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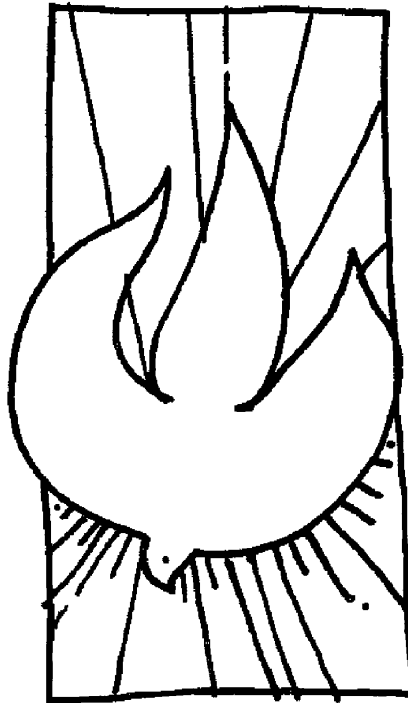
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# UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy Source of Light and Life: As you called and affirmed Jesus through his Baptism, also call and affirm us today. Refresh us with your Holy Spirit and send us forth to faithfully serve you, by humbly serving others. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.



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**Sunday January 10, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**Baptism Of Jesus**

*Pastor* • Rev David Shackle      *Director of Music* • David Debick      *Financial Secretary* • Joy Garapic      *Ministers* All of our Members  
Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger

## **Affirmation of Welcome**

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

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are male, female, or transgender,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,

Or a life-long member of the UCC,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

**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!**

### **WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS**

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

- ✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.
- ✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers.
- ✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary. Pillows for your back support are also available.

#### ***Office Hours:***

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

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# JANUARY 10, 2016 – BAPTISM OF JESUS

## **Meditation Music**

Holy One, you call us to be your heart and hands in the world today. With your Spirit working in us, we can do amazing things! Help us to trust in your guidance, act with humility, and serve those in need - so that we may fully participate in the coming of your Holy Realm. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Song of Waters

Weisensel

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Life of Christ**

**\* Call to Worship** [from *Psalms* 29]

Leader: Ascribe to the Holy One, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Holy One glory and strength!

**People: Ascribe to the Holy One glory; worship God in holy splendor!**

L: The voice of God is over the waters; the glorious Creator thunders.

**P: The voice of God is awesome; the voice of God is full of majesty.**

L: The voice of God flashes-forth in flames of fire;

**P: The voice of God shakes the wilderness.**

L: God sits enthroned over the flood; God sits enthroned as Ruler Forever.

**All: May God give strength to the people! May God bless the people with peace!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Living God

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**\* Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

**Gracious Holy One, at his baptism Jesus heard you say, "This is my beloved Child, in whom I am well pleased!" As you breathe your Spirit into us today, remind us that we, too, are your beloved children. Inspire us to reach out to all people with this encouraging message! Help us to uplift the inherent worth and dignity of all your children; and to affirm that they, too, are precious in your sight. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who embraces and welcomes us all. Amen.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**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 with whom God is pleased.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**The Old Testament**

Isaiah 42:1-7

Pew Bible, page 670

**The New Testament**

Luke 3:15-22

Pew Bible, page 60

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Called and Loved*

by Todd Weir

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Christ, When You Came to Jordan

Wren/Hopson

**Sermon**

*Nothing too Splashy....*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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***The Church at Prayer***

**Silent Meditation**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Our Lord's Prayer**

*[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's  
Theological understanding]*

**...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.**

**Organ Response**

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

### **The Invitation**

#### **Offertory**

Like a Healing Stream

Harding

"God is trickling through our lives  
as in a dream unfolding,  
promising revival and rebirth...  
like a healing stream."  
Bruce Harding, 2003

#### **\* Offertory Hymn**

**Winter has come, it's taken hold.  
The days are short, the nights are cold.  
The poor need food and help and heat.  
We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.**

#### **\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy God, Creator of Life, Maker of all things; through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

#### **\* Hymn of Departure**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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#### **\* 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 the hymn "Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja". It consists of two staves of music 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 the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Waterlife

Hanson

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Ann Toneff, Jill Black, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

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

Attendance Sunday, January 3, 2016, – Adults: 69 Kids: 10 Total: 79

***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

**WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS** -- We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour: Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery. Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers. Crayons and paper are also available from ushers for children.

**TODAY WE CHANGE OUR OFFERTORY WORDS** - These were written by Max Roha, to remind us of the importance of helping those for whom the Winter months are particularly difficult. We thank all of you for your financial gifts that enhance our outreach to people in need!

## **HAVE YOU VISITED THE BUCC LIBRARY LATELY? IF NOT, COME SEE ALL THE NEW BOOKS!**

Over the course of the last few months, we have been blessed to receive a number of donated books for our library - so many in fact, that we can't keep up with cataloging them all! To ensure that they are made available to folks as soon as possible, we have started putting bright orange 'New' stickers on the books and putting them on the shelves. You can borrow these books whenever you like on the honor system - no need to sign them out. Once they are cataloged, we will add them to the sign out lists. Our library has more than just biblical and religious Christian texts -- there's now a whole shelf with quotes and illustrative stories for public speakers.

There are also a number of books on other religions and spirituality. If you are a Sunday School teacher, there's an entire section of reference materials for you.

So thank you to all the folks who continue to help our library grow by donating books, and come take a look - you may find an interesting read!

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** The rehearsal schedule for BUCC's music ensembles is as follows -

**Joyful Noise** meets Thursdays from 5:30-6:15.

**Adult Choir** meets Thursdays from 7:30-9:00.

**Youth Percussion** meets on Jan. 10 & Jan. 24 at 5:30 before youth ministry at 6:00.

**Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble** is taking a break during Jan.

**Seasonal Choir** will begin preparing for Holy Week on Thurs. Feb. 10 from 7-8 p.m.

More info about each group can be found in January's Pillar. Contact Dave D. or current members of these groups with any questions.

**BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 200 YEARS OF SERVING** This is the title of our fundraiser cookbook, and we **NEED** more recipes. We have enough recipes under the category "**DESSERTS**", and "**COOKIERAMA**".

We need recipes in the following categories: "**APPETIZERS**", "**VEGETABLES**", "**BREADS & ROLLS**", "**MAIN DISHES**", and "**MISCELLANEOUS**". You don't have to type the recipes, handwritten will be fine, and don't worry about using a certain format. You can use your favorite recipe from a magazine or cookbook that you have tweaked and made your own. (*continued next page*)

Just remember to give us your name and if you wish to make a comment about the recipe that will be welcomed. You can put your recipes in the box that sits on a table in the commons area or give the recipes to Caroline Chandler, Bob Chandler, Sue Stenzel, Dorie Gabor, Max Roha, Tina Ortiz or me, Caroline Snider. The cutoff date is January 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks you very much.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

**PLEASE BE SURE** to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

**MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE** the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: [www.brecksvilleucc.org](http://www.brecksvilleucc.org). It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

## ***The Readings***

**The Old Testament** - Isaiah 43:1-7

*This is the message of hope that the prophet proclaims to the people of Israel living in exile.* But now, says the Holy One - the One who created you, O Jacob; who formed you, O Israel: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Sovereign One your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - liberate everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

## **The New Testament - Luke 3:15-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been reprimanded by John because he had married Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the other evil things that Herod had done, added to his wrongdoings by shutting John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Child, my Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

## **The Continuing Testament - from *Called and Loved* - by Todd Weir [edited]**

Theologians think of the incarnation as happening in Mary's womb, as if it was a one-time event enacted by God to bring Jesus into the flesh. But I tend to think of incarnation as not a singular event, but a long series of these moments and choices to live-out the calling Jesus had. Incarnation is an ongoing process of choosing to be fully engaged in human life. It is accepting the limits and blessings of being human; to not shrink in the face of suffering; to choose love; to be in community. Baptism is the first time Jesus makes his choice public. He chooses a Divine calling to be fully human, and the suffering that goes with serving the common good. Many months of wrestling finally lead to this moment where he joins the crowd...and humbly asks to be baptized. Jesus does not walk on the water, but wades out into it, to be submerged by human hands and re-emerge with Divine calling.

We have made Jesus so different from us, in order that we might worship him; but I follow him because he is so human. When I young I was fascinated by super-heroes and their unique and amazing powers. That is an expression of the human desire to transcend the limits of our mortal, sometimes silly, and often vulnerable selves.

But as I become older my great admiration is for people who have the courage and commitment to doing something worthwhile, especially if the outcome is tenuous, the risks and dangers are many, and they must face human limits and vulnerability to succeed. Multiplying loaves and fishes, walking on water, doesn't stir my soul as much as the hug given to a leper, the protection of a woman about to be stoned, the prophetic courage to drive money changers from the temple, bravery in the face of those who wanted him dead and who would ultimately succeed. It is the risking of self to protect human dignity that touches me so much more than any superhuman powers. I can't do supernatural miracles; but with Jesus as my example and inner strength, I might just be able to do an act of courage.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, Jan. 10</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour/Potluck
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
<b>Tues., Jan. 12</b>	10:30 am	Cookbook – Library
<b>Wed., Jan. 13</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	7:00 pm	Council
<b>Thurs., Jan. 14</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday, Jan. 17</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JANUARY 10, 2016**

Lay Reader: Tia Began  
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul  
Ushers: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Kathy Pastor, Beth Rehling  
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Tim Wallis  
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley  
Narthex Grtr: Linda Kriynovich  
Flowers: Betty Gifford  
Nursery: Gina Cook  
Counters: David Pastor, Jim Duffy  
Servers: Joanne Cook, Sue Stenzel  
Clean-Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul  
Snacks: Heidi Spangler, Susan Snyder  
Snow Herder: Jim Farwell

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JANUARY 17, 2016**

Lay Reader: Evie Novak  
Head Usher: Jon Thompson  
Ushers: Bob & Caroline Chandler  
Dan Stewart, Ian Stewart  
Acolyte: Carli Began  
Peace Candle: Indira Bigelow  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comns Grtr: George Snider  
Narthex Grtr: Jill Zedan  
Flowers: Sue Stenzel  
Nursery: Marla Corrado  
Counters: Marge Culver, Carole  
Snider  
Servers: Dottie & Jim Farwell  
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Snacks: Peg Duffy, Diane Gressley  
Snow Herder: Joe Wilson