



DECEMBER 18, 2022 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH 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* *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* No. 138

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 FOURTH 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: Impromptu Pageant
Fellowship Meal: Alan & Shirley Nelson
Today's altar flowers are donated by Greg & Gloria Hurwitz.

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 25th, 2022
Fellowship Meal: No Meal
Christmas Day Service

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Our hearts are filled with joyful anticipation, awaiting Jesus:

People: God is with Us.

Leader: As a family we worship and praise and look for the One who is coming:

People: God is with Us.

Leader: We hear the word of our Still Speaking God proclaiming:

People: God is with Us.

Leader: We gather here today knowing that no matter who we are or where we are on life's journey:

All: God is with Us.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Creator God, even in the midst of a season of joy, we must confess that there are times when we lose sight of what really matters. We get so caught up in our own plans that we neglect to look out for others. While we are anxiously awaiting Emmanuel and the hope that Christ's birth will bring, we often neglect to bring hope to those who are alone and hurting during this season of Advent. We are often so busy looking for the light that is to come that we forget to be the light for those who need it. For these times we ask for forgiveness.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God's love never fails. God's mercies are new every morning. Therefore, take heart and be encouraged. God is not only with us, God forgives us.

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

IMPROMPTU CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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; **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.

Today; **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

Today; **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.

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.

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

In January we will be starting a book study on Les Miserables. We are also going to go on a church outing to see Les Miserables in connection with our book study on Sunday January 29th at 6:30pm. The tickets will be between \$50 and \$100 depending on what we are able to get. We are asking for people to please let Pastor Brian, know if you are interested in attending the outing on January 26th, by December 24th.