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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.

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Online Worship

The First Sunday in Lent

March 9th, 2025

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT: In Silence My Soul Thirsts (Psalm 62) #790**

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: God who calls us to deny ourselves...

All: You model a sinless, sacrificial life for us in Christ.

One: Through Jesus, we have the power to overcome temptation in our lives.

All: Yet, we fall short at times.

One: We make mistakes, we say the wrong thing, we miss the mark.

All: Continue to be for us, God.

One: Save us we pray in the midst of our struggles and strife.

All: Forgive us, abundant, yet self denying God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Tell your Neighbor: "Because of Christ, you are forgiven!"

All: We are forgiven. Plain and simple because of Christ and his birth, life, death, and resurrection. 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 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me #582

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jackie Pananen

Old Testament Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

SERMON It's Not A Gimmick: God At Work Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Luke 4: 1-13

***HYMN** Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days #166

MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP Jane Wester

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** God, We Honor You #709

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who denies himself through the power of the Holy Spirit, take all that we offer you, our time, talents, and treasures and grow them for your kingdom. Help us to live openhanded lives sharing the gift of our lives with others. Move in us so that we may center the voices of those on the margins. Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. We want others to feel the power of the Holy Spirit! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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** Go, My Children, with My Blessing #547

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

"When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

SCRIPTURE READING

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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.
- Community Dinner— Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp— Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee.
- Community Garden— Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Dinners and Great Lakes Elementary students.
- Nursery— Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! You will serve with a Nursery Coordinator once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church— Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith during Children's Church! This takes place during the Sunday service. You can volunteer once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk— Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly or monthly basis. Training will be provided!

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball— Every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Men's Breakfast— First Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM. Contact Tom Lisak (218-348-5390) with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women— Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month (except July) at 9:30 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Rib Dinner this year will be Wednesday, April 30 starting at 4:00 PM.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for two volunteers after the service today to help with moving a couple heavier furniture items into Jane's office.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

The Presbyterian Women's meeting was postponed and is rescheduled for Wednesday, March 12 at 9:30 at the church.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 3/9

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
Coffee Hour
6:00 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 3/10

3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Lent Small Group

TUESDAY 3/11

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 3/12

9:30 AM PW Meeting
10:00 AM Crafters Group
4:30 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 3/13

10:00 AM *The Chosen*— Viewing & Discussion
10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
4:30 PM Building & Grounds

FRIDAY 3/14

SATURDAY 3/15

Birthdays This Week

3/9—Keaton Perkins
3/9— JoAnn Rush
3/9— Owen Schulz
3/11— Emma Buckley
3/12— Grace Johnson
3/12— Jim Willmore
3/14— Alex Ely
3/14— Sherri Rude
3/15— Becky Kirk
3/15— Dolores Larson

709 God, We Honor You

D G A7 D
 God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.
 Bm Em/G A Dsus D
 God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.
 D G A7 D
 Take what we bring, of - fered to you.
 Bm Em/G A Dsus D
 Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.
 D G A7 D
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 Bm Em/G A Dsus D
 al - le - lu - ia, a - men.


Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
 Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort
 ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F \sharp) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm




and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F





As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.


Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.



In Silence My Soul Thirsts 790

(Psalm 62)



1 In si - lence my soul thirsts for God; for
2 In still - ness I pour out my fears; the
3 In qui - et - ness my Lord con - ferred two



God a - lone I wait. My en - e - mies may
sol - i - tude builds trust. My ref - uge rests in
truths I now de - clare: no great - er love than



chase me down; love shields me from their hate.
God's great grace. My anx - ious thoughts are hushed.
God's is known; no pow - er can com - pare.



God is my rock; God is my strength; God is



my sal - va - tion, my ref - uge, my a -



bid - ing peace. I shall not be shak - en.