



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

*Gracious Holy,  
guide us in the  
way of peace, so  
that we may truly  
live as your  
beloved children  
Open our ears to  
the prophets of  
Scripture, and  
the prophets in  
our midst, who  
cry-out for justice  
and peace. And  
lead us in your  
compassionate  
ways, so that we  
may walk more  
closely with you.  
This we pray in  
the name of  
Jesus, the Prince  
of Peace. Amen.*



## Second Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, December 9, 2018 • 10:00 AM**

**Second Week of Advent**

*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 9, 2018 – Second Week Of Advent

### Meditation Music

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

#### **Prelude**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

17th century  
Swedish melody

*"Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear."*

F. M. Franzen (1772-1847)  
tr. adapt. C. P. Price, b. 1920

#### **Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: People of the Holy One, we gather to seek a Holy Presence.

**People: May we be led by the brightness of Christ's guiding star!**

L: People of Faith, we come to have our faith and our lives renewed.

**P: May we find inspiration and strength in Christ's gracious example!**

L: People of all ages, we are called to serve the Child of Bethlehem.

**All: May we learn to serve him, by our caring for all God's children!**

#### **\* Hymn of Praise**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
[verses 1 and 2]

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

**Holy Source of Light and Life, your message of love comes to us in many different ways and places, sometimes when we least expect it. Today, may we hear the Good News of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, through the spirited voices of the children among us. And may we know the joy of seeing your Loving Promise come to life and grow among us each day! This we pray in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. 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.

**Lighting the Advent Candle**

**The Candle of Peace**

As the second Advent Candle is lit, we will sing the second verse of the hymn, *One Candle Is Lit*

Come quickly, Shalom, teach us how to prepare  
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.  
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease,  
One candle is lit for the Reign of God's Peace.

L: Our second Advent Candle is the Candle of Peace.

**P: May the Peace of Christ come to our hearts today!**

L: Our world is clouded by violence, war and strife;

**P: May the light of Christ's peace shine upon our world!**

L: Jesus says, "You are the light of the world!"

**P: May the light of Christ shine in us and through us, that we might be living,  
radiant signs of Divine Peace!**

The Old Testament

Micah 5:2-4

Pew Bible, page 865

The New Testament

Luke 1:26-33

Pew Bible, page 56

Continuing Testament

by Jill Zedan

in *BUCC Advent Devotional*

Youth Pageant:

*A Charlie Brown Christmas*

Schulz

***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

What Is the Crying at Jordan?  
*"Lord, give us grace to awake us,  
to see the branch that begins to bloom;  
in great humility is hid  
all heaven in a little room."*

Irish tune

Carol C. Drake (b. 1933), alt.

#### \* Offertory Hymn

**We bring our gifts because we care;  
They are a part of what we share.  
Our love is strong, it heals, uplifts;  
With hearts of joy we share our gifts. Amen.**

#### \* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]

**Divine Source of Love and Grace, we thank you for the gift of this Holy Season. We are grateful for the generosity stirred-up in us by Christ's coming into this world. May these gifts represent a renewed spirit of compassion and sharing among us, and may your loving purpose be accomplished through these gifts and through our lives. These things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate and whose name we praise! Amen!**

## Going with God's Love

Hymn of Departure

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: '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.' Chord symbols are placed above and below the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Christmas Is Coming

Guaraldi

### 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 2, 2018 – Adults: 80 Kids: 15 Total: 95

### 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.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Dan & Jan Renovetz in Celebration of our many years together.

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO OTHER COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** If no budget figures are submitted for 2019, the past year's figures will be used.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA - NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 16** at our 10 AM service, BUCC's choir will present the Christmas musical, *Christmas Seekers*, by John Purifoy. The dynamic work features both traditional and contemporary sacred music. The choir will be accompanied by flutes, trumpets, trombone, violin, percussion, and narrators. Plan to join us for this BUCC holiday tradition. Bring a friend!

**HERE WE COME A'CAROLING!** Today following Coffee Hour and a light lunch, our youth, children, and adults will depart from the church to go caroling to our homebound members. This is a great opportunity to sing some of your favorite Christmas carols, while bringing a special Christmas greeting to those members who cannot regularly join us for worship. We should be done about 3:00 pm. Please join us if you can!

**IN THE NARTHEX** stands a small tree on a table. On the tree are "ornaments" with names and hoped for items on them. The idea is for BUCC members and friends to select an "ornament" and pick the item and return it in a gift-wrapped package by December 16<sup>th</sup>. We have faith that BUCC members and friends will provide the items that the young persons at the Prentiss

Autism Center hope to receive for Christmas. The December Pillar has more information about this effort to provide Christmas spirit for these students who have problems.

**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.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** The Christmas Pageant this year will be *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and will be presented on **TODAY** during the service. Every year the children and CE volunteers get us in the Christmas spirit! We hope you will be able to join us for this very special, meaningful, and fun tradition!

**LAST-MINUTE MART!** On Sunday, December 16th (during coffee hour after the Cantata), we invite those who have crafts or gifts to sell to bring them to BUCC! For a suggested donation of only \$25, you can set up a table in Pilgrim Hall to offer items to sell to support your small business, crafty habit, baking, or charity efforts. The rest of us can then enjoy shopping for Christmas presents with the knowledge we are supporting each other and also a great cause! To sign up for table space, please contact Kate Klonowski at (216) 534-3498 [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com) or during coffee hour. All proceeds will benefit the Pastor's Fund!

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NORTHEAST OHIO SPCA** on Brookpark Road. It is a no kill shelter and the animals are cared for there until they find a forever home. The items needed are: old blankets, bedding/linens, towels, pet items like collars, toys, beds, food/water bowls, Purina dog and cat food, and anything else that might be good for pets. If church members would like to donate, they can give the items to me at any time or just leave them on the pew in the entry way with my name or "pet shelter donation" written on them. I'll collect them whenever they are placed there. If anyone has any other questions, they can contact me. Thanks! Marla Corrado

**PLEASE BE SURE** to enter your meeting and event schedule on 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 PEACE CANDLE** is placed up front every Sunday to remind us of Jesus' teachings on peace and peacemakers. We pray that peace between nations, within our country, community, families, and ourselves will become a priority for all.

**THE BLESSINGS JAR** is for your use to drop in a note and/or money in response to a special blessing you have received during the week. We would like to recognize your blessing in the Pillar if you wish.

**NAME TAGS** are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament** - Micah 5:2-4

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

### **The New Testament** - Luke 1:26-33

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The woman's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Holy One is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his realm there will be no end."

### **Continuing Testament** - by Jill Zedan - in *BUCC Advent Devotional* [edited]

As I watch, look and listen to the world around me today, I have many emotions. I feel anger, frustration, fear and sadness. The list could go on and on. And yet there are many times when I am overwhelmed with gratefulness. I am in awe of the beauty of nature. I marvel at the animal and plant kingdoms. I thank God for my daughters and amazing grandchildren. They bring so much joy and pleasure to my life. I am blessed with loyal, caring and loving friends who challenge me to be a better person.

At our church retreat in October, our topic was "Peace and Justice". Are you kidding me? Let's see, we have about 6 hours to do this.... How will this little group deal with the challenge? At the end we actually did come to a conclusion. And a beginning.

Each one of us can strive to create peace in our little part of the world, in our own lives. We can affect and teach and guide and *live* showing an example that personifies peace and justice. We can do this daily. Try it! It's not easy, but keep at it. It will be the small things that people do within their own tiny realms that will make a difference. You can choose to be a part of the change in the world!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, Dec. 9</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service/Pageant</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Caroling After Worship/Lunch</b>
<b>Wed., Dec. 12</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Thurs., Dec. 13</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Rec/Dul/Gtr</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>NO Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Cantata Practice</b>
<b>Friday, Dec. 14</b>	<b>*Office Closed*</b>	
<b>Saturday, Dec. 15</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Cantata Practice</b>
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Cantata at Chippewa Place</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 16</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service/Cantata</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Congregational Mtg.</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Craft Sale</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 9, 2018**

Lay Reader: Tia Began  
Head Usher: Jill Zedan  
Ushers: Cliff Cribbs, Darlene Kelly,  
Kathy Smith, Dave Bernard  
Acolyte: Grace Hunt  
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt  
Sound: Tim Wallis  
Comns Grtr: Max Roha  
Flowers: Jan Renovetz  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
C.E Teacher: Kate Klonowski (Pageant)  
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Sue Stenzel  
Servers: Betty Kaul, Joan Cook  
Snacks: Gina Cook, Beth Rehling  
Snow Hrdr: Dan Stewart

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 16, 2018**

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan  
Head Usher: Bob Chandler  
Ushers: Bob Chandler, Diane Gressley  
Beth Rehling, David Ritchey  
Acolyte: Michelina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Amelia Tyler  
Sound: Ben Tomlinson  
Comns Grtr: Valerie Tyler  
Flowers: POINSETTIAS  
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson  
C.E Teacher: Robin Coyer-Westerberg  
Counters: Marge Culver, Kathy Pastor  
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel  
Clean-Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul  
Snacks: Susan Snyder, Sue Stenzel  
Snow Hrdr: Dave Bernard

# CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH POINSETTIAS IN OUR SANCTUARY



Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Christmas with those who are ill or shut-in or have recently lost a loved one. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and turn it in to the Church Office

**DEADLINE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**



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Your Name

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I WILL HELP DELIVER PLANTS TO SHUT-INS \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP YOUR POINSETTIA OR LEAVE IT HERE FOR SHUT-INS AND OTHERS\*\***

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