



JANUARY 3, 2021 9:00 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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* *We Three Kings* No. 166

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: In the beginning, there was the Word; the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. The Word was present to God from the beginning. Through the Word all things came into being. In the Word was life, and that life was humanity's light, and the Word became flesh and stayed for a little while among us; we saw the Word's glory, the favor and position a parent gives an only child, filled with grace, filled with truth. Let us rejoice in the Word!

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

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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 Shirley Nelson in memory of her sister Pat's birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January Meetings:

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

Sunday January 24th, Annual Cong. Meeting, 12:00 pm

Wednesday January 27th, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Sun., Jan. 24th; **Annual Meeting, 12:00pm**

Our 2021 annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24th, after worship, at 12:00pm. Because we are not meeting in person, the annual meeting will be held over both Zoom and Facebook Live. You will need to choose one or the other, because we ask that you not connect via both at the same time, as that will cause a delayed feedback issue. The link for Zoom will be sent out over email the day before the meeting, and the Facebook Live stream will be on the church's Facebook page. One week prior to the meeting we will send out all of the financial reports, the new budget, the annual minutes from last year, and the slate of consistory candidates. If you cannot attend the virtual annual meeting, you will be able to email or call me, Pastor Brian, at 937-469-1383 or PastorBrian@BeaverUCC.org and place your votes on those items in advance. I know that this is certainly not a preferred method of handling our annual meeting, but for the time being it is the safest way we can accomplish this. I certainly hope that by 2022 we will be meeting as normal.

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

January 10th, 2020
Genesis 1:1-5 & Mark 1:4-11

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: When we close our eyes to the Light of the World struggling to shine light on the lives of all who are poor and oppressed: Lord, have mercy. When we close our ears to the Wisdom of God, struggling to be heard above hate-filled words and fear-filled rhetoric: Christ, have mercy. When we close our hearts to the Glory of God, which is known fully only in a world of peace where all creation thrives, Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: In Christ, the Light, the Word, the Glory of God's love shines in our hearts, and we are forgiven and given strength to go forward into a new future. Let us give thanks that in Jesus, Emmanuel, God is truly with us.

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

Jeremiah 31:7-14

OT pg. 855

John 1:1-18

NT pg. 123

SERMON

"New Beginning"

COMMUNION

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.