



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 18, 2026
Celebrating 210 years of BUCC!

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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!

Stewardship: Stewardship letters and pledge cards are available for pickup at the back of the sanctuary. Please find your envelope and take it with you today. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of BUCC!

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 after church or check your email for our digital link, 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.

Celebrating 210 years- Join us downstairs following worship today, for cake to celebrate Brecksville United Church for Christs 210th year!

“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. 11th, 2026 – Adults: 33; Kids: 6; Online: 7; Total: 46
Additional Views: 24

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR includes the following

Today	Fellowship Meeting
Tue. Oct 20	6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall) 7:30 om – Communication and Outreach
Wed. Oct 21	11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation 6:00 pm – Braver Angels
Thur. Oct 22	7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Volunteers:	<u>October 18, 2026</u>	<u>October 25, 2026</u>
Early Usher:	Jim Duffy	Volunteers Needed
Late Usher:	Peg Duffy	Volunteers Needed
Greeter:	Jeff Thompson	Lori Molesky
Reader:	Jill Zedan	Volunteers Needed
Flowers:	Sherrill Witt	Volunteers Needed
Counters:	Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed
A/V:	Aidan Cunningham	Volunteers Needed
Snack:	Peg Duffy, Carol Miller	Volunteers Needed
Set up:	Carol Miller, Sherrill Witt	Volunteers Needed
Clean up:	Sherrill Witt	Volunteers Needed

Twenty-first 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** (inspired by Psalm 96)

One: Sing to the Holy One, all the earth. Declare God's glory!

Many: Great is the Holy One, who made the heavens and the earth.

One: Sing a new song unto the Holy One. Join with all creation in praise and reverence!

Many: We witness God's marvelous works among the peoples.

One: Worship the Holy One, all the earth! Declare God's sovereignty!

Many: Rejoice and be glad! God is great!

***Gathering Song** *Come, We Who Love God's Name* vs. 1, 3, 5 **#382**

***Prayer of Openness [Unison]**

Sovereign and Radiant God, you go before us and invite us to meet you. Today, we gather in your presence as a community. You gift us "the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places." We respond as you call us by name. We come to know you as you invite us to be known, by you. Receive our worship and form us as your people in justice, truth, righteousness, compassion, and love. Be glorified among us and through us, we pray. 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 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'

Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people."

He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

Moses said, "Please show me your glory"

And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live."

And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock,

and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;

then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

New Testament Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.

So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality.

Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Caesar, or not?"

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?"

They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Render unto Caesar the things that are the Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Continuing Testament -From Thea and Tony Cunningham Stewardship Moment

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Guide My Feet, Lord

arr. John Carter

Sermon

By Rev. Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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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, Leroy Ford, "Edna House", Search Committee

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

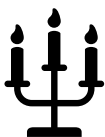
Pastoral Prayer

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]**

God of good and perfect gifts receive our humble gifts of time, talent, and treasure. May they contribute to a world of abundance and your kingdom come. May we experience the joy and privilege of giving as a gift in and of itself. 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 musical notation consists of two staves 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 melody is written on a single line. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are written below the staves. The guitar chords are written above the staves.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Peace Covenant

We, Members of Brecksville United Church of Christ Realize

- that insecurities within us and others create hostility between and among people, families, communities, nations and the world
- that differences of languages, religion, race, and economic status causes misunderstanding, fear and anger, which lead to discrimination and violence.
- that injustices wound and fester and result in violence or in defeat of the helpless.
- that wars and conflicts, large and small, erupt continually from the other side of the world to our own backyards.
- that wars have not been effective means of achieving peace and justice, and have become so destructive that they threaten life on the planet Earth.

We Confess

- that our personal lifestyles and decisions affect others, the environment, the economy, and the world emotional climate.
- that we need God to save us from our sinful, power-seeking ways.

We Affirm

- that each person everywhere is a child of God.
- that peacemaking is central to our Christian faith.
- that peacemaking begins with us as individuals.
- that hostility can be reduced within us to forgive others.
- that peace can be promoted by working toward political, economic and social justice.
- that we are called to preserve the environment so all people may have clean air, clean water, and decent space.
- that non-violent conflict is inevitable and can be valuable- a statement of diversity that is essential to healthy relationships among people and nations.

We Commit Ourselves

- to value all persons as children of God.
- to re-examine our lifestyle, to ponder its effect on others, and to be willing to change.
- to consider peace and justice implications in all our church's programs.
- to promote and support offerings, funding justice and peace ministries.
- to be an inclusive church, building bridges to and among people.

With God As Our Helper, We Seek To Be Instruments Of Peace And Justice

Therefore, having prayerfully considered our biblical and theological heritage, we, the members of Brecksville United Church of Christ, do solemnly covenant with God and one another to be, and to act as, a just peace church.