



NOVEMBER 29, 2020 9:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**Tune to 96.1 FM for the service**

Rules: If you leave your car or have your windows down, you must have a mask on, and you must keep a 20ft. distance from any person you do not live with.

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN\* *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 124

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

**All: We to God's with hopeful anticipation, we await the coming of the Son of God. The sun may be dimmed, the moon may lose its light. Still, the Divine Spirit is with us. God sends angels from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. We hear Jesus' words, "Keep awake! Be alert!"**

INVOCATION

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\*All who are comfortable, please stand.

**BEAVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Office Hours: Tues. 1-6 p.m.

Wed 10 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Thu 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Choir Director: Karen Barger    Organist: Alex Ignatiou  
Children's Sunday School: 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Teacher: Brittany King  
Young Learners: K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Teacher: Sarah Hogan  
Nursery: Infant – Pre-K Teacher: Hayden Rauls

- Handicapped restrooms are on the main and lower levels.
  - Hearing assistance device is available at the sound system control table.
  - Nursery Child Care for infant to kindergarten is available on the upper level (UL). An usher will direct you to the location.
  - The Infant Comfort Room is located off the foyer for the convenience of worshippers with infants.
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Today's altar flowers are given by Karen and Bill Barger in honor of Martha Stevens and her great example of volunteerism.

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**November Meetings:  
Every Tuesday, Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

Nov-Dec; **Cookie-less Cookie Walk**

Because of the pandemic we are not holding our annual cookie walk. However, Martha is not one for letting a fundraising opportunity go by, and so she has come up with the Cookie-less Cookie Walk. For those of us that would usually spend money to bake cookies for the cookie walk, Martha is asking that we send what money we would normally spend to the church instead. For me that sounds like a great deal, and I won't have to bake 50 dozen cookies. All money sent to the church for the Cookie-less Cookie Walk will go towards the truss project fundraiser. Simply put "Cookie Walk" on your check or on a note with your donation. We will be accepting these special donations through the end of the year.

†Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Isaiah 40:1-11 & Mark 1:1-8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: God is peace: the ever-present, ever-loving, ever-compassionate power that governs the world. Like generations before us, we fail in our efforts to live in the peace and harmony God desires. As in Isaiah's time we become unclean and our righteous deeds become as filthy cloths. We alone cannot wipe clean the slate of our transgressions. We fade like leaves and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: At God's command the heavens open, the mountains quake and love descends as an ever-flowing stream. A light shines in the night and the night cannot endure. Trust that the Power that created you in love now forgives and renews you in the same divine spirit. Go proclaim the awesome deeds of our loving God.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Joys and Concerns

**People: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

LESSONS

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

OT pg. 648

Mark 13:24-37

NT pg. 68

SERMON

"Still Waiting"

CLOSING HYMN\*

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

No. 131

PARTING SONG\*

*Lord of Life*

**Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.  
Day by day show the way, be Thou our vision to guide us.  
Striving to follow Thy noble plan, nothing can divide us. Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.**