



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!*



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****LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST****

- 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!

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK TODAY! We invite everyone to join in the fellowship hall!

BUCC Food Drive - TODAY- As we prepare to sit down together to share our Thanksgiving meal, let us give thanks by filling the food drive box outside the church office. Checks can be made out to TEAC.

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.

Our Community Meal will be held on November 30 at The Wholeness Project which is located at 3389 Fulton Road, Cleveland. We are planning to serve approximately 60 people and will need some help serving and making/providing deserts. We can carpool from BUCC if that would help. We will meet in the BUCC parking lot around 230 pm and then head to Cleveland. Right now, we need cookies and brownies, so if you would like to make or bring them to the church to take to the meal, that is also an option. If you would like to help, please let anyone on Social Justice Ministry know. Reach out to Diane Gressley for any questions. For more details on The Wholeness Project please check their website at www.bridgecle.org

Colony Cupboard- We are continuing to support the Colony Cupboard! This is a resource for students at Brecksville Broadview Hts High School who need essentials and school supplies. We donated a trunk full of supplies recently and they are grateful for our continued support. Based on student needs for the new school year, below is the updated list of supplies they are requesting:

Markers, highlighters, binders, graph paper, & headphones

Special Thank You to this week's guest musician Chris Hatala!

Attendance last Sunday, November 9th, 2025 – Adults: 53; Kids: 11; Online: 13;
Additional Views: 23; Total: 100



To Donate Electronically – If you would like to make a donation to Brecksville United Church of Christ with your phone, please scan this QR code. If you need assistance, ask an usher - or a grandchild.
Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR includes the following

Today	Thanksgiving Potluck
Tue. Nov 18	6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall) 7:30 pm – Communication and Outreach
Wed. Nov 19	11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation 6:00 pm – Braver Angels
Thu. Nov 20	7:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. Nov 21	6:30 pm – Brecksville Squares

Volunteers:

	<u>November 16th, 2025</u>	<u>November 23rd, 2025</u>
Early Usher:	Sherrill Witt	Diane Gressley
Late Usher:	Bill Witt	Annette Pedersen
Greeter:	Lori Molesky	Volunteers Needed
Reader:	Diane Gressley	Volunteers Needed
Flowers:	Dave Bernard	Sue Stenzel
Counters:	<i>Kathy Pastor</i> Jan Renovetz	Jan Renovetz
A/V:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Snack:	THANKSGIVING POTLUCK	Volunteers Needed
Set up:	Sue Stenzel	Volunteers Needed
Clean Up:	Sue Stenzel, Sherrill and Bill Witt	Volunteers Needed
Communion Bread:	Gayle Colbert	N/A
Snow Herder:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday November 16th, 2025

Prelude

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Meditation

Jesus, hold us steady when the world trembles.

*Call to Prayer (Inspired by Psalm 98)

One: O Sing to our Creator a New Song,

Many: Make a joyful noise to God, everyone!

One: With trumpets and sounds of the horn

Many: We create joyful sounds for you, God of love.

One: The hills will sing together in bliss.

Many: Just as the sea roars and the artists rhyme, we serenade our Creator.

*Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

#28

*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Beloved Divine Sustainer,

Like the sunlight, your presence illuminates the world around us. Like the air, your being invigorates us. Even when the world seems to be on fire, your quenching rain soothes our souls. Through your wisdom, we find our hope and strength. Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with fortitude, knowing you will never depart from us. 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.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said,

"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"

And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

This will give you an opportunity to testify.

So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

You will be hated by all because of my name.

But not a hair of your head will perish.

By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Second Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Time with young worshipers

Sermon

A Ridiculous World Worth Believing In - Rev. Jeff Jackson

Anthem

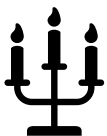
We Shall Overcome

Prayers of the Church

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.)



Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

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]**

God of rising hope,
take these offerings as signs of our trust in your future.
Where ruin still smolders, let them help rebuild.
Where cynicism takes root, let them plant joy.
Make our giving part of your new creation.
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]

Creator of new heavens and new earth,
we give thanks for your imagination that outlives our despair.
You breathe life into dust, joy into weary hearts,
and promise what the world calls impossible.
For that gift, we are grateful.
Amen.

***Hymn of Departure**

We Praise You, O God

#420

***Circle of Community** Please join us in a circle around the sanctuary and lift your voices together and again after the benediction.

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.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Eternal Father Strong to Save – Naval Hymn

Go, and let your light steady trembling hearts.

BUCC Mission Loving Serving and Accepting All People with God's Life Changing Power

BUCC Core Values

- Inclusiveness in all things
- Community of acceptance love and forgiveness
- Unleashing people's gift of ministry to grow through serving others
- Environment of learning and spiritual growth
- Creative and dynamic worship
- Reaching out and welcoming the community