



JANUARY 2, 2022 10:30 A.M.  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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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\* *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1 & 4)*  
No. 97

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

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\*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: 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade unless Sunday School is on a break

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Lay Reader: Gail Wells

Today's altar flowers are given by Bill & Karen Barger, best wishes to all for peace and blessings in our new year of 2022.

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

January 9, 2022

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Arise! Shine! Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

**People: We have seen the star in the east, and we are following.**

Leader: We have remembered God's wonder and promise, and we are worshipping.

**People: We have come not to get presents, but to give them!**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; God's people now gather together, to open our hearts and sing out our praise.

**All: The mystery of God's wonder and grace is here: Come, let us adore!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: We remember the Magi, who set out with singular focus on the promise of the heavens. And we remember the ways that we have lost sight of you, God, as the bright guide for our lives. We remember that they stayed determined on their journey, not even swayed by Herod's power and promises. And we remember that often we have started out well, but strayed from your path, detoured by our fleeting fears and desires. We remember the wise ones who adored the child: wisdom and wealth falling to their knees before a poor infant. And we remember that too often we have given our adoration to wealth or wisdom, not seeing the Christ in our midst.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: To each of us who knows that we have lost sight of the promise, or lost the way of our God, or lost hope, God has a promise: "I am with you." God gives a holy presence, and forgiveness, and new hope, in the Christ.

**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

Jeremiah 31:7-14

OT pg. 855

John 1:10-18

NT pg. 124

SERMON

"Acceptance"

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:**

**January Meetings:**

**Planning Committee via Zoom, Wednesday 1/19, 7 pm**

**Annual Meeting, Sunday 1/23, 11:30 am**

**Consistory via Zoom, Wednesday 1/26, 7 pm**

Today;

**Taking Down Decorations, 11:30 am**

Please stay after church today to help take down and store the Christmas decorations.

Sun., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>;

**Sunday School Starting, 10:30 am**

All of our children's Sunday school classes will be starting again as normal. There will be the Nursery for Infant to Pre-K, Young Learner's for K through 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Children's Sunday School for 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sun., Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>;

**Annual Meeting, 11:30 am**

We will hold our Annual Meeting this year in the Sanctuary directly after our Sunday service. Please stay for the meeting. It will also be available over Facebook as a separate feed that will start broadcasting soon after the service. People will be able to vote either in-person or over the Facebook comment section. Please attend if you can to help set the agenda for 2022. We will also be giving time for the congregation to discuss their views of Covid and safety continuing measures.

Ongoing;

**Kentucky Disaster Relief**

Many have been asking about ways to help those affected by the 2021 tornadoes. Our denomination is collecting relief funds and a link to the fund is listed below.

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