



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!



Sunday October 11, 2026

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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 Tuesday – Thank You!

The Colony Cupboard is back for fall 2026! We will coordinate our next donation in early September. Items in need for back to school include: Notecards, Laundry Soap, Lotion, Chapstick, Athletic Socks (boys and girls) Undershirts (boys and girls), Tissues

A BUCC Advent Tradition Is Growing- For years, BUCC's Advent devotional has brought together the faith and stories of our community. Rooted in that beloved tradition, this year's devotional grows into a journey through Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, with each devotion shaped within one of our seven Future Focus word categories. Writers will receive a Scripture reading, Reflection Question, and Continuing Testament prompt, offering several ways to bring their own faith and story to the journey. Sign-ups are coming soon, and all submissions are due October 31. Watch for your opportunity to add your voice as a treasured BUCC practice continues to grow.

The All Saints' Day service is a loving and reverent remembrance of loved ones who have passed away this year (from November of 2025 to the present). Please submit the names of your departed loved ones and friends to the office email at office@brecksvilleucc.org, or by calling Miranda at (440) 526-4364 by October 27th. All submitted names will be recognized during a moment of silence during the service.

"We Remember" Table - Pictures are a loving way to remember family and friends who have passed into the next life, recently or long ago. A dedicated table space will be available in Pilgrim Hall after our All Saints' Day Sunday Service (11/1), for you to share a picture of someone who was dear to you, no matter when they passed away. Please bring your loved one's photo downstairs to the WE REMEMBER TABLE before church. You may write a short dedication at that time or bring one with the picture.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK! It is fall and that means it’s Stewardship season! Sunday, November 15th is the day we bring in our pledge cards and celebrate by feasting at our Thanksgiving meal. We invite everyone to join in the fellowship! Please sign up at church or call in to let us know how many will be coming and what side dish or dessert you will bring to share. This is one of our most favorite Sundays of the year! Please come and bring your family or friends!

Attendance last Sunday, Oct. 4th, 2026 – Adults: 42; Kids: 4; Online: 10; Total: 56
Additional Views: 7

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR includes the following

Tue. Oct 13	6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall)
Wed. Oct 14	11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation
	7:00 pm – Council
Thur. Oct 15	10:30 am – Called to Care
	7:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. Oct. 16	6:30 pm – Brecksville Squares

Volunteers:	<u>October 11, 2026</u>	<u>October 18, 2026</u>
Early Usher:	Joe Wilson	Jim Duffy
Late Usher:	Betsey Wilson	Peg Duffy
Greeter:	Jeff Thompson	Jeff Thompson
Reader:	Jim Duffy	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Carol Miller	Volunteers Needed
Counters:	Jan Renovetz	Volunteers Needed
	Kathy Pastor	Volunteers Needed
A/V:	Aidan Cunningham	Aidan Cunningham
Snack:	Peg Duffy	Peg Duffy
Set up:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Clean up:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship and Bringing of the Light *Lord, Listen to your Children Praying*
Lord, Listen to your children praying.
Lord, Send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, Listen to your children praying .
Send us love; send us power; send us grace

***Call to Prayer** (Based on Psalm 65)

Leader: Praise waits for you, O God, in all your world!

People: You hear our prayers, forgive our sins, and call us to dwell with you!

Leader: God of our hope, you are the life of the entire world.

People: Your faithfulness calls forth songs of joy from the ends of the earth.

Leader: You formed the mountains and still the roaring sea. You calm the uproar of the nations. You care for the land, bless it with water, and fill it with grain to feed the people.

People: Let all creation shout and sing for joy.

***Gathering Song**

As We Gather at Your Table

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***Prayer of Openness [Unison]**

Eternal One, God of Love, we give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you and hearing your word. Send Your Spirit during this time of worship, so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you!

Many : And also with you!

***Centering Song**

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.**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply

your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 22: 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Continuing Testament - from The Invitation Received - by Richard Sipes

Matthew 22:10 says, "So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests." There were no qualifications. Whoever they were, wherever they were, they were gathered in. And when it was over, the banquet hall was filled with happy guests - people who perhaps were beggars, or common laborers, or sinners, or even foreigners from far outside the king's realm - people who never would have expected that they would be so privileged as to sit at the wedding feast of the son of a king. And yet, there they were....and what a place at the table it is! And what a great celebration it will be!

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

God Be Praised!

Lloyd Larson

Sermon

By Rev. Dave Shackle

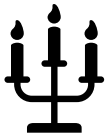
Hymn of Reflection

God of Grace and God of Glory vs. 1, 3, 5

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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, Chad Sproul, Dot Bailey, Jane Cribbs, Kathy Ford, Gabe Tassone, Carolyn Chandler, Allison Colbert, Gayle Colbert, Tony Cunningham, Pat Rehm, David Pastor, "Edna House", Search Committee
(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)



Pastoral Prayer

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

***Offering Response**

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son
And now let the weak say I am strong; Let the poor say I am rich;
Because of what the Lord has done for us; Give thanks



***Prayer of Dedication: [Unison]**

Gracious God, receive the gift of our lives and this offering of our service to carry your love from this place to a world in need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.

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

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.

The image shows a musical score for two staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' repeated twice. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E for the first staff, and A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A for the second staff.

***Benediction**

Postlude