



DECEMBER 7, 2025 10:30 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(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* *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 124

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 SECOND ADVENT CANDLE (SEE INSERT)

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: 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 5th grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment. Children will remain in the 3rd floor Sunday School classrooms until an adult family member comes to get them.

Lay Reader: Karen Barger

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-in

Today's altar flowers are given by Dean Severtson in honor of Ashley Severtson's birthday.

- 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.

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Scripture: Cantata, No Readings
 Fellowship Meal: Cantata Carry-In
 Lay Reader: Cantata, No Readings

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

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: The Reign of God is drawing near:
People: The prophet calls us to change our lives!
 Leader: Prepare the way for the Lord:
People: A just and peaceful path!
 Leader: Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:
All: For the glory of God!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Oh God, you call us to turn our lives around, and work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we get discouraged and give up too soon. Holy One, Have mercy. Oh God, you call us to collaborate in community to prepare the way your Reign, but we neither trust nor honor the gifts of others. Christ, have mercy. Oh God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear. Holy One, have mercy. Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of patience, community and joy.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus, savior from sin, is present with us in the painstaking work of the Reign of God forgiving our weakness, rebuilding our relationships, restoring our joy.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Away in a Manger* No. 157
 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 *In The Quiet*

LESSONS Isaiah 11:1-10 OT pg. 755
Matthew 3:1-12 NT pg. 3

SERMON "Prepare"

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December Meetings:

Wednesday December 10th, Deacon Meeting, 6:30 pm

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; **Hanging the Greens, 12:15 pm**

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

Sun. Dec. 7th / 14th; **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 7th, and for the Women's shelter it is December 14th.

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

Sunday December 14th 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.

Sun., Dec. 14th; **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. 17th; **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 17th at 7:00 PM.