



**MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS**

**Our sanctuary will be made beautiful this Christmas season with the addition of poinsettia plants that you provide each year. These plants will be in the sanctuary through the Christmas Eve Service. At the conclusion of that service, take your plant with you to beautify your home. The cost is \$15.00 each.**

**Please include the appropriate amount sent in with your order, or placed in the offering by:  
December 8, 2024.**

**Red\_\_\_\_, White\_\_\_\_, Marble\_\_\_\_, Pink\_\_\_\_\_**

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Beaver United Church of Christ  
1960 Dayton-Xenia Road  
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**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

Reader: Today is the beginning of Advent – the preparation time for celebrating Christ’s birth. We are here because God’s promises to our ancestors came true when Jesus was born. God’s promise is kept each Sunday when we worship because Christ is in our midst. God will keep the promise to come again in glory.

**All: (Isaiah 60:2) For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.**

Reader: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is hope. Because of Christ we not only have hope, but we believe that good is stronger than evil. God wants us to work for good in this world.

*Light the first candle in the wreath.*

**All: O God, we thank you that Jesus brought hope into our world. By the good news of the Bible, you are still bringing hope to people. Help us to be ready to welcome Jesus Christ so that we may think good thoughts and do good deeds and so that we may be a people of hope in our world. Amen**