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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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19th, 2021

10:00 A.M.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE Alex Sandor
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1) #133**

*** Call to Worship**

One: We are seeking...

All: a deeper faith, a place to belong, the feeling that God is here in this sanctuary.

One: We are seeking...

All: a joy that overflows, the movement of the Spirit, a hand to hold, when alone in the dark.

One: We are seeking...

All: the freedom to be, the courage to love, the conviction to act in the face of injustice.

One: We are seeking, but here in this space,

All: we are found.

One: Take a deep breath. This is your sanctuary.

All: God is here. We are found. Amen.

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE—Jane Wester and Jeff Skoraczewski**

***Candles of Advent—Choir sing, congregation come in on refrain**

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

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of places to grow, we wish we were more like Mary, who in the face of great change, went and sought help. She did not wait for help to find her; she walked to the shelter she needed. Too often we wait silently for the world to change around us instead of speaking up for the things we need. Forgive us for failing to care for ourselves the way you would care for us. Give us the courage to be more like Mary. God of safe places, we wish we were more like Elizabeth, who greeted Mary with laughter and contagious joy. How many people have crossed our doorstep and how many times have we failed to see them? Give us the courage of Mary, and the grace of Elizabeth. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family of faith, even if we miss the person standing on our doorstep, even if we fail to care for ourselves the way God would care for us, even if we forget and ignore, turn away and shut down, God still loves us. There is nothing we can do to lose God's love.

All: Rest in this promise:

One: If we get lost,

All: we will be found.

One: If we mess up,

All: we are forgiven.

One: If we withhold love,

All: God is lavish in loving us.

One: We are claimed. We are loved. We rest now in the truth that because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person we encourage elbow bumps and peace signs between folks.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Jeff Skoraczewski
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:39-45

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

***HYMN Canticle of the Turning #100**

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERATORY

Alex Sandor
#647

***RESPONSE**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what
the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of children's Christmas pageants, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we love alongside our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** Joy to the World
***BENEDICTION**
***POSTLUDE**

#134
Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 12/19

8:45 AM CYF Breakfast & Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
11:45 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal
4 PM Community Dinner
6 PM Volleyball

Birthdays This Week
12/23 Tim Bergstrom

MONDAY 12/20

1 PM UPBeat Deadline
3:45-8 PM Piano Lessons
6 PM Cub Scouts
6:45 PM Cub Scouts Parents Meeting

TUESDAY 12/21

4-8 PM Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY 12/22

3-7 PM Piano Lessons
4-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 12/23

7 PM AA Meetings

FRIDAY 12/24

4 PM Christmas Eve Service
9 PM Christmas Eve Service

SATURDAY 12/25

LOOKING AHEAD

December 24 Christmas Eve Service
December 27 & 28 Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

Session unanimously voted to encourage masking for all people due to the rise of variants in neighboring counties. We will continue to sing in worship, but we encourage the use of masks during all parts of the service, for all people, vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Session is hoping that, with the proper precautions, we can continue to worship safely in person.

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **hand warmers, mittens, hats, wool socks, and scarves** for the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in new items or very gently used ones. Items that are worn out will not be considered. Please bring in donations during office hours. Thank you!

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be played every Sunday between 6pm -7:30pm in the UPC gym. The church suggests you wear a mask, especially if you have not been vaccinated. Come join the fun and bring another player along.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is meeting at 8:45 AM for breakfast and Christmas pageant practice. As a reminder, the Christmas pageant is today! We look forward to seeing all the hard work the kids have put into this.

CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir rehearsals will take place Sundays at 8:45 AM, and Bell Choir will rehearse at 11:30 AM. There will be no Chancel or Bell Choir next week, Sunday, December 26th.

NOTICE FROM PHYLLIS FLAHERTY

Tom & I will be making Belgian Cookies to sell again this year starting Nov 21. They will still be \$5.00 for two dozen, and the money generated will be given to the UPC Women's group.

I will bring a basket of packaged cookies each Sunday starting Nov. 21 through Dec.19th. If you wish to pre-order my phone # is 715-398-6021. E-mail: pflaherty12@charter.net and I am also on Facebook.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

The Fellowship and Outreach committee will be having a Christmas cookie sale at church before and after worship on December 19th. The cost will be \$5.00 per plate.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN!

The UPC Community Garden fundraising campaign through the SeedMoney organization ended this past Wednesday. We raised \$1340, and we have been awarded a \$200 grant from SeedMoney, so the project will receive a total of \$1540! With this money, we'll be able to get off to a great start with this project in 2022. Thanks so much to everyone who supported this project in this way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

The nursery is now staffed 15 minutes before the service until 15 minutes after for children from new born up through 4 years old. The nursery is located to the left of the Narthex when facing the front, through the two glass doors, and it is the first door on the right.

2022 ENVELOPES

Please pick up your envelopes for 2022 offerings in the back of the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We will be having two Christmas Eve services, one at 4 PM and one at 9 PM. There will be childcare provided in the nursery at both services. We hope to see you there!

NEW YEARS

The Lisak family invites you to join them in celebrating the arrival of the New Year on either New Years Eve or New Years Day (or even both!). There will be ice skating, bonfire, sledding, and fun games. Their address is 4519 East Pleasant View Road, Superior, WI. Contact Beth Lisak at 715-817-4861 for more info.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online to the church, you can do so at the following link:

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e-ter-nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an-gels; sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-

ye; O come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come, and be-hold him,
 of a vir-gin, a mor-tal he comes; ver-y God, be-
 all ye cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo-ry given; Word of the Fa-ther,

Refrain

born the King of an-gels!
 got-ten, not cre-at-ed! O come, let us a-dore him; O come, let
 glo-ry in the high-est! now in flesh ap-pear-ing!

us a-dore him; O come, let us a-dore him, Christ, the Lord!

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 heav-en-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!

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning

Em C D

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the

2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

Em C D Em

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the

work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

G D Em C Em

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.

depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

G D

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my

Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

Em C D Em

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my

those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

Em C D Em

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,