



DECEMBER 12, 2021 10:30 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**(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\*     *I Wonder as I Wander (vs. 1 & 3)*     No. 139

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 SECOND ADVENT CANDLE     (See Insert)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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\*All who are comfortable, please stand.

**BEAVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Rev. Brian Eastman, Pastor

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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 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.

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Lay Reader: Tom Rauls

Today's altar flowers are donated by Karen Barger, in honor of our wonderful bell choir.

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

December 19, 2021  
Scripture: Micah 5:2-5 and Luke 1:39-55

#### CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: The joy of the season is almost upon us.

**People: We have come to praise the Lord!**

Leader: We are here to sing praises to God, the Holy One in whom we place our trust.

**People: God opens our eyes and lifts us up.**

Leader: Let us praise God

**All: who reigns forever.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**All: We confess, O God, that we, so easily, have given into the expectations of people and situations around us. We allowed the times of quiet we promised for you to slip away. Forgive us in our distractions; help us renew our preparations for your coming. We look forward to your promise to change things - to bring life, and strength and courage to us: eyes to see, ears to hear, and tongues to speak your word.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: We come to you confessing what is on our hearts and minds. We do so trusting that you want to hear our petitions and that you have already forgiven what needs to be forgiven. We believe that our prayers will be answered in your time and almighty wisdom.

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

#### 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

LESSONS

Zephaniah 3:14-20

OT pg. 1023

Luke 3:7-18

NT pg. 81

Bell Cantata "A Simple Christmas"

*"Carol of the Bells"*

*"Silent Night"*

*"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"*

*"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

*"O little Town of Bethlehem"*

*"Away in a Manger"*

*"The First Noel"*

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

*"Joy to the World"*

*"We Wish You a Merry Christmas!"*

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:**

(None)

Today;

**Children's Clothes and Toy Drive**

We are collecting new, unwrapped, toys and children's clothing for our sister church in Cincinnati, Washington UCC. Today is the last day of the collection.

Today;

**Bell Choir Cantata, 10:30 am**

Today will be the first performance of our new bell choir. They will be performing a bell cantata for the congregation.

Sun., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>;

**Christmas Fund Offering, 10:30 am**

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

Wed., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>;

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Fri., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>;

**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.