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NURSERY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to meet by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the worship service. Share a request in the comments section. Additionally, the Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Dorothy Burriss 817-715-0968 (macb.dlb@sbcglobal.net) or Dean Hecht at 715-919-1325.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

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Online Worship

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 18th, 2026

10:00 AM

If you're 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.

PRELUDE Alex Sandor

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** The Steadfast Love of the Lord (2x) #59

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Creator God, Giver of many gifts and Enricher of our lives...

All: We give thanks for Your presence and promises in our lives! We give You thanks for the ways You enrich us and give us gifts to love You and our neighbors.

One: Despite Your calling us good, there's plenty broken in our lives:

All: Estrangement, addictions, lies, self-doubt, and pain.

One: Forgive what lies broken in our lives and empower us, Holy One.

All: Renew in us the gifts You have promised!

One: Be wholly in our lives and make our lives holy.

All: In Christ's name we pray, amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, in Saint Julian of Norwich's *Revelations Of Divine Love*, she writes, "For as the body is clad in the cloth, and the flesh in the skin, and the bones in the flesh, and the heart in the chest, so are we, soul and body, clad in the Goodness of God, and enclosed in it...There is no being made that can know how much and how sweetly and how tenderly our Maker loves us." While we may not always comprehend that love, God does love us.

All: Really?

One: Really.

All: God loves us, and God forgives any and all sin in our lives.

One: It's 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." In response, you may say, "And also with you!" (you may pass the peace in the comments section)

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

***RESPONSE** We've Come This Far by Faith #656

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kirsten Standen

Old Testament Isaiah 49:1-7

Sermon Enriched By God: You & I

Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

YOU HAVE GIFTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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***RESPONSE** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who didn't make us to hate us, thank You for loving us. Thank You for calling us each beloved. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from, with care. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. May we live Your expansive love. We give You thanks for all of these gifts and what they mean for the kingdom of God. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for this congregation, Superior community, and world. May we each be able to share the good news that Christ is at work in our lives and in our communities! Amen.

TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Here's our suggested version, but feel free to pray the version you are most familiar with.)

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; and 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.

***CLOSING HYMN** Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace #545

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK

Join us for our Birthday potluck today following worship and the annual meeting. The themed cakes are the centerpieces on each of the 12 tables. When it is time to “dine,” you sit at the table of your birthday month. It is a great chance to reconnect with those birthday sharing friends from last year’s birthday potluck! Everyone is welcome; we always have plenty of delicious food and many cakes to sample!

ANNUAL MEETING

Following the service, today everyone is welcome to stay for the Annual Meeting. However, only members will be able to vote. Also, you can pick up this year’s Annual Report in the narthex.

WALKING GROUP

Come join the **Walking Group** every Wednesday in the UPC gym from 12:00-1:00 PM.

- Walk in the gym when it’s cold/icy outside
- Wear **inside shoes** so gym floor doesn’t get wet and dirty

Whether you prefer a quick 15-minute stroll or a full hour, 1 lap or 10 laps, or simply a walk at your own pace, this is a great way to get moving and make some new friends. All are welcome! Questions? Contact the office or Jackie VanErt at 218-428-4112.

SKATING & SLEDDING

Everyone is invited to join us at 1:00 PM on January 24 for an afternoon of skating and sledding at Carl Gullo Park, located at 510 26th Ave E, Superior, WI. Skating will take place at the rink, and sledding will be right across the street. Hot chocolate will be provided. For questions, contact the office or Debbie Bergstrom at 218-269-4679.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 49:1-7

49:1 Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. **2** He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. **3** And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” **4** But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God.” **5** And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— **6** he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” **7** Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, **2** To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **4** I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, **5** for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— **6** just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— **7** so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. **8** He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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>

WAYS TO SERVE

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United!

**Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.*

- Coffee Hour*—Make coffee and bring treats for everyone.
- Liturgist*—Being a liturgist is a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings and our call to worship.
- Crafters Group—Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the crafting room inside the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office to learn more.
- Community Dinner—Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June, and August. To learn more, contact the office or Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith! Children's Church takes place during the Sunday service. Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly, or monthly basis. Training will be provided! Questions? Contact Mac Burriss 304-890-2375.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC. All are welcome!
- Volleyball—Every Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC.
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Family Restaurant. February 7 is the next breakfast. Questions? Contact Tom Lisak at 218-348-5390.
- Women's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Waffles. February 7 is the next breakfast. Contact Dorothy Burriss at 817-715-0968 with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January, February, and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.
- *The Chosen* Small Group—Gather at the Hecht home on Mondays at 10a beginning January 19th through March 9th to watch season two of *The Chosen*. This is a historical drama about the life of Jesus.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Lenten Small Group—Pick up our devotional book for Lent this year and join us in the Youth Room on Sundays at 8:45a beginning on February 22nd. If you have any questions, contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com.
- Munch Bunch—Our next Munch Bunch is February 5, at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us at Shamrock Pizza in Superior. Contact Debbie at 218-269-4679 with any questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1/18

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
11:00 AM Annual Meeting
12:00 PM Birthday Potluck
6:00 PM Volleyball

TUESDAY 1/20

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY 1/22

10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Kickstarters Soccer

SATURDAY 1/24

MONDAY 1/19

Office Closed—MLK Day
2:30 PM Piano Lessons
6:01 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 1/21

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Walking Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:00 PM Piano Lessons
5:15 PM Session Meeting

FRIDAY 1/23

5:30 PM Leadership Retreat

Birthdays This Week

1/19—Thor Johnson
1/19—Holden Willmore
1/20—Claire Matthias
1/21—Richard Johnson
1/21—Joey Schulz
1/24—Laurie Ostrowski

59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(Psalm 105)

Refrain Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
E^b E^b/G A^b B^b7sus B^b

The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas-es; God's
(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
E^b E^b/G A^b B^b7sus B^b7
mer-cies nev-er come to an end. They are
(G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)
A^b B^b Gm7 Cm7 Fm7
new ev-ery morn-ing, new ev-ery morn-ing; great is your
(A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#) (Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)
B^b7sus B^b7 E^b B^b/D Cm7 Fm7 B^b7sus B^b7 E^b
faith-ful-ness, O Lord, great is your faith-ful-ness.

PSALM 105

Refrain

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| 1 Give thanks to the LORD
and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD
among the peoples. | 7 The LORD is our God,
whose judgments prevail
in all the world. |
| 2 Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's
marvelous works. | 8 The LORD has always been mindful
of the covenant,
the promise made
for a thousand generations: |
| 3 Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those
who seek the LORD rejoice. | 9 The covenant made with Abraham,
the oath sworn to Isaac, |
| 4 Search for the LORD
and the strength of the LORD;
continually seek the face of God. | 10 which God established
as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel. |
| 5 Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments
of God's mouth, | 42 For God remembered
the holy promise
and Abraham, chosen to serve. |
| 6 O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen. | 43 So God led forth the people
with gladness,
the chosen ones with shouts of joy. |

Refrain

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This psalm refrain quotes (with a few modifications) Lamentations 3:22-23, and the double singing of the final two phrases accentuates a sense of wonder. Finding ways to put Scripture, especially psalms, to music has long been a characteristic of the Reformed tradition.

We've Come This Far by Faith 656

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,
trust-ing in the ho-ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.
O, can't turn a-round, we've come this
far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"

Song of Simeon

1 Lord, bid your ser-vant go in peace; your
2 This is the Sav-ior of the world, the
word is now ful-filled. These eyes have seen sal-
Gen-tiles' prom-ised light, God's glo-ry dwell-ing
va-tion's dawn, this child so long fore-told.
in our midst, the joy of Is-ra-el.