



DECEMBER 25, 2022 10:30 A.M.  
CHRISTMAS DAY

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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\*    *Good Christian Men Rejoice*                      No. 151

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

HYMN                      *I Wonder as I Wander*                      No. 139

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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: None

Fellowship Meal: None

Today's altar flowers are given by Jean Harshman in memory of her husband and in honor of Jean's birthday.

- 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

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
 No Scripture: Question Sunday  
 Lay Reader: Question Sunday  
 Fellowship Meal: Stuart Wells

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)  
 Joys and Concerns

**People: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

HYMN                      *What Child Is This?*                      No. 137

OFFERING OF GIFTS & SELVES TO GOD

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts (*Doxology*)\*

***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

FIRST READING              "The Holy Night"                      Selma Lagerlöf

HYMN                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*              No. 132

SECOND READING              "The Gift of the Magi"                      O. Henry

HYMN                      *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*              No. 160

THIRD READING              "A Child's Christmas in Wales"              Dylan Thomas

CLOSING HYMN\*              *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*              No. 138

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, Tuesday 1/17, 7 pm**

**Annual Meeting, Sunday 1/22, 12:15 pm**

**Consistory, Wednesday 1/24, 7 pm**

Today; **No Choir Practice**

Today; **No Fellowship Meal after church**

Sun., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>; **Question Sunday, 10:30 am**

Next Sunday we will be having a "Question Sunday", where Pastor Brian answers questions from the congregation instead of a sermon. Start thinking about your questions now.

Sun., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>; **Pancake Breakfast, 11:45 am**

Next Sunday instead of a carry-in, there will be a pancake breakfast after church prepared by the Wells family in honor of the New Year.

Sun., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>; **Taking Down Decorations, 12:15 pm**

Please stay after church to help take down and store the Christmas decorations.

Wed., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>; **Book Study, 7:00 pm**

On January 18<sup>th</sup> we will be starting a book study on Les Miserables. The book is titled "The Grace of Les Miserables" by Matt Rawle. We have several copies at the church that you can take if you are interested. We will meet over Zoom for three Wednesdays at 7:00pm starting on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. We are also going to go on a church outing to see Les Miserables in connection with our book study on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, although going to the musical is not necessary to participate in the book study. The reading assignments are listed below.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>: Introduction, A Quick Refresher, Chapters 1 & 2

Jan 25<sup>th</sup>: Chapters 3 & 4

February 1<sup>st</sup>: Chapters 5 & 6

Sun., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>; **Annual Congregation Meeting, 12:15 pm**

Our 2023 annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lunch will be provided as normal downstairs, and then after the meal we will begin the Annual Meeting upstairs in the sanctuary at 12:15 pm. The Annual meeting will also be broadcast over Facebook Live for those that wish to participate remotely. We will reminisce about activities that occurred in 2022, vote on the budget for 2023, and vote on the slate of outgoing/incoming consistory members. Your presence is needed and your opinions matter. See you on January 22<sup>nd</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.