



DECEMBER 4, 2022 10:30 A.M.  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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\*      *I Wonder as I Wander*      No. 139

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 SECOND ADVENT CANDLE      (SEE INSERT)

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 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

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Lay Reader: Karen Barger  
Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday carry-in  
Today's altar flowers are donated by Jim & Jeri Hawker for their great-grandson Layne's 1st birthday.

Sun., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>; **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 25<sup>th</sup>.

- 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Cantata

Lay Reader: Karen Barger

Fellowship Meal: Nancy Pack

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: The Reign of God is drawing near:

**People: The prophet calls us to change our lives!**

Leader: Prepare the way for the Lord:

**People: A just and peaceful path!**

Leader: Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:

**All: For the glory of God!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: Oh God, you call us to turn our lives around, and work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we get discouraged and give up too soon. Holy One, Have mercy. Oh God, you call us to collaborate in community to prepare the way your Reign, but we neither trust nor honor the gifts of others. Christ, have mercy. Oh God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear. Holy One, have mercy. Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of patience, community and joy.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus, savior from sin, is present with us in the painstaking work of the Reign of God forgiving our weakness, rebuilding our relationships, restoring our joy.

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

#### TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn                      *A Nativity Prayer*                      No. 126

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

LESSONS                    Isaiah 11:1-10                    OT pg. 755  
                                  Matthew 3:1-12                    NT pg. 3

SERMON                    "Honesty"

COMMUNION

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;                    **Hanging the Greens**, 12:15 pm  
We will meet after church on December 4<sup>th</sup> and decorate the church for Christmas. Please stay to help.

Sun., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>;            **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. 18<sup>th</sup>;            **Impromptu Christmas Pageant**, 10:30 am  
Please join us for our Impromptu Christmas Pageant on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>. 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. 18<sup>th</sup>;            **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 18<sup>th</sup>

Sun., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>;            **Christmas Fund Offering**, 10:30 am  
We will take up our final special denominational offering for the Christmas Fund.

Wed., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>;            **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 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.