



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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- Jeff Jackson

Financial Secretary

- Wes Novak

Office Manager

- Miranda Lacefield

Music Director

- Bret Tassone

****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!

Missions Café- We are asking congregants to attend four, one-hour sessions. These are fun, interactive gatherings designed to get everyone's input for the path forward to selecting our new minister. Simply attend one of the days in each session- Session 1, 2, 3 and 4- we've provided time and date options for each session. Mark your calendars and bring your enthusiasm... your input is invaluable!

Session 1: Choose one:

Wednesday, February 4th, 1 pm;
Sunday, February 8th after church;
Wednesday, February 11th, 6 pm

Session 2: Choose one:

Wednesday, March 4th, 1 pm;
Sunday March 8th after church,
Wednesday, March 11th, 6 pm

Session 3: Choose one:

Wednesday, April 1st, 1 pm;
Wednesday, April 8th, 6 pm;
Sunday, April 12th after church

Wrap-Up session: Choose one:

Sunday, June 7th after church;
Wednesday, June 10th, 1 pm
Wednesday, June 10th, 6 pm

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?

Attendance last Sunday, January 18th, 2026 – Adults: 38; Kids: 3; Online: 12; Additional Views: 7; Total: 60

Colony Cupboard- We continue to support the Colony Cupboard, which supplies essentials to students in need within the BBH school district. A new branch of the Colony Cupboard is opening at the elementary school, and for this round of donations they have asked to support this new branch with following items: Soft sided lunch boxes, reusable water bottles (for young students), markers, Chapstick, and individually packaged snacks. The donation box remains in the back of the church.



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

Tue. Jan 27	6:00 pm – AA "Love & Tolerance" (Pilgrim Hall)
Wed. Jan 28	11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation
Thu. Jan 29	12:00 pm —Thriving Church Study Group
	7:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. Jan 23	6:30 pm –Brecksville Squares

Volunteers:

	<u>January 25, 2026</u>	<u>February 1, 2026</u>
Early Usher:	Jill Zedan	Peg Duffy
Late Usher:	Armand Eusonio	Jim Duffy
Greeter:	Sherrill Witt	Volunteers Needed
Reader:	Diane Gressley	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Volunteers Needed	Peg Duffy
Counters:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
A/V:	David Pastor	Volunteers Needed
Snack:	Sherrill Witt	Volunteers Needed
Set up:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Clean Up:	Sherrill Witt	Volunteers Needed
Communion Bread:	N/A	Volunteers Needed
Snow Herder:	Volunteers Needed	Gayle Colbert

Third Sunday after Epiphany Sunday January 25, 2026

Prelude Blessed Assurance arr. Melody Bober

Welcome & Announcements

Bringing of the Light

Silent Meditation

God of nearness, help us look again.

***Call to Prayer**

Leader: Come, people of God—the dawn is breaking! A new day rises where sorrow had settled in.

People: The dawn is breaking—and we rise with it.

Leader: Where burdens have bent us low, the Holy One draws near, steadyng our steps.

People: The Holy One draws near—and we gather our courage.

Leader: Where yokes have weighed on shoulders and spirits,
God is loosening what has held us down.

People: What held us down is lifting—and we move toward freedom.

Leader: Come, all who yearn for justice; all who hope for healing;
all who hunger for joy.

People: We come to the dawning way, we come to the hopeful way,
we come to the way God makes glorious.

***Hymn of Praise** Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

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***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Holy One,

Your light dawns where our shadows are deepest. You are never far; your presence remains with us. Awaken us to the glimmers of your glory breaking into a weary world. Shine upon the paths we walk—paths shaped by fear, uncertainty, and heavy burdens—and reveal where liberation is already taking root among us. As you drew near to Galilee's borderlands, draw near to us today. Open our eyes to your radiance in overlooked places and in one another. Make us ready and courageous, a people who move with your Spirit and join your work of justice and joy. Awaken us, and guide our worship into the brightness of your new day. 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Second Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles--

the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fisher of people."

Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Time with young worshipers

Anthem

"Slow Me Down" Jack Walker

Sermon

"Repent—But Not Like That" By Rev. Jeff Jackson

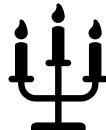
Hymn of Reflection

Be Now My Vision

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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, Sue Stenzel, Carolyn Chandler, Marge Culver, Mirium Rosewitz, "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

I Surrender All arr. Cindy Berry



*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]

O Way-Making God, Source of mercy and new beginnings, we give thanks for these gifts and for the hope you are stirring among us. Shape what we offer into acts of healing, works of justice, and lives of shared joy. Bless the giving and the givers, that generosity may widen your way and strengthen the communities we touch. With gratitude, we dedicate these gifts to the work of compassion you entrust to our care. Amen.

***Hymn of Departure**

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

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



***Benediction**

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

God who is not finished, send us forward in trust, mercy, and courage.

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