



DECEMBER 19, 2021 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH 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* *Away in a Manger (vs. 1 & 3)* No. 157

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 FOURTH 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: Shirley Nelson

Today's altar flowers are donated by Jean Howell & Isabel Shaffer.

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

December 26, 2021

Scripture: Psalm 148 and Luke 2:41-52

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: We look for an extraordinary sign of hope for our world but God's sign is most ordinary of all:

People: A young woman is with child.

Leader: We look to power for strength in our world but God points to the most vulnerable:

People: She gives birth.

Leader: We look far and wide for a key to God's mystery, but God points us home:

People: She calls this child Immanuel: God-with-us!

Leader: Let us rejoice, and worship our God

All: in our ordinary, vulnerable lives: God-with-us!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: In this last week before Christmas, the busyness and the anxieties of this holiday season may overwhelm us, and keep us from feeling the wonder of these days. Let us take a moment to re-order our lives in this reality: in Jesus Christ, the Love, Compassion and Justice of God is breaking into our world. Restore us, O God; change our lives with your justice.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: In Christ, the light of God's love shines in our hearts, and we are forgiven and given strength to forgive. We give thanks that in Jesus, Emmanuel, God is with us.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Coventry Carol

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

Karen Eastman & Cathy Miller

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Still, Still, Still*

LESSONS

Micah 5:2-5

OT pg. 1010

Luke 1:39-55

NT pg. 77

SERMON

"Mother's Wisdom"

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;

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.

Sun., Dec. 26th; **Question Sunday, 10:30 am**

On Sunday the 26th, instead of a sermon, Pastor Brian will
answer questions theological or other, from both people in the
church and on Facebook. If there is something you have been
curious about, or have a burning question, share them with
Pastor Brian on our upcoming question Sunday.

Ongoing;

Kentucky Disaster Relief

Many have been asking about ways to help those affected by
the recent tornadoes. Below are two different ways to help.
Our denomination is collecting relief funds and the Governor
of Kentucky has setup a drive to collect funds for children
affected by the disaster. Links to these efforts are listed below.

<https://www.ucc.org/appeal-severe-storms-2021/>

<https://governor.ky.gov/toydrive>