



JANUARY 4, 2026 10:30 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

(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* *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 145

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: Donna Larsen

Children's Sunday School Teachers:

Brittany King, Sarah Hogan, Ellie 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: First Sunday Carry-In

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

January 11, 2026
 Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9 & Matthew 3:13-17
 Fellowship Meal: TBD
 Lay Reader: TBD

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

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: In the beginning, there was the Word;
People: the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God.

Leader: The Word was present to God from the beginning. Through the Word all things came into being.
People: In the Word was life, and that life was humanity's light.

Leader: And the Word became flesh and stayed for a little while among us;
People: we saw the Word's glory.

Leader: The favor and position a parent gives an only child,
All: filled with grace, filled with truth. Let us rejoice in the Word!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: When we close our eyes to the Light of the World, struggling to shine light on the lives of all who are poor and oppressed: Lord, have mercy. When we close our ears to the Wisdom of God, struggling to be heard above hate-filled words and fear-filled rhetoric: Christ, have mercy. When we close our hearts to the Glory of God, which is known fully only in a world of peace where all creation thrives, Lord, have mercy.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: In Christ, the Light, the Word, the Glory of God's love shines in our hearts, and we are forgiven and given strength to go forward into a new future. Let us give thanks that in Jesus, Emmanuel, God is truly with us.
All: Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* No. 143
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

CHRISTMAS BELLS PROGRAM

Bells: Carol of the Bells

Congregation: Emmanuel #134, (Verse 1)

Bells: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Congregation: What Child Is This? #137, (Verse 1)

Bells: Silent Night

Congregation: We Three Kings #166, (Verse 1)

Bells: How Far Is It to Bethlehem

Congregation: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #133, (Verse 1)

Bells: Angels From the Realms of Glory

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:

January Meetings:

Sunday January 11th, Consistory Budget Meeting, 12:30 am

Wednesday January 21st Church Planning Committee, 6:30 pm

Sunday January 25th Annual Cong. Meeting, 12:30 pm

Wednesday January 28th, Consistory, 6:30 pm

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;

First Sunday Carry-In / Bells Cantata

Today we will have the bells portion of the Cantata during the service. The congregation will also get the opportunity to sing a few extra Christmas carols. Remember, it is still Christmas, as the last day Christmas is January 5th. After the service we will have our First Sunday carry-in.

Today;

Taking down the Greens, 12:30 pm

After our carry-in today, we are asking people to stay and to please help put away the Christmas decorations.

Sun., Jan. 25th;

Annual Congregation Meeting, 11:45 am

Our 2026 annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25th, 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 2025, vote on the budget for 2026, and vote on the slate of incoming consistory members. Your presence is needed, and your opinions matter.