



DECEMBER 11, 2022 10:30 A.M.
THIRD 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* *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* No. 128

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

NEW MEMBER CEREMONY (SEE INSERT)

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE (SEE INSERT)

*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: Cantata
Fellowship Meal: Nancy Pack

Today's altar flowers are donated by Karen Barger in honor of the work of the choir & bell choir to Beaver's ministry of music.

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.

Tue., Dec. 24th; **Christmas Eve Service**, 7:00 pm

Please join us for our traditional Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm. Pastor Brian will offer a Christmas message, and we will sing your favorite traditional Christmas hymns. We will have communion and end with Silent Night by candlelight.

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.

- 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 18th, 2022
Fellowship Meal: TBD
Impromptu Christmas Pageant

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Leave your exile behind; God is calling us home.

People: We'll follow the Way through the desert.

Leader: Enter the desert without fear; God's water will quench our thirst.

People: We'll walk the Highway of God's people.

Leader: Travel the Highway with joy; God is leading to life in abundance.

People: We'll strengthen weak hands, and support feeble knees; We'll encourage the fearful and calm the anxious.

Leader: Rejoice! Be strong! God is with us!

All: Come, let us worship!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Advent calls us to "wake up!" and rejoice in the hope that is ours. Day is coming, and with it the promise of new hope in Christ, but we must commit to living in the light. And so we pray: When the heaviness of clinging to "stuff" we no longer need, and bad habits too comfortable to shed, keeps us half asleep and unable to wake up and follow Jesus, Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. When the bitterness of hanging on to unhealthy relationships, or jealousies and quarrels, or hurts unforgiven keeps our community weary and unable to recognize the "new thing" God is doing in our midst, Christ have mercy; Christ have mercy.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The night is far gone, day is on the horizon. In Christ we are forgiven and given strength to face a new day, rejoicing, and to participate, fully awake, in working for the Kingdom of God.

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

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

CANTATA

A Beaver Church Christmas

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

"Never Silent Song"

Luke 1:26-35

"Angels We Have Heard of High"

"Gloria"

Zephaniah 3:17

"Alleluia! Song of Gladness"

Luke 2:4-7

"Away In a Manger"

"A Spiritual Christmas"

Matthew 2:1-2

"We Three Kings"

"Holy Is His Name"

John 1:1-5

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

John 12:46

"He Is the Light of the World"

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;

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

Sun., Dec. 18th;

Christmas Fund Offering, 10:30 am

We will take up our final special denominational offering for the Christmas Fund.