



DECEMBER 29, 2024 10:30 A.M.  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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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.

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN\* *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* No. 152

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

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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: Donna Larsen

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: Mindy Severtson

Fellowship Meal: Vicki Keller

Today's altar flowers are given by Karen & Bill Barger, wishing everyone all the best 2025.

- 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.
- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our outdoor food pantry, the food pantry shelf downstairs, or the collection box in the comfort room.
- 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.
- Church Email List: If you would like to receive updates about church events and worship, please give your email address to Pastor Brian and he will add you to the church email list.
- Cold & Flu Season: It is that time of the year when Covid, Flu, and RSV infections increase. There are new vaccines for each of these viruses now available. If you are sick, please consider watching online until you feel better as we have some members who are more vulnerable to illness.

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

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 Jeremiah 31:7-14 and John 1:10-18  
 Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-in  
 Lay Reader: TBD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

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<sup>†</sup>

**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<sup>†</sup>

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

*Sweet Little Jesus Boy*

Performed by Donna Larsen and Bill Barger

LESSONS

Psalm 148

OT pg. 693

Luke 2:41-52

NT pg. 80

QUESTION SUNDAY

CLOSING HYMN

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

(See Insert)

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**

Ongoing;

**Military Card Program**

We have been continuing our military card ministry. We are asking those who are interested to fill out a card.

Today;

**Question Sunday, 10:30 am**

Church members will be asked to write down questions at the beginning of the service and pastor Brian will answer them during his sermon time.

Sun., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>;

**Taking down the Greens, 12:00 pm**

After our carry-in on the 5<sup>th</sup>, we are asking people to stay and to please help put away the Christmas decorations.

Sun., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>;

**Annual Congregation Meeting, 11:45 am**

Our 2025 annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, after worship and our meal. It will also be held via Zoom, and a link will be sent out that morning. We will reminisce about activities that occurred in 2024, vote on the budget for 2025, vote on some changes to the by-laws including adding deacons to the church, and vote on the slate of incoming consistory members. Your presence is needed, and your opinions matter.