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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
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Online Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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.

PRELUDE Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Vosburgh Family

***INTROIT** Advent Candle
(Choir sings verse, congregation joins for chorus)

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** To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary #98

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray.

Patient God, you know...

All: just how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.

One: You know...

All: just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.

One: You know...

All: just how often we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid" on dusty shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.

One: Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.

All: Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love. With hope we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family of faith, even when we forget God's words, God does not forget us. Even when we lose our way, God does not lose us. Even when we fall short or make mistakes, God forgives and holds onto us. From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ...

All: We are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. 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 (Choir will lead, congregation responds)

Jesus, Jesus O What a Wonderful Child #126

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

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Dustin Anderson
Isaiah 11:1-10

SERMON "Do Not Be Afraid: Seriously?"
New Testament Reading

Rev. Brett M Foote
Luke 1:26-38

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

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: We believe in a God who knows our fears.

We believe in a God who says, "Be not afraid."

We believe in a God who kicks off their shoes

and wades into the muck of our lives with us.

We believe in a God who stitches themselves to our heels, and invites us to dance.

We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky

so that we can find our way home,

and who sends us friends with open doors,

so we can find our way to love.

We believe in a God who finds us in our fear

and does not leave us alone.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Amen.

***HYMN** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #82

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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***RESPONSE**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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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: Holy God, we take a deep breath in and know that you are here, for where two or more are gathered, you are there. You never leave our sides. Like a protective mother hen, or the sun which circles the earth, you carry us with you. We offer all our gifts to you: Our lives, our passions, and more. Bless our tithes and offerings. Help us to serve and love alongside 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, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know your boundless peace from generation to generation. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Holy Communion

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Table of Grace #507

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works.

You created the world and called it good
and made us in Your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from You,

You remained ever faithful.

You taught Your disciples to pray by saying...

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 glory and the power, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution. Here at the church we invite you to take your individual elements as you come into the church, and follow the above pattern.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. 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

***CLOSING HYMN**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

While We Are Waiting, Come

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Alex Sandor



THE LORD'S SUPPER is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT READING***Isaiah 11:1-10***

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

NEW TESTAMENT READING***Luke 1:26-38***

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**SUNDAY 12/4**

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Children's Church
11:30 AM Confirmation
4 PM DS3 Concert
6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 12/5

4 PM Fellowship and Outreach
4 PM Piano Lessons
7:30 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 12/6

3:45 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Pickleball
4:30 PM Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY 12/7

12 PM Staff Meeting
12:30 PM PW @ Aces
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
3:45 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Deacons Meeting

THURSDAY 12/8

5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
6 PM Buildings and Grounds
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 12/9

5 PM Confirmation @ Temple Israel

SATURDAY 12/10

9 AM Piano Recital

Birthdays This Week

12/8 Carol Baker
12/8 Marian Lanigan
12/8 Ron Underdale
12/9 Aidan Pennington

LOOKING AHEAD

December 16	Superior Singers Concert
December 18	Community Dinner
December 18	Christmas Pageant

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

We are currently encouraging masking. There is no longer a hiatus on eating together. Session will continue to monitor the situation through the Public Health Department of Douglas County.

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!

COME JOIN US!

The Bell Choir is looking for a new member. If you would like to join this great group, please contact Jane. Also, the Chancel Choir has empty seats. We'd love to fill them all and add more. Please give it a try. Show up for practice at 8:45 Sunday morning!

UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN SEEDMONEY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN HAPPENING NOW

The UPC Community Garden Committee is fundraising for our 2023 garden through an organization called SeedMoney. SeedMoney aids nonprofits in raising money for garden projects and offers them grants based on how much money they raise in comparison to other projects. Last year, we raised enough by this means to receive a \$200 grant! So, to help us have the funds for seeds and plants, dirt and fertilizer, raised bed materials, additional fencing, and more for the 2023 garden, please consider donating. The SeedMoney fundraising period is November 15 to December 15, so NOW is the time! Go to <https://donate.seedmoney.org/7797/united-presbyterian-church-community-garden> to donate. If you'd like assistance in making the donation, someone from the committee will be available in the narthex after the service to lend a hand.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Pickleball will continue on Tuesdays from 4-6 PM.

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

December 4th and 11th— Would you like a family or individual photo to be included in our church directory? We have decided to extend this project to the first two Sundays in December!

We continue to be excited about our upcoming Christmas concert. DS3 will be at the church to perform a Christmas Concert on December 4th at 4:00 PM. DS3 features three talented musicians from Superior, Alex Sandor, Amy Eichers, and Dr. Erin Aldridge. Mark your calendars because this free concert is an event you will not want to miss! Oh, and spread the word to friends and family :)

CHRISTMAS CAROLING IS BACK THIS YEAR- December 11th following church.

Our next hike will take place on December 12th at 5:00 PM. Warm beverages will be provided after a brief walk to a beautiful overlook, where you can see the Bentleyville Christmas lights. You will not want to miss a view like this. The hike will start at 705 W. 9th Street, Duluth, MN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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, December 11.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On December 18 we will be having our annual Christmas program and all ages are invited to join! We will practice at 8:30a on December 18 with the program taking place during the service. Breakfast will be provided. Please let Laura know if you are planning to come!

MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There will be an informational meeting for students (Grades 7-12), parents, and guardians about a summer mission trip to Dallas, Texas. The meeting will be next Sunday, December 11 after the service and will take place in the Youth Room. Come learn more about this exciting opportunity!

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The December gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be a lunch on Wednesday, December 7th at 12:30 at Ace's. All women are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Bonnie Wallin for reservations. The PW does not meet in January and February.

December 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

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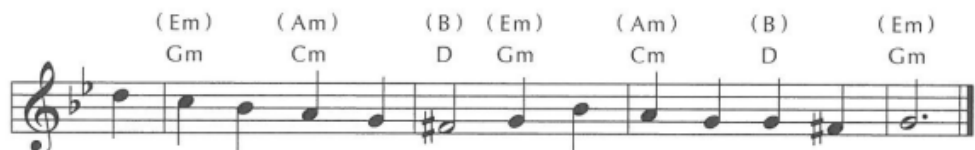
98 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary



1 To a maid whose name was Mar - y, the an - gel Ga-briel came.
2 "For you are high - ly fa-vored by God the Lord of all,
3 But Mar-y was most trou-bled to hear the an-gel's word.
4 "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.
5 "How shall this be?" said Mar - y, "I am not yet a wife."
6 As Mar-y heard the an - gel, she won-dered at his words.



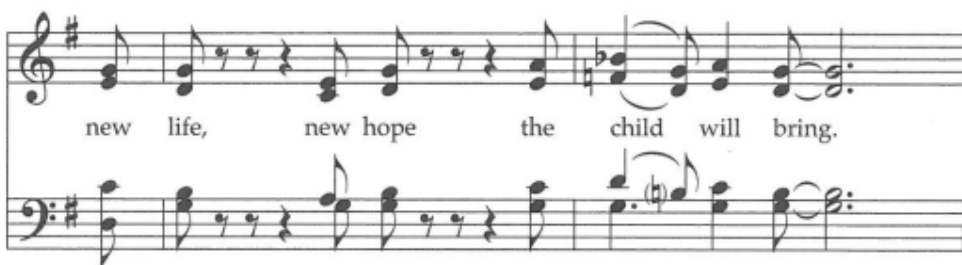
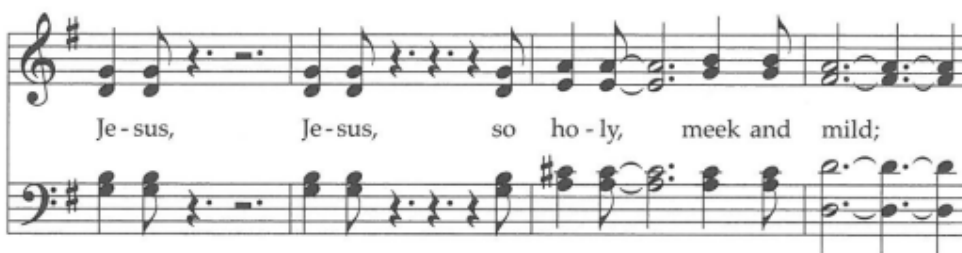
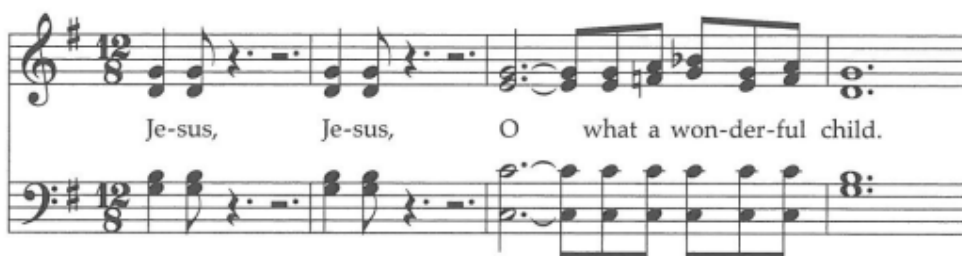
"Fear not," the an - gel told her, "I come to bring good news;
who e - ven now is with you. You are on earth most blest;
What was the an - gel say - ing? It trou-bled her to hear,
His name shall be called Je - sus, God's off-spring from on high.
The an - gel an-swered quick - ly, "The power of the Most High
"Be - hold, I am your hand-maid," she said un - to her God.




good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."
you are most blest, most bless - ed; God chose you, you are blest!"
to hear the an - gel's mes - sage, it trou-bled her to hear.
And he shall reign for - ev - er, for - ev - er reign on high."
will come up - on you short - ly, your child shall be God's child."
"So be it; I am read - y ac - cord - ing to your word."

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.


Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child 126



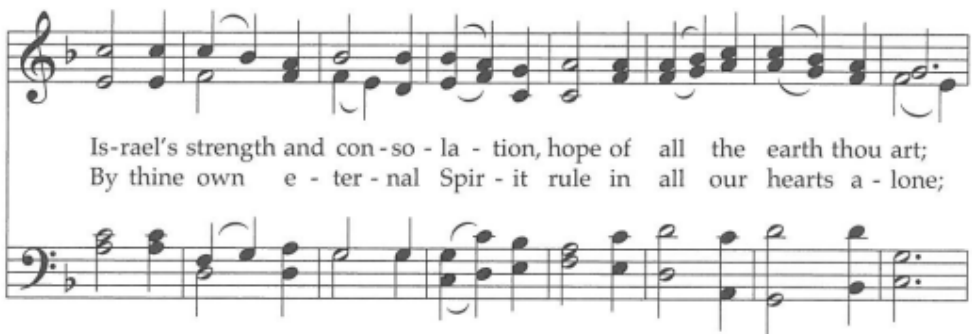
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C B \flat



1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
C F C F Gm



ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B \flat F/C C7 F B \flat F



not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.