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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

Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

January 15th, 2023

10:00 AM

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

***INTROIT** O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic is Your Name (2x) #613

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord!

All: How good it is to sing praises to our God, for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

One: God heals the brokenhearted.

All: God binds up their wounds.

One: God determines the number of the stars; God gives to all of them their names.

All: Great is our Lord and abundant in power; God's understanding is beyond measure.

One: God provides food for the animals as well as us.

All: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God. Amen.

***HYMN** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #475

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray. God, you are good.

All: So very good.

One: We thank you for the gift of baptism.

All: We thank you that we can know you Jesus. That in baptism we recognize the grace you have bestowed upon us and that you call us each beloved.

One: Forgive us God.

All: Forgive us for when we deny the "belovedness" of others. Forgive us when we deny our own "belovedness." Forgive us for when we mistreat ourselves.

One: Teach us to love others and ourselves.

All: Shape our hearts.

One: Transform our minds.

All: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: ...Witness and believe the good news of the gospel: 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.)

RESPONSE (Choir will lead, congregation responds)

Jesus, Jesus O What a Wonderful Child #126

Children are invited to gather in the narthex for Children's Church

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

SERMON "Remembering Baptisms: John, Jesus, and Us"

Rev. Brett M Foote
Matthew 3:1-6,11,13-17

New Testament Reading

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS

(Please come forward in two lines and receive a blessing from the baptismal font.)

***HYMN** Baptized in Water #482

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

Jan Letsos

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** For the Life that You Have Given #717

For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of our baptisms: 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 everyone in Superior, Duluth and the rest of the Northland may know that they are beloved 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; 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** You Shall Go Out with Joy (2x) #80

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

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. 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. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured 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.'

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 honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—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.'

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 READING

Matthew 3:1-6,11,13-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 1/15

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

MONDAY 1/16

Office Closed—MLK Jr. Day
7 PM Finance Meeting

TUESDAY 1/17

3:45 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Pickleball

WEDNESDAY 1/18

12 PM Staff Meeting
1 PM Caregiver Conversations
3:45 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 1/19

5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:15 PM Session Meeting
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 1/20

SATURDAY 1/21

Birthdays This Week

1/15 Ailey Rude
1/19 Holden Willmore
1/20 Claire Matthias
1/21 Richard Johnson
1/21 Joey Schulz

LOOKING AHEAD

January 22
January 23

Annual Congregational Meeting
UPBeat Deadline

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, January 13th, 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

Every Tuesday—Pickleball from 4-6 PM

Every Sunday— Volleyball from 6-7:30 PM

January 22nd—**Birthday Potluck** Sign-up sheets are posted for salads, rolls, hot food, and all twelve birthday cakes.

January 28th—**Lake Superior Ice Festival** Carpooling from the church at 3 PM

January 29th—If you have not had a chance to get your picture taken, meet Jane after church in the Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our free Community Dinner this Sunday, January 15th. Dine in is available from 4-5 PM, then at 5 PM, leftover meals will be packaged up and distributed for anyone who would like to enjoy a hot meal at home instead. We cannot guarantee pick up availability, nor can we distribute pickups any earlier than 5 PM.

We will be serving beef stroganoff, glazed carrots, a roll, and a cookie. We hope to see you there!

FISHORAMA

Everyone is invited to The Lisak House (4519 East Pleasant View Rd) on Amnicon Lake Saturday, Feb 4th for Fishorama. There will be a ice fishing contest with raffles and prizes along with pizza making at the house and sliding . The Lisak's will provide the pizza dough, sauce and cheese and any other toppings bring with you. Water, hot chocolate and coffee will be provided for beverages. 11:30 to be out on the ice ready to icefish until 4.

BUMP SET SPIKE BY JAY

We had 12 for UPC Volleyball last Sunday. We had several good games and volleys. Our co-MVPs for the week are Pastor Brett and Laura Foote!

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 February 12th.

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 next Sunday, 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.

ANNUAL MEETING

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

BRAINSTORM WITH THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

On January 29th following the service, those interested in brainstorming possibilities for enhancing the visual dimension of worship with designing wall hangings, table paraments, etc., please meet in the office. We will also discuss serving our community and our own congregation with quilting items, or using other arts, crafts and talents. You don't have to be a quilter. If you are interested please attend or call Jackie at 715-718-0806, or text 907-388-3307.

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O Lord, Our Lord How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the

earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O

Lord, we mag-ni-fy your name: Prince of Peace, might-y

God; O Lord God Al-might-y.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-e-ne-zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child 126

Je-sus, Je-sus, O what a won-der-ful child.

Je-sus, Je-sus, so ho-ly, meek and mild;

new life, new hope the child will bring.

Lis-ten to the an-gels sing: "Glo-ry,

glo-ry, glo-ry!" Let the heav-ens ring.

482 Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, cleansed by the

2 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, dead in the

3 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, marked with the

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal-va-tion, trust-ing the

tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris-ing, freed and for-

sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir-it, we are God's

prom-ise, faith-ful-ly now God's prais-es we sing.

giv-en, thank-ful-ly now God's prais-es we sing.

chil-dren; joy-ful-ly now God's prais-es we sing.

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.