



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!

JESUS REPLIED: "LOVE THE
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL
YOUR MIND.' THIS IS THE FIRST AND
GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE
SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.'" MATTHEW
22:37-39

Sunday October 25, 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!

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!

Help us clear out the education wing- We're looking for volunteers to help clean out the two westernmost classrooms on the second floor of the Education Wing on November 7, 14, and 21 from 9-noon. Everyone is welcome to lend a hand! As we sort through the rooms, there may be items available for members to take home. Please check with the Facilities Team before taking any items to ensure they have been cleared for removal. Whether you can help for one day or all three, we appreciate your time and assistance as we make room for what's next!

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.

“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.

Cantata Choir-If you are interested in joining the choir for the cantata, please join us in rehearsal on Thursday, November 5th from 7-8pm. More information, including a full schedule, will be provided at the first meeting. Please contact Olivia if you have any questions at music@breckssvilleucc.org

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. 18th, 2026 – Adults: 36; Kids: 0; Online: 2; Total: 38
Additional Views: 9

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR includes the following

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| Tue. Oct 27 | 6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall) |
| Wed. Oct 28 | 11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation |
| Thur. Oct 29 | 7:00 pm – Choir Practice |
| Fri. Oct 30 | 6:30 pm – Brecksville Squares |

Volunteers:

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| Early Usher: | Betsey Wilson |
| Late Usher: | Joe Wilson |
| Greeter: | Lori Molesky |
| Reader: | Sherrill Witt |
| Flowers: | Sherrill Witt |
| Counters: | Volunteers Needed |
| A/V: | Volunteers Needed |
| Snack: | Sherrill Witt |
| Set up: | Sherrill Witt |
| Clean up: | Sherrill Witt |

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| <u>November 1, 2026</u> |
| Volunteers Needed |
| Volunteers Needed |
| Lori Molesky |
| Volunteers Needed |
| Volunteers Needed |
| Jan Renovetz |
| Volunteers Needed |
| Fred Pedersen |
| Volunteers Needed |
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Twenty-Second 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 90)

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!

Many: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are Sovereign!

Many: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!

Many: Let your favor be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!

***Gathering Song**

Goodness of God

Verse 1

*I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me all my days.
I've been held in Your hands from the moment that I wake up until I lay my
head; I will sing of the goodness of God*

Chorus

*All my life You have been faithful; all my life You have been so so good;
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

Verse 2

*I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire. In darkest night you are
close like no other.*

*I've known You as creator, I've known You as a friend; I have lived in the
goodness of God. **(chorus, bridge)***

Bridge

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. **(chorus)***

***Prayer of Openness [Unison]**

Loving God, we gather before you in praise and thanksgiving, wonder and awe, doubt and uncertainty, joy and pain. We seek your guidance and direction, assurance and challenge, correction, and encouragement. Make your presence known among us this day. Let your Spirit reign in our worship, in our hearts, and in our lives. Just your presence among us gives us comfort, strength, and joy. Be glorified in our love, O God. 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: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

"Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

"You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

"You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."

He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Continuing Testament -From Kim and Tim Wallis

Stewardship Moment

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

I Will Sing and Not Be Silent

Allen Pote

Sermon

By Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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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]**

Holy Love, we dedicate these gifts to you in hope and trust that, through you, our generosity makes a difference in the world. We give you thanks in advance for the fruit nurtured by this offering. As you bless these gifts, also bless the giver and those entrusted with the stewardship of these resources in your name and for your church and world. 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 score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja' repeated twice. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A.

***Benediction**

Postlude