NOVEMBER 29, 2026 10:30 A.M.
FIRST 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* No. 134

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 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, 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: Shirley Nelson
Fellowship Meal: The Severtsons
Today's altar flowers are given by Byron & Anne Kulander, in honor of Chris and Terri.

Thur., 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 6, 2026
Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8
Lay Reader: Tom Rauls
Fellowship Lunch: 1st Sunday Carry-in

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

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of God!"
People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Leader: We are built to be a community that is bound firmly together.
All: We give thanks to you, O God, for you are worthy to be praised!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Forgiving God, we confess to You that there are times when we would rather stay asleep in sin instead of awakening to live in your light. We confess that we do not trust that your armor of light is sufficient for us, and hide in the shadows of greed and quarreling. Give us courage, O God, to trust in your ways, in your peace, and in your good. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: The good news of Advent is Christ's love and forgiveness of sin. Thanks be to Christ who sets us free to love and to serve.
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* No. 126

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	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	OT pg. 648
	Mark 13:24-37	NT pg. 68
SERMON	"Reveal"	
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

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 Sunday November 29th 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.

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

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

Sun. Dec. 6th **Toys for Tots**

We are again collecting new toys for Toys for Tots this Christmas Season, and we will be collecting them through December 6th. There is a donation box at the front of the church by the card table.

Sun., Dec. 13th; **Hors d'oeuvres Carry-In / Music Performance**

On Sunday December 13th, we will have our Christmas music performance during the service. After the service we will have an hors d'oeuvres carry-in. We are asking that instead of big dishes, people bring plates of small appetizers to share.

Wed., Dec. 16th; **Service of Remembrance,** 7:00 pm

We will hold our special service to honor those who will not be with us this holiday season. The service will take place on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM and be held in-person and online.

Sun., Dec. 20th; **Impromptu Christmas Pageant**, 10:30 am

Please join us for our Impromptu Christmas Pageant on Sunday December 20th. We will hand out parts, and there will be costumes available for anyone who wants them. It will be a bunch of fun and will get people in the spirit of Christmas.