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If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2022

4:00 PM

If you are joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

Dean Hecht will be playing the guitar at this service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** **Advent Candle**
Light one candle in the night.
Light one candle of joy;
joy for the song the angels sing,
joy for the special news they bring,
joy in the child who is born a king.
Light one candle of joy.
Advent candles warm and bright
Fill the world with radiant light.
Help us find the Promised One;
Guide us to the child who will come. x2

***HYMN** **Go Tell It On The Mountain** **#136**

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Holy God,

All: We admit—we don't fully understand the Christmas story. We are not familiar with angel choruses. We have not walked many miles to be counted in a census, and we don't always hear your voice in our dreams.

One: We don't fully understand this story, so we admit, sometimes we hesitate to tell it. Instead of running out into the streets to shout that there is a love bigger than we could imagine, we whisper this good news.

All: Instead of throwing open the doors and inviting people in, we simply leave them unlocked, hoping folks will figure it out.

One: Instead of telling the next generation why this night matters so much, we stay quiet, afraid of creating pressure.

All: Forgive us for our silence.

One: Forgive us for our hesitation.

All: Forgive us for the moments when we fail to share your good news. Plant this story of love so deep in our bones that we cannot help but share it from generation to generation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, repeat after me:

No matter where we go,

All: No matter where we go,

One: No matter what we say,

All: No matter what we say,

One: No matter what we do,

All: No matter what we do,

One: We belong to God.

All: We belong to God.

One: We are held.

All: We are held.

One: We are loved.

All: We are loved.

One: We are forgiven.

All: We are forgiven. Amen!

*PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**Christ be with you.**" In response you may say "**And also with you!**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section.)

RESPONSE **Jesus, Jesus O What a Wonderful Child** **#126**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Rev. Sarah Speed and Adapted by Pastor Brett)

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: We believe that for generations people have gathered together on this holy night, because there is something about this story that speaks to the deepest parts of us.

We believe in bundling up this hope, this good news, and passing it on—to our children, to our neighbors, to the world around us.

I believe my voice can make a difference, just like I believe this story can make a difference, so I will not stay quiet.

I will tell this story—of a love that makes room for all.

I will sing this story—of a love that knows our name.

I will live this story—because love has come again.

I believe that words have power.

I will not stay quiet.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:1-20

SERMON "Those Who Have Supported Us: Looking Around The Nativity"
Rev. Brett M Foote

***HYMN** **Angels We Have Heard on High** **#113**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Acacia Nikoi

*RESPONSE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#133

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord! (2x)

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: Author of our lives, we admit that there is something so marvelous and wonderful about this night: the glow of the candlelight, and the familiar hymns, the kids that are wound tight with contagious, joyful energy, the feeling that something we've been waiting for just might be within reach. Bless our tithes and offerings. Help us to serve with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of your gifts and may we be loving neighbors. May all those who have been pushed aside find in us good friends and companions on the journey. As we give our time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, South Range, Poplar, Maple, and Duluth may know your boundless peace from generation to generation. Amen.

Prayers to be Shared Please email or call the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father 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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Christ Candle Lighting Carswell, Bergstrom, Schulz Families.

*CLOSING HYMN Silent Night #122
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE Dean Hecht

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY 12/24

4 PM Christmas Eve Service
9 PM Christmas Eve Service

SUNDAY 12/25

10:00 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY 12/26

Office Closed—Christmas

TUESDAY 12/27

Office Closed—Christmas

WEDNESDAY 12/28

12 PM Staff Meeting
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
3:45 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 12/29

Tiff Out
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 12/30

UPBeat Mailing

Birthdays This Week

12/28 Tom Lisak
12/29 Christy Willmore
12/29 Creede McClellan

LOOKING AHEAD

December 30
January 2

UPBeat Mailing
Office Closed—New Year's

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. From signing up to volunteer to donating financially, if you'd like to support the mission and vision of the church you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, December 23rd, Douglas County is at a Low COVID-19 Community Level. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members stay up to date on vaccinations, mask in spaces with older folks and other potentially immunocompromised individuals, and stay home when sick.

LITURGIST & COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

There are two sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex, one to sign up to host our coffee hours following the service, and one where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. These are both great opportunities to get involved with the church!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Pickleball will continue on Tuesdays from 4-6 PM. *No Pickleball this week!*

Volleyball will continue on Sundays from 6-7:30 PM. *No Volleyball this week!*

January 1st- New Year Get-together at the Lisak's House. Please join us for a fun day of sledding, skating, boot hockey, snowshoeing, ice fishing, indoor games, and fellowship. Potluck lunch to begin at noon. See you there! (4519 E. Pleasant View Rd. Superior, WI 54880)

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed December 26th and 27th in observance of Christmas, as well as January 2nd in observance of New Years.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on January 22nd following the service.

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: **mittens, hats, scarves, hand warmers, coats, toiletry items (toothbrushes, toilet paper, bars of soap, etc.), and non-liquid, sealed food items.** Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. *Thank you for your donations!*

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is staffed 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Stop by the Nursery and meet Iris, our Nursery Coordinator and her volunteer assistants. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship. *There will be no Nursery care available at the 9 PM service.*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith. Children's Church takes place in the Youth room, which is next to the Nursery. *There will be no Children's Church this Sunday, December 25th, nor will there be Children's Church during the Christmas Eve services.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every second Sunday of the month there is a Bible study for our high school students. We will meet in the Youth room after the service. Don't worry, we'll have snacks for any grumbling bellies. Our next one will be Sunday, January 8th.

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

All students grades 7-12 are invited to our presbytery-wide youth retreat!

When: February 17-19

Where: Camp Amnicon

Cost: \$25

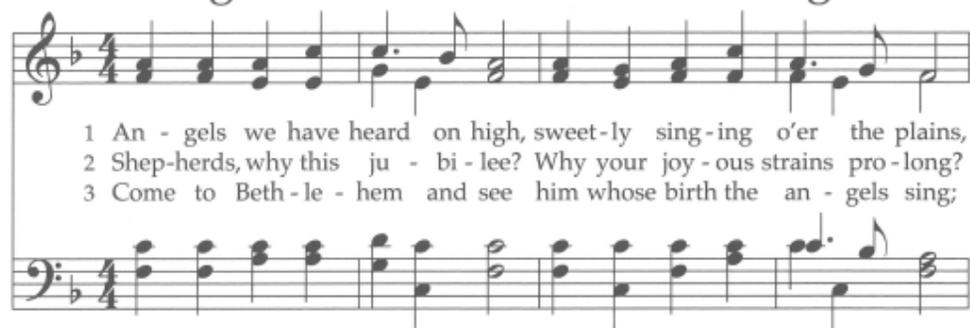
Theme: Know & Be Known

The last day to register is January 22. If you have questions or want to register, reach out to Laura after the service or by sending an email to: lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

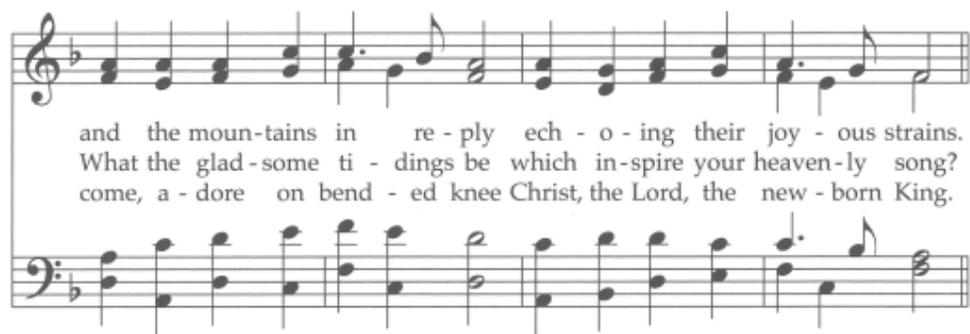


We love having candlelight service, and we love you, but you getting dripped on with hot wax we don't love so much! Please be careful while handling the lit candles. If you see anyone that could use your help, please don't be afraid to reach out.

113 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Silent Night, Holy Night! 122



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;



'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our



mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

