

**BEAVER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

January 1, 2012

First Sunday after Christmas Day

10:30 a.m.

Communion

Liturgical Color: White

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

*Upon entering, speak to God; while worshipping, let God speak to you; as you leave, speak to others.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Timothy Hogan

**INTROIT**

Adult Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: To God who empowers our heart, our spirit, and our mind.**

Leader: Glory be to God in the highest!

**People: To Christ, God Incarnate, who graces humankind.**

Leader: We gather to worship, giving our thanks for God's steadfast love, our source of strength throughout the year that has now ended.

**People: We gather to worship, trusting that the love of God will accompany us throughout this new year.**

**Unison: We worship with words of grateful praise:**

*Glory be to God in the highest! Glory be to God in the highest.*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

No. 240

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)**

**Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in this new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve in your name. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE: (refrain – "O Come All Ye Faithful")**

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**\*\*Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*\*\*May use name familiar to your understanding of God.*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(After the message, the children may return to their seats. Busy Bags are in the back of the sanctuary. Nursery is provided for infants and younger children.)

**ANTHEM**

Adult Choir

**\*SCRIPTURE**

John 1:1-5, 10-18 (N.T., pp. 91, 92)

Rev. Seneca Foote

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"Begin Again"

Rev. Foote

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION**

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All are welcome at the Lord's table.

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GOD'S GIFTS**

**Offertory**

\*Doxology: (hymn-tune "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow," p. 95)

**Praise God the Source of life and birth.**

**Praise God the Word, who came to earth.**

**Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.**

**All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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**\*BENEDICTION – \*\*Covenant Prayer: (unison)**

**I will no longer be my own, but yours. Lord, make me what you will; I put myself fully into your hands. Put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely give to you all that I am and all that I have. And now, Holy God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. May this covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE**

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

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**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Congregation stands.*

*\*\*The Covenant Prayer and Litany of Thanksgiving from The United Methodist Book of Worship @2000 United Methodist Publishing House*