



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 November 1, 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!

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!

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@brecksvilleucc.org

The Children's Christmas Play- Save the date, this year's Christmas Play will be on Sunday, December 13th. See Miss Mindy For details.

The Christmas Cantata- Join us as the sounds of the season fill our sanctuary! Our Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 20th, will feature our choir teaming with the Sorella Quartet to bring the Christmas story to life through music.. Mark your calendar and enjoy this meaningful time of music, reflection, and Christmas joy.

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!

Nativity Scenes Wanted- Help us decorate the church in December. We want to borrow your Nativity Scene to create a village behind the Alter. Label it with your name and hand it to Mary or Betsey ASAP.

Hanging of the Greens- Please join us following worship on Sunday, November 22nd, when BUCC will ring in the holiday season with our own “Hanging of the Greens” celebration/pizza party.

Attendance last Sunday, Oct. 25th, 2026 – Adults: 31; Kids: 2; Online: 11; Total:44
Additional Views: 14

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR includes the following

Mon. Nov 2	Office Closed
Tue. Nov 3	2:00 pm – Spiritual Life 6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall) 6:30 pm – Social Justice
Wed. Nov 4	11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation
Thur. Nov 5	7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Volunteers:	<u>November 1, 2026</u>	<u>November 8, 2026</u>
Early Usher:	Evelyn Seager	Jill Zedan
Late Usher:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Greeter:	Lori Molesky	Jeff Thompson
Reader:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Flowers:	Volunteers Needed	Sue Stenzel
Counters:	Jan Renovetz	Jan Renovetz
A/V:	Volunteers Needed	Sue Stenzel
Snack:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Set up:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Clean up:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

All Saints Sunday

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship and Bringing of the Light *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

***Call to Prayer** (inspired by Psalm 34)

One: Bless the Holy One with continuous praise. Magnify Love and let us exalt
God's many names together!

Many: We sought the Gracious One. God answered and delivered.

One: Bless the Sovereign One with boasting and gladness.

Many: We turn to the Glorious God who radiates joy and safety upon us.

One: Bless the Mighty God who encamps around us!

Many: O taste and experience that God is good! Praise the Holy One!

***Gathering Song**

For all the Saints vs. 1, 4, 5

#299

***Prayer of Openness [Unison]**

Creator of the Multitude, be present among us as we gather. Let us worship you in praise and thanksgiving, in spirit and in truth, in season and out of season. May our souls reach toward you and our hearts burn as we encounter you afresh. Renew our minds through your word and our spirits through our praise. May your name be magnified and glorified in our assembly, and may your path become clearer for all who follow you. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

***Centering Song**

Glory to God the Creator

**Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Continuing Testament - a Simple Modern Parable

A man was walking through a church building with his five year old daughter. She pointed to the beautiful stained glass windows and asked, "Who are all those people in the windows"

"They are the saints," her father replied.

"What are saints?" the girl asked.

Her father was stuck. How could he explain who the saints were to his five year old daughter? After a somewhat awkward silence, the girl shouted out "I know who the saints are daddy! They're the people that the light shines through"

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch arr. Jack Schrader

Sermon

By Pastor Dave Shackle

Litany for All Saints

Pastor: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

Many: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.

Pastor: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

Many: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.

Pastor: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

Many: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

We Remember:

Richard Sacher
Marge Culver
Lois Lorenzo
Midge Cassidy



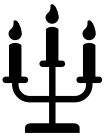
Stu Bailey
Nancy Fath
George Snider
Carolyn Snider McGinty

ALL: God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn of Reflection

This Little Light of Mine

#524



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 pray that you receive these gifts. Bless those who have accepted the call to generosity and those entrusted with the responsibility of these offerings. May your church be enlivened and your people nurtured in care through these tangible expressions of our love of you and neighbor.

Communion Invitation

ALL are welcome to receive communion. No exceptions.

Communion Hymn

Let us Break Bread Together

#330

Let us break bread together on our knees. (2x)

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. (2x) **(Refrain)**

Let us praise God together on our knees. (2x) **(Refrain)**

During the hymn, please come forward up the center aisle to gather a piece of bread and a cup and return to your seats via the outer aisles.

We will partake each together as directed. A gluten-free loaf is being used for communion today. To be welcoming to all, the cup(s) are grape juice (not wine).

Invitation to Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion [Unison]

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. The chords are: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A.

***Benediction**

Postlude