



DECEMBER 14, 2025 10:30 A.M.
THIRD 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* *I Wonder as I Wander* No. 139

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 THIRD 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: No Reader Today
Fellowship Meal: Cantata Hors d'oeuvres Carry-in
Today's altar flowers are given by Karen Barger in honor of the members of the choir and bell choir. Thank you for your hard work.

Sun., Dec. 21st; **Impromptu Christmas Pageant**, 10:30 am
Please join us for our Impromptu Christmas Pageant on Sunday December 21st. We will hand out parts, and there will be costumes available for anyone who wants them. It will be a bunch of fun.

Wed., Dec. 24th; **Christmas Eve Service**, 7:00 pm
Please join us for our traditional Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm. Pastor Brian will offer a Christmas message, and we will sing your favorite traditional Christmas hymns. We will end with Silent Night by candlelight.

- 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 21, 2025

Scripture: Christmas Pageant, No Readings

Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Lay Reader: Christmas Pageant, No Readings

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Leave your exile behind; God is calling us home.
People: We'll follow the Way through the desert.
Leader: Enter the desert without fear; God's water will quench our thirst.
People: We'll walk the Highway of God's people.
Leader: Travel the Highway with joy; God is leading to life in abundance.
People: We'll strengthen weak hands, and support feeble knees; We'll encourage the fearful and calm the anxious.
Leader: Rejoice! Be strong! God is with us!
All: Come, let us worship!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Advent calls us to "wake up!" and rejoice in the hope that is ours. Day is coming, and with it the promise of new hope in Christ, but we must commit to living in the light. And so we pray: When the heaviness of clinging to "stuff" we no longer need, and bad habits too comfortable to shed, keeps us half asleep and unable to wake up and follow Jesus, Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. When the bitterness of hanging on to unhealthy relationships, or jealousies and quarrels, or hurts unforgiven keeps our community weary and unable to recognize the "new thing" God is doing in our midst, Christ have mercy; Christ have mercy.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The night is far gone, day is on the horizon. In Christ we are forgiven and given strength to face a new day, rejoicing, and to participate, fully awake, in working for the Kingdom of God.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *What Can I Give Him* No. 154
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

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Bells: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Choir: *Rejoice!*

Choir: *He Has Come*

Bells: *Silent Night*

Choir: *Adore Him*

Bells: *How Far Is It to Bethlehem*

Choir: *Lead Me to Bethlehem*

Choir: *Praise Him / All the Earth Bows Down*

Bells: *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Choir: *Finale*

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:

No Meetings

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;

Hors d'oeuvres Carry-In / Cantata

Today we will have our Cantata during the service. After the service we will have our hors d'oeuvres carry-in.

Today;

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., Beavercreek, 45432.

Sun. Dec. 14th / 21st; **Coat and Scarf Drive & Toys for Tots**

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 21st, and for the Women's shelter, December 14th.

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.