



JANUARY 7, 2024 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

INTROIT *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* No. 21

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* No. 1

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: 1st Sunday Carry-In
Today's altar flowers are donated by the Severtsons, in honor of
Mindy's birthday.

† Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication.

January 14th, 2024
Scripture: TBD
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: 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: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Joys and Concerns No. 451

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Response *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* No. 614

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 Genesis 1:1-5 OT pg. 1
 Mark 1:4-11 NT pg. 47

SERMON "Beginnings"

COMMUNION & 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:

January 16th, Church Planning Committee (via Zoom), 7:00 pm

January 21st, Annual Meeting, 12:15 pm

January 23rd, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Sun., Jan. 21st; **Annual Congregational Meeting, 12:15 pm**

Our 2024 annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday January 21st after the fellowship lunch, in the sanctuary at 12:15pm. We will reminisce about activities that occurred in 2023, vote on the budget for 2024, and vote on the slate of incoming consistory members. Your presence is needed, and your opinions matter. This is your chance to voice your concerns or to give praise for a job well done. The meeting will also be broadcast over Facebook Live and YouTube so that those wishing to participate remotely will be able to do so.

- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our outdoor food pantry or the collection box in the comfort room.
- 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.
- Card Ministry: Please sign the cards on the table at the front of the sanctuary. Let Shirley or Gretchen know about those with physical or emotional needs who would appreciate a card. Your prayers for these people are much appreciated.
- Covid Safety: A reminder that Covid numbers are up, and so please stay safe with precautions. Some in the church may for instance not feel comfortable holding hands or sharing lunch, and we ask that this be respected. Booster vaccines are also now available if you are eligible and choose to do so.