



NOVEMBER 28, 2021 10:30 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Optional) Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

The service can also be listened to on any radio on church property.
For those that wish to stay in your cars for the service, you can listen to
the station listed above.

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1 & 4)* No. 123

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

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE (See Insert)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*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 is available for infant to kindergarten and those children that parents feel would be best in the Nursery. Due to the pandemic, the Nursery will be held in the Fellowship Hall and outdoors when weather permits. There will be two vaccinated teachers at all times.

Lay Reader: Gail Wells

Today's altar flowers are donated by Margene Howell and Isabel Shaffer, in memory of family, in honor of friends.

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

December 5, 2021
Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4 & Luke 3:1-6

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: In Advent we watch and wait, and prepare to welcome the Christ Child into the world.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Leader: In Advent we prepare for a life of discipleship, and watch faithfully for signs of God's light breaking into the world.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Leader: As we wait, dear One, we watch for signs of your action in the world, actions of compassion and grace breaking in.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Leader: Holy God, we recognize that we do not know the day or the hour, but we know that the day is near.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Holy and Loving God, we give thanks for the promise of this sacred season and for the joy we find in the Christ Child. Yet even as we rejoice, we recognize that we often fail to live with the hope of redemption. In this season of anticipation, we know that we are easily distracted by our own projects and preparation. We lose focus on the one who is the Source of our joy. Forgive us, God, and restore our hope in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: The promise of the season of Advent is the promise of Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus calls us to keep awake so that we are ready for God's arrival. Therefore, let us lay aside all those things that distract us from faithful watching for God. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Karen Barger

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Organ Response

OFFERING OF GIFTS & SELVES TO GOD

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts*

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

Alex Ignatiou

LESSONS

Mark 13:1-8

NT pg. 67

James 1:17-27

NT pg. 311

SERMON

"Let's get High"

Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Charles Williams

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:

November Meetings:

(None)

Sun., Dec. 5th; **Hanging the Greens**, 11:30 am

We will meet after church on December 5th and decorate the church for Christmas. Please stay to help.

Sun., Dec. 12th; **Children's Clothes and Toy Drive**

We are collecting new, unwrapped, toys and children's clothing for our sister church in Cincinnati, Washington UCC. We will collect toys and clothes until December 12th.

Sun., Dec. 12th; **Bell Choir Cantata**, 10:30 am

Sunday December 12th will be the first performance of our new bell choir. They will be performing a bell cantata for the congregation. Please join us as we hear beautiful music to inspire us for the Christmas season.

Sun., Dec. 19th; **Christmas Fund Offering**, 10:30 am

We will take up our final special denominational offering for the Christmas Fund.

Wed., Dec. 22nd; **Service of Remembrance**, 7:00 pm

This year we will again be holding a special service to honor those who will not be with us this holiday season. The service will take place on Wednesday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM.

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

Please join us for our traditional Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm. Pastor Brian will offer a Christmas message, and we will sing your favorite traditional Christmas hymns. We will end with Silent Night by candlelight.