



DECEMBER 26, 2021 10:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

(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* *Go, Tell It on the Mountain (vs. 1 & 3)* No. 138

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

*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 devices are available on the blue table near the altar by the back entrance.
- Nursery Child Care is available for infant to kindergarten and those children that parents feel would be best in the Nursery. Sunday School is provided for children through 7th grade unless Sunday School is on a break

Lay Reader: Karen Barger

Today's altar flowers are donated by Jean Harshman.

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

January 2, 2022

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-14 and John 1:10-18

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

**All: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph, God is there.
When they present Jesus at the temple, God is there.
When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms, God is there.
When Anna recognizes Jesus as the answer to prayer,
God is there. This very morning, God is here. In the future we cannot see, God is there. Let us worship God!**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Yet often we don't live as if we know that. As Simeon recognized in Jesus the salvation of his people, we recognize in Jesus' Way our own wholeness and health, yet we often fail to follow. As Anna recognized in Jesus the redemption of her people, we recognize in Jesus God's saving grace for us, yet we often fail to rejoice and to share this good news. Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong so that we live in the understanding of your never ending love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The scriptures promise that God will make all things new. As God makes the year new, may we also be made new by God's love and forgiveness in Jesus.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Alex Ignatiou

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

Psalm 148

OT pg. 693

Luke 2: 41-52

NT pg. 80

QUESTION SUNDAY

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;

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>