



DECEMBER 13, 2020 10:30 A.M.  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN\*      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*      No. 141

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome to Beaver UCC!*

*If you are new or would like more information, please fill out a welcome card, located in the holder on the back of each pew, and place it in the offering plate.*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

LIGHTING OF THIRD ADVENT CANDLE      (SEE INSERT)

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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 Cynthia and Glen Solomon, in memory of Cynthia's father's passing.

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### 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 and Luke 1:26-38

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

**All:** **Rejoice! The spirit of God is sending us: to bring good news to the oppressed, to comfort the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to proclaim the year of favor among God's people. Come, let us worship in Joy!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All:** **Advent calls us to "wake up!" and rejoice in the hope that is ours. Day is coming, and with it the promise of new hope in Christ, but we must commit to living in the light. And so we pray: When the heaviness of clinging to "stuff" we no longer need, and bad habits too comfortable to shed, keeps us half asleep and unable to wake up and follow Jesus, Lord, have mercy.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

**Leader:** The night is far gone, day is on the horizon. In Christ we are forgiven and given strength to face a new day, rejoicing, and to participate, fully awake, in working for the Kingdom of God.

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

#### TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Sweet Hour of Prayer* No. 433  
Joys and Concerns

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

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Organ Response

OFFERING OF GIFTS & SELVES TO GOD

Offertory

**Presentation of Gifts (Doxology)\***

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen***

Prayer of Blessing

LESSONS                      Psalm 126                      OT pg. 683  
   John 1:6-8, 19-28                      NT pg. 124

SERMON                      "Confession"

CLOSING HYMN\*                      *What Child Is This?*                      No. 137

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.**

BENEDICTION, POSTLUDE, & CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE  
WORLD

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**December Meetings:**

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

Tue., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>;                      **Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00pm**

Every Tuesday we will have our virtual social hour from 7:00-8:00pm. We will connect via Zoom, a popular app that works on laptops, smartphones, iPads, computers with a camera and microphone, or you can even call in on a regular phone. It is free when you sign up for a basic account, and more information can be found at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) where you can get your free account. However, an account is not necessary to join the meeting. The information for the meeting will be sent out via the all-church email list every Tuesday. If you are not on the all-church email list, send your email to Pastor Brian and he can add you. We will continue the social hour every Tuesday at 7:00pm until things return to normal circumstances more or less.

Wed., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>;                      **Holiday Service of Remembrance, 7:00pm**

This year we will again be holding a special service to honor those who will not be with us this holiday season. However, this year the service will take place on Facebook Live. The service will be on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's celebrations can be some of the happiest times of the year; they can also be a sad reminder of those we have lost. We will acknowledge our grief and seek comfort in God. We are here for each other, here to give comfort, here to provide support, and here to be a community of God together. Please come and share in this special service where we will remember our loved ones and remember that we are not alone.