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<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) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

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

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 4th, 2024

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** Lord, Prepare Me (2x) #701

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray...

All: God of our neighbors, thank you. Thank you for providing for us. Thank you for using us to provide for others. Thank you for each and every moment where we can clearly notice you at work. Forgive us for those moments where we don't reach out to the stranger in need. Forgive us for those times when we are more focused on ourselves than others. Teach us to stop and notice the humanity and image of God in others, always. Help us to value connection over isolation. In your son Jesus' name we pray. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: United, God's hands are always reached out to us in love and healing. Our call as followers of Jesus is to imitate that love by reaching out to others as they are in need. We don't always do that. We don't always turn to our neighbors or even ourselves in love. Be assured that God's love is bigger than any mistake we could make and that nothing in life or death, even getting things wrong sometimes, can separate us from that love. Know that because of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection...

All: We and our neighbors are forgiven!

***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** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (2x, Refrain only) #591

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM All Creatures of Our God and King

***NICENE CREED**

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***HYMN** All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly #509

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** Doxology #609
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures high and low, Allelujah...
Praise God, in Jesus fully known
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Allelujah.....

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of the broke, broken, hurting, and houseless, thank you for always being on the side of the oppressed. Help teach us in and through our giving that our call is to care for "the least of these!" Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized or hurt by our society. Enable us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we model your hands and feet of justice and love today and every day. Send your powerful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior, Duluth, and Proctor. We want others to know your "love that goes into the far country." Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion Hymn Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken #498

EUCHARISTIC 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; 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.

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 come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

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 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #727**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:34-46

"The Word of God in Action"

Rev. Brett M. Foote

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

Recess into the Fellowship Hall

BENEDICTION



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.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

"If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:34-46

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

SUNDAY 2/4

**8:45 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Children's Church
11:15 Mission committee
6 PM Boy Scouts
6 PM Volleyball**

MONDAY 2/5

**2:00 PM Fellowship & Outreach
6:15 PM Welcome Corps
6:15 PM Piano Lessons**

TUESDAY 2/6

**10 AM Pickleball
4:30 PM Worship committee
6 PM Bell Choir**

WEDNESDAY 2/7

**12 PM Staff Meeting
4 PM Deacons meeting**

THURSDAY 2/8

**10 AM Pickleball
6 PM Buildings and Grounds
7 PM AA Meeting**

FRIDAY 2/9

SATURDAY 2/10

Birthdays This Week

**2/6 Thomas Vosburgh
2/7 Linda Wigchers
2/8 Dawn Long
2/10 Bryce Brittan
2/10 Jason Matthias
2/10 Robert Okash**

LOOKING AHEAD

**February 14 Ash Wednesday
February 14 Ladies Valentines Bingo
February 21-March 19 Lenten suppers**

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

GET INVOLVED

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United! Two great ways that are available year-round are to sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship, or to host a coffee hour following the service. There are sign up sheets available at the back of the Narthex under the calendar!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. 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 meet by the round table in the narthex, from there they will go together to the Youth room for Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith.

PICKLEBALL AND PIZZA

On Friday, February 23rd middle and high school students are invited to come play Pickleball and eat pizza together! This will take the place of our Second Sunday Student Dinner, as the Super Bowl falls on that day. This event will be in the gym from 6-8p! No worries if you've never played—we'll teach ya! Bring a friend and come on out for a fun time together! If you have any questions, reach out to Laura after the service or by emailing: lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

You can join us for pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there!

Volleyball will be playing **every Sunday at 6 PM** unless there is an announcement stating otherwise!

On **February 14th** we will be having a Ladies Valentine's Day Bingo from 1-3 PM! Invite a friend for fun games of bingo, with prizes! There will be a light lunch, good conversation, and lots of laughs!

On **February 18th** we will be having our annual SPUD DAY following the worship service! Included in this event are potatoes and all the fixings!

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND SERVICES

The joint Ash Wednesday service with Pioneer Parish will be held on February 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm at UPC. This service will include the imposition of ashes for all who wish to participate.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be held on February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th. The supper will begin at 5:45 with a service following at 6:15. Signup sheets for soup, bread and milk are on the table in the narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Come work at United Presbyterian Church! We are hiring for a part time (10-4, Monday through Friday, 30 hours a week) Office Secretary. No church experience required. Pay is competitive and we offer some solid benefits: paid time off, paid family leave, sick time, and continuing education funds! We think UPC is a pretty great place to work! Apply today as all résumés and cover letters should be turned in by 2/12/24. Hope to see yours.

HEADPHONES AND EARBUDS FOR GREAT LAKES

Great Lakes Elementary could use any headphones or ear buds that you are not using, and that are in working condition. The headphones need to have the small round plug that would work in a laptop. Please bring them to the church office and we'll be sure they get to the school.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes are on the table in the back of the church. If you want envelopes and you were omitted, please contact Jan Letsos.

NOTE FROM JAN

Please remember when writing checks that it is now 2024! Thank you!

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Thursday, February 1st, 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.

February 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

28	29	30	31	01 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 7 PM AA Meeting	02 Leadership Retreat 5:30 PM	03 Leadership Retreat 6:00 PM AA Speaker Meeting
04 8:45 Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Church 11:15 Mission Committee 6:00 Volleyball	05 2:00 pm Fellowship & OR 6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons 6:15 PM Welcome Corps Fellowship Hall Reserved	06 10:00 AM Pickleball 4:30 PM Worship Committee 6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	07 12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom) 4:00 PM Deacon Meeting 6:00 PM Book Club	08 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 6 PM Buildings & Grounds 7 PM AA Meeting	09	10
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18 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 10 AM Worship 10:15 Children's Church 11:00 AM Spud Day Lunch 4 PM Community Dinner 6 PM Volleyball	19 PRESIDENT'S DAY 6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons Fellowship Hall Reserved	20 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 1 PM UPBeat Deadline 6 PM Bell Choir	21 12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom) 1 PM Caregiver Conversations 5:45 Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 Lenten Service	22 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 7 PM AA Meeting Youth Room Reserved	23 6:00 PM Pickleball and Pizza	24
25 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 10 AM Worship 10:15 Children's Church 11:00 Mission Committee 6 PM Volleyball	26 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons	27 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 1 PM UPBeat Packing 6 PM Bell Choir	28 UPBeat Mailing 10 AM Crafters Group 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 5:45 Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 Lenten Service	29 10 AM-12 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM AA Meetings	01 FYI! Boy Scout Troup 221 will begin Fish Fry dinners March 1st at the church.	02

Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

A7 D A
G Em7 D A A7 D
A G A7 D

591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
hal - le -
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -
hal - le -
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Fine

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth- er; Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.



609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise



God, in Je-sus ful-ly known: Cre-a-tor, Word, and Spir-it



one. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Loaves Were Broken, 498 Words Were Spoken

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C

food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!" tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727 The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)