



JANUARY 1, 2023 10:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

(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

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: Question Sunday

Fellowship Meal: Stuart Wells

Today's altar flowers are donated by Pastor Brian, praying for a blessed
2023 for our church.

Sun., Jan. 22nd; **Annual Congregation Meeting**, 12:15 pm
 Our 2023 annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22nd. 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 22nd.

- 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.

January 8th, 2023
 Scripture: Psalm 29 & Matthew 3:13-17
 Fellowship Meal: TBD
 Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,
People: God is there.
 Leader: When Jesus is presented at the temple,
People: God is there.
 Leader: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,
People: God is there.
 Leader: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,
People: God is there.
 Leader: This very morning,
People: God is here.
 Leader: In the future we cannot see,
All: God is there. Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Yet often we don't live as if we know that. You ask no more of us than what we can provide.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The scriptures promise that God will make all things new. As God makes the year new, may we also be made new by God's love and forgiveness in Jesus.
All: Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *We Three Kings* No. 166
 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

QUESTION SUNDAY

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:

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; **Question Sunday, 10:30 am**

Today 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.

Today; **Pancake Breakfast, 11:45 am**

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

Today; **Taking Down Decorations, 12:15 pm**

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

Wed., Jan. 18th; **Book Study, 7:00 pm**

On January 18th 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 18th. 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, although going to the musical is not necessary to participate in the book study. The reading assignments are listed below.

Jan 18th: Introduction, A Quick Refresher, Chapters 1 & 2

Jan 25th: Chapters 3 & 4

February 1st: Chapters 5 & 6