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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

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

September 26th, 2021

10:00 A.M.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

**PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alex Sandor

***INTROIT** **Come Into God's Presence** **#413**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 99)**

One: The Lord is ruler; let the peoples tremble! God sits enthroned upon the angels; let the earth quake!

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is our God!

One: Mighty Sovereign, you are a lover of justice, you have established equity and executed justice among your people.

All: Extol the Lord our God; worship at God's footstool like God's priest's of old: Moses and Aaron.

One: God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they mostly kept God's decrees, and the statutes that God gave them.

All: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but also an avenger of their wrongdoings.

***HYMN** **My Soul Cries Out** **#100**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who calls us to remember:

Sometimes we block moments out of our minds.

Sometimes we forget.

Sometimes we let moments go.

We want to remember the good and the bad.

We want to celebrate.

We want to mourn with you, our God.

Help us to live so in the moment with you that we recognize your presence with us and commemorate those special times. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Philip Levine writes about a day in his life, in the poem *That Day*: "I woke in a cold room near the port. I rose and dressed and went downstairs for coffee, but the cooks were arguing over *futbol* and didn't see me. So I walked the shadowed streets until I came to the old burned down cathedral of Santa Maria del Mar. Inside I knew there were women in black praying for those whom they had turned away from in life and the smell of candles so old you could almost hear them hissing against the voices."

Like Philip's seemingly mundane day, each day can be a moment, a moment we remember. They can be holy moments, sad moments, or even moments of great joy. One of our calls is to commemorate them. God is with us when we do this and even we forget. Know that, 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.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading

Christy Willmore

Mark 9:30-37

SERMON "No Christmas Or Easter? Keeping The Day"

Old Testament Reading

-22

Rev. Brett M Foote

Esther: 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20

***HYMN**

It Is Well With My Soul

#840

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE**

Alex Sandor

#709

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Amen.

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who calls us to commemorate our moments, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email 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. 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE

You Shall Go Out With Joy #80

Alex Sandor

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 9/26

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY 9/27

TUESDAY 9/28

WEDNESDAY 9/29

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)

4-6 PM CSA Pickup

7-8 PM CYF Cookie Baking

THURSDAY 9/30

UPBeat Mailing

FRIDAY 10/1

SATURDAY 10/2

Birthdays This Week

9/26 Ronald Hicks
9/27 Nick Cairns
9/27 Maryjane Burdge
9/29 Chuck LeMieux
9/29 Brett Foote
9/30 Laura Foote
9/30 Howard Gronquist
10/1 Carsen Johnson
10/1 Abby Willmore

LOOKING AHEAD

September 30

October 3

UPBeat Mailing

Fall Church Cleanup

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEEDURES

Session unanimously voted to encourage masking for all people due to the rise of the Delta variant in neighboring counties. We will continue to sing in worship, but we encourage the use of masks during all parts of the service, for all people, vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Session is hoping that, with the proper precautions, we can continue to worship safely in person.

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **masks, new or like new towels (all sizes), ready to eat food (in cans or bags), toiletries (soap, contained toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc), and bandaids** to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours!

CONTACTING US

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

On that note, our phone is on the fritz due to a number of reasons, so if you're attempting to reach us and are struggling to get through, please call again later, or email us. The phone has also been randomly disconnecting, so if we hang up on you, know that we are sorry, and please try again!

DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help to reduce the Church's utility bill by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

COFFEE HOUR

There will be a sign up sheet available in the Narthex for people, families, and groups to sign up for individual Sundays to host our outdoor coffee hours following the service. This will now be on a week to week basis instead of a monthly commitment.

NEW DOORS

Check out the new doors separating the education wing from the sanctuary, and the office from the conference room! We were very excited to be able to have these installed.

GET TO KNOW UNITED

If you've been curious to get to know who we are and what we are about at United, Pastor Brett will be leading a group for this very purpose soon. Date is TBD. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

CYF COOKIE BAKE

This Wednesday, September 26th, CYF will be having a cookie baking session for all ages! Come and join us from 7-8 PM. All supplies will be provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues to take place every week in the Sunday School room on Sundays at 9:15 AM. All Elementary age kids are welcome to join us!

FALL FLING BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Women have scheduled a bazaar for Saturday, October 23, 2021. It will be open from 9 until 1. This is a church-wide event and we need everyone's help to make it a success. Please think about ways in which you can help. If you are creative, start working on those crafts. If you bake, start thinking about what you can make that people would love to buy. If you aren't creative or a baker perhaps you can help set up the day before or work the day of the bazaar. Any and all help will be needed and appreciated.

FALL CHURCH CLEANUP

The Fellowship and Outreach committee has scheduled the annual fall cleanup after worship on Sunday October 3rd from 11:30 until approximately 1:30-2:00. Please dress in your casual attire and bring work gloves if you are able to help. A light lunch will be provided for helpers after our work is completed for the day. Hope we see you there - Thanks from F&O.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

We will be taking our Peace and Global Witness Offering on Sunday, October 3rd. More info can be found in the attached insert.

UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN

The UPC Community Garden Planning Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 6, at 3 pm, in person at UPC. If you are interested in being part of planning and creating next spring's container garden, please come! Questions? Contact Marian Lanigan (moms76triumph@yahoo.com; 218-213-8087) or Deborah Schlacks (desertswan@aol.com; 715-392-9195)

CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSALS

The first chancel choir rehearsal will take place October 10th at 8:45 AM. Later that day, at 4:30 PM will be the first bell rehearsal.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

We will be having confirmation information sessions after worship on October 10th and October 17th.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

Come into God's Presence 413



1 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Al - le - lu - ia,
 2 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Je - sus is Lord,
 3 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Wor - thy the Lamb,
 4 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Glo - ry to God,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."
 Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord."
 wor - thy the Lamb, wor - thy the Lamb."
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God."

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain



It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;





it is well; it is well with my soul.

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 mountains 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.



Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.


WAYS TO GIVE


Through your congregation


Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/peace-global


Text PCUSAPEACE to 41444 to give to Peace & Global Witness or visit pcusa.org/peace-global for more information.



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Tom Elander, a member of the Brentwood Presbyterian Church in West Los Angeles, was moved by what he witnessed and learned at the U.S.-Mexico border last winter, as a participant in a Presbyterian Peacemaking Program travel seminar designed to help better understand the real-world impact of migration and immigration law.



“I walked away with a much greater appreciation for how difficult life is for many people from Mexico and Central America,” said Tom of his four-day experience in Los Angeles and Tijuana “and how they often look to the U.S. as a beacon of hope to help them escape the misery of their lives where they come from—whether from poverty, violence, lack of education or lack of opportunity.”

“These experiences have allowed me to know how much need there is in our broken world, and how a little support can go a long way. The Peace & Global Witness Offering can really make a difference in the lives of people in need.”



KRISTI VAN NOSTRAN

The Peace & Global Witness Offering provides the means that allows us to offer ourselves to the pursuit of ending violence and bringing about reconciliation, no matter where it occurs in the world.

PEACE WITHOUT WALLS

Your gifts will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone, everywhere—regardless of boundaries or the walls that separate us. Let us offer the peace of Christ in all times and all ways.

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering will go to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.



Please give generously.

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