



JANUARY 9, 2022 10:30 A.M.

BAPTISM OF CHRIST SUNDAY

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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\*      *He Leadeth Me (vs. 1 & 3)*      No. 461

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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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 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: Stuart Wells

Today's altar flowers are given by Tom & Lisa Rauls.

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

January 16, 2022

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11

#### CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: Sisters and brothers, today we recall: Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

**People: In baptism, our Creator claims us and frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

Leader: In baptism we are joined to Christ and we are joined together in unity, recalling

**People: "There is no longer Jew or Greek there is no longer slave or free there is no longer male or female for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."**

Leader: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine love. It is the mark of acceptance into the church and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**All: Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates. Let us worship God!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**All: Gracious God, we confess that too often we live as though we are fearful, not faithful. When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion, we don't easily pass through them, but we obsess about the height of the water instead of the sight of the other side. You promised to walk through the rivers with us. Help us believe. And help our unbelief.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Thus says the God who created you and formed us in God's image: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." This is the good news!

**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

Isaiah 43:1-7

OT pg. 785

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

NT pg. 81

SERMON

"Newness"

Guest Minister: Rev. Gail Wells

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**

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/>