Choir and Music Team!**  -Are you a singer or musician in high school or older? We'd love to have you join us for choir rehearsals every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM right here at the church! Everyone is welcome—no experience needed, just a love for making music together. See Rob after the Service for more information!

Confirmation classes- Christian education is coordinating confirmation classes with Reverend Jackson. Classes would be one time a month and would include approximately eight classes total. Classes will most likely start in January. Please contact Danyel Esser (330-221-1599) if you are interested in having your child participate in Confirmation classes. Once we know who is interested we will reach out to schedule a time and day for classes.

Attendance last Sunday, October 26th, 2025 – Adults: 51; Kids: 2; Online: 8;
Additional Views: 23; Total: 84



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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR includes the following

Today	After worship Junior Choir
Mon. Nov 3	5:00 pm – Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm -- Facilities Meeting
Tue. Nov 4	6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall) 6:30 pm – Social Justice 7:00 pm – Spiritual Life
Wed. Nov 5	11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation 4:00 pm – Stewardship Leadership
Thu. Nov 6	7:00 pm – Choir Practice

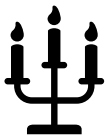
Volunteers:

	<u>November 2nd, 2025</u>	<u>November 9th, 2025</u>
Early Usher:	Diane Gressley	Peg Duffy
Late Usher:	Evie Novak	Jim Duffy
Greeter:	Annette Pedersen Fred Pedersen	Lori Molesky
Reader:	Bee Ortiz	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Annette Pedersen	Carole Snider
Counters:	Kathy Pastor Volunteers Needed	Kathy Pastor Jan Renovetz
A/V:	Tim Wallis	David Pastor Fred Pedersen Volunteers Needed
Snack:	Annette Pedersen Peg Duffy	Volunteers Needed
Set up:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Clean Up:	Peg Duffy	Volunteers Needed
Communion Bread:	Gayle Colbert	

In our Prayers:

Jon Thompson, Marilyn Pay, Frances Posey, Mac Hoppel, Bee Ortiz, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Jan Wardlaw, Kathleen Stewart, Kathy Repko, Lois Lorenzo, Jonathan Langham, Tony Cuninghame, Chad Sproul, Dot and Stu Bailey, Jane Cribbs, Joanne Cook, Kathy Ford, Midge Cassidy, Kate Benedict, “Edna House”, people who are unemployed and under employed.

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



All Saints' Day Sunday

Sunday November 2nd, 2025

Prelude

Prayer of St. Francis (Sebastian Temple)

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Meditation

Holy One, gather us in the company of your saints, that their faith may kindle ours.

*Call to Prayer

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

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

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

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

One: 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.

*Hymn of Praise

For All The Saints

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*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

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.

*Assurance of Grace

*Gathering Song

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa 1988



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, And on earth be



peace to all peo - ple, for God loves us all.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSVUE)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:20-31(NRSVUE)

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Time with young worshipers

Sermon

The Future the Saints are Building - Rev. Jeff Jackson

Anthem

Peace, I Leave with You

Litany for the Communion of Saints

Pastor: Holy God, giver of life and source of hope, we remember with gratitude those who have gone before us, embracing the promise of resurrection life.

Many: We give thanks for the saints who surround us still.

Pastor: For ancestors in faith who shaped our stories with courage, who pursued justice and practiced compassion beyond what fear allowed.

Many: We remember them and honor their witness.

Pastor: For those whose names we remember now, saints of our own lives whose love formed us:

We Remember:

Clifford Stenzel
Sharon Barrone
Brandon McCleary
Shirley Rickey
Jackie Henry
Bob Henry

Howard Trudeau
E. Phyllis Dziura
Susan Marie Renovetz
Suellen Genter
Rev. H. Robert Jewell
Vivienne Grace Gibb

Pastor: For saints whose names only you know, whose acts of love were never recorded yet transformed the world nevertheless.

Many: Make us companions in your service and partners in your peace.

Pastor: Gather us with them in your compassion and your courage. Sustain all who grieve. Strengthen all who struggle. Let your justice and mercy rise among every people. In communion with all your saints, we pray as Jesus taught:

The Savior'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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Music

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.



***Prayer of Dedication: [Unison]**

Gracious God,
you teach us that giving is not loss but gain —
that when our hands open, our hearts do too.
Receive these gifts and receive us,
that through our sharing, others may find hope,
and we may discover the freedom and joy
of living fully in your love. Amen.

Communion Invitation

ALL are welcome to receive communion. No exceptions.

Communion Hymn

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

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*During the hymn, please come forward up the center aisle to gather a piece of bread and a cup and return to your seats via the outer aisles.
We will partake each together as directed.*

Invitation to Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion [Unison]

O Giver of Life, continue to form in us a transparent spirit that by our giving and our living others may discover You. Reshape our priorities and grant us a willing vision to see and respond to those hidden saints who reveal something of you in the least likely ways and in the most surprising places. Thank you for calling us into a life such as this and bless these gifts that they may bless others. Amen.

***Hymn of Departure**

Thank Our God for Sister, Brothers

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***Circle of Community**

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

The musical score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' The chords are: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

Go in the peace of the saints who light our way.