



NOVEMBER 30, 2025 10:30 A.M.  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

INTROIT *Emmanuel*

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN\* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 123

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

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE (SEE INSERT)

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. Children will remain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Sunday School classrooms until an adult family member comes to get them.

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Lay Reader: Kristine Petrick  
Fellowship Meal: Nancy Pack & Karen Barger  
Today's altar flowers are given by Pat & Doug Goudy

Sun., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>;      **Ornament Party**, 5:00 pm

The Nelson's have invited the church to their annual ornament party. Please bring an ornament for the ornament "trade". Their address is 4207 Country Glen Cir., Beaver Creek, 45432.

Wed., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>;      **Service of Remembrance**, 7:00 pm

This year we will again be holding a special service to honor those who will not be with us this holiday season. The service will take place on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

- 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.
- 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.

December 7, 2025

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10 and Matthew 3:1-12

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-in

Lay Reader: TBD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: All around us days shorten and nights lengthen, but we are told that the night is almost over, and a light is drawing near.

**People: We wait on God's light together.**

Leader: Chaos surrounds us as the business of the season approaches, but we are called to pathways of peace.

**People: We wait on God's peace together.**

Leader: In this season of friends and family, we dearly miss the faces that are absent this year.

**People: We wait on God's comfort together.**

Leader: Though the world can seem dark and chaotic both within and without we are told that God will build a house among us.

**All: We wait on God's presence together.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: Lord of mercy, God of grace, we give thanks to you with one voice for the joy and hope this season brings. At times we find ourselves distracted by all the preparations and stresses that surround us. Help us to focus on you our Rock and Redeemer. Restore our hearts to your message of love and your call to peace.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Let the Holy Spirit shine like a light in our hearts fueled by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ who came into the world that we would be forgiven.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *The Advent of Our God* No. 120  
Joys and Concerns

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

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Choral Response *A Nativity Prayer*

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

ANTHEM *Carol of the Bells* Bell Choir

LESSONS Isaiah 2:1-5 OT pg. 744  
Matthew 24:36-44 NT pg. 36

SERMON "Peace"

CLOSING HYMN\* *We Come, O Christ, to You* No. 117

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**November Meetings: None Remaining**

Ongoing; **Military Card Program**

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

Ongoing; **Food Pantry Ministry**

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.

Today; **Washington UCC Fund Drive**

We are collecting monetary donations through today to help Washington UCC's Christmas program assisting around 100 families. You can write a check or give cash to Beaver Church, and then the church will combine everyone's donations and give the funds to Washington UCC. Write Washington UCC on the check memo line or envelope.

Sun., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>; **Hanging the Greens, 12:15 pm**

We will meet after church on December 7<sup>th</sup> and decorate the church for Christmas. Please stay to help.

Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup>; **Toys for Tots & Coat and Scarf Drive**

We are again collecting items for two charities this Christmas season. We will be collecting new toys for Toys for Tots, and we will be collecting new Coats, Scarves, and Gloves for the St. Vincent De Paul Apple St. Women's and Children's shelter. There are donation boxes for both charities at the front of the church by the card table. The deadline for Toys for Tots is December 7<sup>th</sup>, and for the Women's shelter it is December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sun., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>; **Hors d'oeuvres Carry-In / Cantata**

Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> we will have our Cantata during the service. After the service we will have our hors d'oeuvres carry-in. We are asking that instead of big dishes, people bring plates of small appetizers to share.