



DECEMBER 20, 2020 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *The First Noel* No. 136

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 FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE (SEE INSERT)

*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: 4th – 7th Teacher: Brittany King
Young Learners: K – 3rd 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 Linda Racz, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!

Dec;

Christmas Fund Offering

The last of our four denominational offerings is called the Christmas Fund, and we will be receiving this offering through December. This is a fund that helps retired clergy and other church employees who are in need, and like all the causes we give to, it is a worthy one. Several people and family members related to our church have been helped by this fund over the years and it is a fund that makes a big difference in the lives of many retired clergy and their families. If you wish to give to the Christmas Fund this year, please send a check with "Christmas Fund" written in the memo line, or give online and list Christmas Fund in the notes section.

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 27th, 2020
Psalm 148 & Luke 2:22-40

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: **Sing out, my soul! Sing of the holiness of God: Who has delighted in humanity; lifted up the poor, satisfied the hungry, given voice to the silent, and grounded the oppressor. Sing of the longing of God: Sing out, my soul!**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: **Creator God, even in the midst of a season of joy, we must confess that there are times when we lose sight of what really matters. We get so caught up in our own plans that we neglect to look out for others. While we are anxiously awaiting Emmanuel and the hope that Christ's birth will bring, we often neglect to bring hope to those who are alone and hurting during this season of Advent. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God's love never fails. God's mercies are new every morning. Therefore, take heart and be encouraged. God is not only with us, God forgives us.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *I Wonder as I Wander* No. 139
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

SPECIAL MUSIC

LESSONS 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 OT pg. 340
 Luke 1:26-38 NT pg. 77

SERMON "Home"

CLOSING HYMN* *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* No. 138

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. 22nd; **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 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.

Thur., Dec. 24th; **Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm**

Please join us December 24th at 7:00 PM for our Christmas Eve service. We will be holding a simultaneous drive-in service in our front parking lot, and a Facebook Live service. In the case of bad weather, the service will be on Facebook Live only. Pastor Brian will offer a Christmas message, and we will sing your favorite traditional Christmas hymns. We will have communion and end with "Silent Night". We hope that it is truly a special night at Beaver Church as it has been in the past, and we hope you can join us.