



JANUARY 8, 2023 10:30 A.M.
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

(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* *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* No. 259

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: Patti King

Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Today's altar flowers are donated by Gail & Stuart Wells, for their
72nd anniversary on Jan. 12.

Fri., Jan. 27th;

Pizza & Game Night, 6:00 pm

The planning committee has decided that we would try and have a few more church wide social events in 2023. The first of these events will be a church pizza and game night in the fellowship hall on Friday January 27th. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm and the church will have pizza delivered. We are asking that people who come bring a favorite game with them, and we will gather in groups to enjoy the evening together. Please come and join us for this fun event. Also, please let Pastor Brian know if you think you might attend so we have an idea of how much pizza to order.

- 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 15th, 2023

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 & John 1:29-42

Fellowship Meal: TBD

Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Come, all who are gathered to worship God:
People: Give our God glory and strength!
 Leader: Let us sing to God the glory of God's name
People: Worship God in holy splendor!
 Leader: The voice of our God is over the waters.
All: The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: God of heaven and earth, you see all things. You know the depths of our hearts better than we can know ourselves. You know the great heights to which we aspire and the depth of our failures when we fall short of doing what we know is right. We ask for your mercy and forgiveness for our selfishness and fears. Help us to walk as the faithful representatives you call us to be. Create in us the grace of Christ toward those with whom we disagree, just as he extended it to those who conspired against him. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: God truly shows no partiality. In every nation, anyone who reverences God and does what is right is acceptable to God. Just as the prophets testified in the scriptures, everyone who believes in God receives forgiveness of sins through God's name.
All: Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Just As I Am* No. 342
 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 Psalm 29 (OT Pg. 610)
 Matthew 3:13-17 (NT Pg. 4)

SERMON "The Voice"

BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE

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

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

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.