



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!



Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30am - 1:30pm

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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!

Mission Cafés: Listening for God's Future- In the coming weeks, we'll gather for a series of Mission Cafés—small-group conversations centered on our story, our neighbors, and God's leading as we prepare for a new season of ministry. Multiple gatherings will be offered after worship, in the afternoon, and in the evening so everyone has an opportunity to participate.

Thriving Church Study Begins January 22 -We are beginning a new Thriving Church study on **Wednesday, January 22, from noon–1:00 pm via Zoom**. Check last week's emails to find the **Study Guide** and **Zoom Link**. Then look for the survey link for Session One on **Sunday afternoon**—everyone is invited to participate, whether or not you plan to attend the study!

GAME NIGHT: January 23, 6:30 pm. Get out of the house and get out of your head with your BUCC friends! Bring games and snacks. Fellowship will provide drinks. The perfect post-holiday pick-me-up!

SUPERBOWL CHILI COOKOFF: Sunday, February 1 (the week PRIOR to the Superbowl) following worship. Compete with BUCC's best for 2026 bragging rights! Fellowship will provide shredded cheese, diced onions, sour cream and crackers. If you are not entering a chili submission, please bring a side, such as salad or cornbread. Does YOUR recipe have what it takes?

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 this summer and plan to make another donation over the holidays. 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
Donations are collected in the back of the church.

Attendance last Sunday, January 11th, 2026 – Adults: 37; Kids: 1; Online: 20;
Additional Views: 15; Total: 73



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

Mon. Jan 19	Office Closed
Tue. Jan 20	2:00 pm – Spiritual Life 6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall) 7:30 pm – Communication and Outreach
Wed. Jan 21	11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation 6:00 pm – Braver Angels
Thu. Jan 22	12:00 pm —Thriving Church Study Group 7:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. Jan 23	6:30 pm – Game Night

Volunteers:

	<u>January 18, 2026</u>	<u>January 25, 2026</u>
Early Usher:	Annette Pedersen	Volunteers Needed
Late Usher:	Evelyn Seager	Volunteers Needed
Greeter:	Lori Molesky	Volunteers Needed
Reader:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz	Volunteers Needed
Counters:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
A/V:	Fred Pedersen	David Pastor
Snack:	Carole Snider	Volunteers Needed
Set up:	Carole Snider	Volunteers Needed
Clean Up:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Communion Bread:	Gayle Colbert	N/A
Snow Herder:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

Second Sunday after Epiphany Sunday January 18, 2026

Prelude Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. Tom Fettke

Welcome & Announcements

Bringing of the Light

Silent Meditation

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness,
only light can do that."*
- MLK

***Call to Prayer**

One: Listen to me, O Coastlands; pay attention, you people from far away!

ALL: God called us before we were born; we were named by God while in our mother's womb.

One: God made our mouths like sharp swords; in the shadow of God's hand, we were hidden.

ALL: God made us a polished arrow; in God's quiver, we were hidden away.

One: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

ALL: Kings shall see and stand up; princes shall prostrate themselves, because of God, who is faithful, the Holy One has chosen you.

***Hymn of Praise**

Take My Gifts

#562

***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Knitter of our bones and namer of our being, we invite you to encompass us with your spirit. Everything we desire can be found in you. You desire wholeness for us and in us so now we draw nigh to receive from you and to share in you. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

*Gathering Song

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa 1988



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glory to God in the high - est, And on earth be
peace to all peo - ple, for God loves us all.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Second Reading: John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'

I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Time with young worshipers

Anthem

"We Remember You" arr. Lloyd Larson

Sermon

Rev. David Loar

Hymn of Reflection

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

#281

Prayers of the Church

In our Prayers

Jon Thompson, Marilyn Pay, Tina Ortiz, Cindy Burton, Jan Wardlaw, Kathleen Stewart, Kathy Repko, Lois Lorenzo, Tony Cunningham, Chad Sproul, Dot and Stu Bailey, Jane Cribbs, Kathy Ford, Midge Cassidy, Gabe Tassone, "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]

Creator of heaven and earth, receive these offerings from our hearts and our hands. May they be used to bring heaven to the earth.

Communion Invitation

ALL are welcome to receive communion. No exceptions.

Communion Hymn

Eat this Bread (Taize)

#788

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. A gluten-free loaf is being used for communion today.

Invitation to Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion [Unison]

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn of Departure**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

#593

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

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff starts with a melodic line and includes lyrics: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." The chords for this section are A, E, A, D, Bm, and E. The bottom staff continues the melody and includes lyrics: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." The chords for this section are A, C7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A. The lyrics are repeated in both staves.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Benediction Medley arr. Mark Hayes

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