



NOVEMBER 27, 2022 10:30 A.M.

FIRST 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* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* v.1&4 No. 123

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 FIRST 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 Teachers:
Brittany King, Sarah Hogan, 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.
- Children's Sunday School is available year-round during the service for children who are toddler age through 5th grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

Lay Reader: Mindy Severtson

Fellowship Meal: Dean & Mindy Severtson

Today's altar flowers are donated by Bob & Ruth Tobias for their 57th anniversary on Dec. 4.

Sun., Dec. 22nd; **Christmas Fund Offering**, 10:30 am
We will take up our final special denominational offering for the Christmas Fund.

Wed., Dec. 21st; **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 21st at 7:00 PM.

Sun., Dec. 25th; **Christmas Day Service**, 10:30 am
Please join us on Christmas Day for our Sunday 10:30am service. Feel free to dress as casually as you want, even pajamas are welcome. We will be read some special Christmas stories and enjoying each other's company as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. There will not be a lunch after church for Sunday the 25th.

- All are invited to enjoy lunch and conversation in the downstairs Fellowship room following the service. Donations of snacks are always welcome. Lunch is provided by volunteers with the help of your donations. The first Sunday of the month is always a church potluck.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please talk to Pastor Brian.

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

December 4th, 2022
Isaiah 11:1-10 and Matthew 3:1-12
Lay Reader: Karen Barger
Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-In

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: All around us days shorten and nights lengthen, but we are told that the night is almost over, and a light is drawing near.

People: We wait on God's light together.

Leader: Chaos surrounds us as the business of the season approaches, but we are called to pathways of peace.

People: We wait on God's peace together.

Leader: In this season of friends and family, we dearly miss the faces that are absent this year.

People: We wait on God's comfort together.

Leader: Though the world can seem dark and chaotic both within and without we are told that God will build a house among us.

All: We wait on God's presence together.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Lord of mercy, God of grace, we give thanks to you with one voice for the joy and hope this season brings. At times we find ourselves distracted by all the preparations and stresses that surround us. Help us to focus on you our Rock and Redeemer. Restore our hearts to your message of love and your call to peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Let the Holy Spirit shine like a light in our hearts fueled by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ who came into the world that we would be forgiven.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* v.1&3
Joys and Concerns No. 160

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

LESSONS Isaiah 2:1-5 OT pg. 744
 Matthew 24:36-44 NT pg. 36

SERMON Guest Minister Rev. Charles Williams

CLOSING HYMN* *The Advent of Our God* v.1&2 No. 120

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:

November Meetings:

Tuesday November 29th, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Today;

Volunteer Award

Starting in November, we will be voting for our volunteer of the year award. We will take votes through Nov. 27th. The vote box and slips will be on the card-signing table.

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. We will collect toys and clothes until November 27th.

Sun., Dec. 4th;

Hanging the Greens, 12:15 pm

We will meet after church on December 4th and decorate the church for Christmas. Please stay to help.

Sun., Dec. 11th;

Christmas Cantata, 10:30 am

Sunday December 11th, we have our Christmas Cantata during the service. This year's Cantata will include songs sung by the choir and musical pieces played by the bell choir.

Sun., Dec. 18th;

Impromptu Christmas Pageant, 10:30 am

Please join us for our Impromptu Christmas Pageant on Sunday the 18th. We will hand out parts to people as they come to church, and there will be costumes available for anyone who wants them. It will be a bunch of fun.

Sun., Dec. 18th;

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a Christmas Memorial Poinsettia that will be on display for Christmas Eve, please fill out the form and include \$15 per poinsettia. The form can be found on the back of the Advent insert or in the December newsletter. The deadline for orders is Sunday December 18th