



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

May our families,
whether
created by
chance or
fashioned by
choice, be
places
of joy and
compassion,
love and
forgiveness.
We ask this in
the name of
Jesus. Amen



Sunday, December 30, 2018 • 10:00 AM

First Sunday After Christmas

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, bisexual, or pangender
You Are Welcome Here!

If you are fully abled, 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!**



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, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Simply ask an usher. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use. Pillows for back support are also available, if needed

Office Hours:

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

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December 30, 2018 – First Sunday After Christmas

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, we celebrate Jesus coming to be among us. You sent him to us, not as a gloriously unapproachable deity, but as a baby in a family. Thank you for reminding us who Jesus is and who we should be.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

16th century French melody

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship -

Leader: We celebrate Christmas and celebrate families.

People: We are all members of families, of all sorts of families.

L: We celebrate God's entering our lives as a child, longed for and loved.

P: We await the day when all children will be longed for and loved.

L: God's overflowing love results in human love.

P: We praise the Holy One for giving us one another.

L: We pray all this in the name of Jesus.

P: Amen!

* Hymn of Praise

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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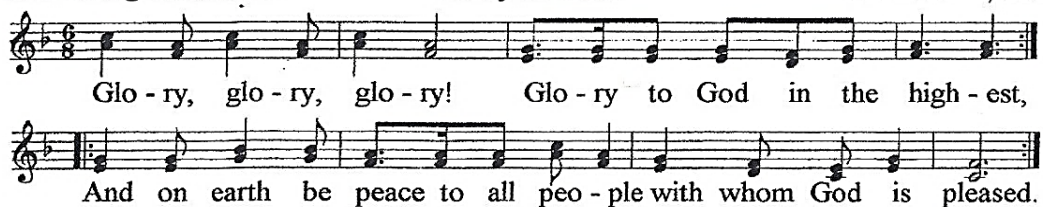
*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Generous Giver, we gather in joy and thanksgiving to praise you for the gracious gift of Jesus, your child, our brother. May this holy season of Christmas keep us filled with joy and wonder and love, not only through the Christmas season, but through the coming year. 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 Old Testament Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
The New Testament Colossians 3:12-21
The Continuing Testament ***The Sea of Monsters (selection), Rick Riordan***

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering See Amid the Winter's Snow Goss
[Jon Thompson, bass; Dave Debick, baritone]

Sermon Rev. Ann P. Klonowski

Hymn of Reflection Once in Royal David's City #145

The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

The Prayer of Jesus

*[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 Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child
African-American spiritual

* Offertory Hymn

**We praise the Babe this time of year,
Sing carols to him whom we hold dear.
Our love, His power, we now proclaim;
We send our gifts in Jesus' name. Amen**

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Good and Gracious God, we thank you for Jesus and Mary and Joseph. They model for us a way to be family that grows joy and compassion, love and forgiveness. May our families, whether holy or not so holy, learn to do the same. We ask in the name of the One who dwelt among us. Amen.

Going with God's Love

Hymn of Departure

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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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*

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

See the Little Baby/Angels We Have Heard

Swift/French carol

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Suzanne Patrick, Niece of Kathy Smith, Pat Bailey, Fred Pesek, Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, 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 December 23, 2018 – Adults: 71 Kids: 7 Total: 78

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshiping 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.

PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION from Dec. 26th through Jan.6th. Ann Klonowski has graciously offered to be available in the event of a pastoral emergency. She can be reached through the Church Office [440-526-4364] or by cell phone [216-544-4717].

THE MITTEN TREE in the narthex is nearly bare of items. The previous “ornaments” have been taken to a hunger center to be distributed when families receive food and other items. The mitten tree angels supplied five! bags of hats and mittens! This magic tree will probably fill up two or three times before the cold weather is over, which says something about the view of BUCC members and friends about outreach.

FINANCE 2019 Offering envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Commons.

The Readings

Old Testament Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother’s authority is confirmed over her children.
Those who honor their fathers atone for sins;
and riches are stored up for those who revere their mothers.
Those who honor their parents will live a long life;
they obey God who bring comfort to their parents.
My children, take care of your parents when they are old;
do not grieve them as long as they live.
Even if their minds fail, be considerate of them;
do not revile them in the fullness of your strength.
For kindness to parents will not be forgotten,
it serves as a sin offering—it will take lasting root.

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, with kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another—forgive in the same way God has forgiven you. Above all else, put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect.

Let Christ's peace reign in your hearts since, as members of one body, you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. Instruct and admonish one another wisely. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns and songs of the Spirit. And whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of Jesus our Savior, giving thanks to God through Christ.

You who are in committed relationships, be submissive to each other. This is your duty in Christ Jesus. Partners joined by God, love each other. Avoid any bitterness between you. Children, obey those responsible for you, for this is what pleases God the most. To those responsible for children, do not nag them, lest they lose heart.

Continuing Testament: A brief selection from *The Sea of Monsters*, Rick Riordan

"Families are messy. Immortal families are eternally messy. Sometimes the best we can do is to remind each other that we're related for better or for worse...and try to keep the maiming and killing to a minimum."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 30	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour
Tuesday, Jan. 1		Happy New Year! *Office Closed*
Thursday, Jan. 3	1:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Joyful Noise Choir
Friday, Jan. 4		*Office Closed*
Sunday, Jan. 6	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

DECEMBER 30, 2018

Lay Reader:	Betsey Wilson
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Betty Kaul, Jill Zedan Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Natalie Corrado
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Bettina Ortiz
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Anne Melfo
Counters:	David Pastor, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Marge Culver, Sue Stenzel
Clean-up:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Snacks:	Pat Rehm, Marilyn Wrights
Snow Hrdr:	Joe Began

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JANUARY 6, 2019

Lay Reader:	Diane Gressley
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Ben Tomlinson, Kim Wallis Bob & Caroline Chandler
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Dave Bernard
Flowers:	
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E Teacher:	
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Betty Kaul, Joanne Cook
Clean-up:	Jim & Peg Duffy
Snacks:	Beth Rehling, Heidi Spangler
Snow Hrdr:	Joe Wilson