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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.

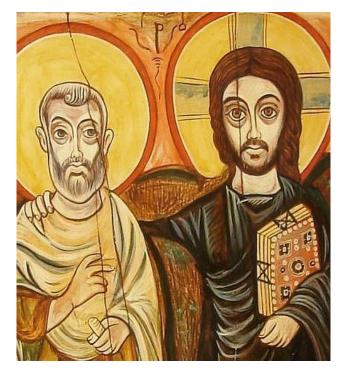
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Online Worship

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 21st, 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 WELCOME Alex Sandor

#625

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT**

Sing to God With Joy and Gladness #657

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray...

All: Thank you great God for making each of us disciples and calling us by name. Thank you for the moments where we feel like running away like Jonah. Thank you for the moments we say "Yes!" to following you! Thank you for the doubt, the moments of certainty, and the journey of faith you have each of us on. Forgive us for those moments where we ignore the call, we put it on do not disturb and live on auto pilot. Heal us as we practice reconciliation with you and our neighbors. In your son Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

How Great Thou Art

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: United, the good news is that scripture is full of human beings. Human beings like you and me, human beings who have made mistakes and human beings that God says will be redeemed. Because of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection...

All: We are all 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.)

*RESPONSE	Calm to the Waves (3x)	#184		
SCRIPTURE READINGS Old Testament Reading New Testament Reading		Dustin Anderson Jonah 2 Mark 1:16-20, 29-30		
CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM				
SERMON	"The Disciple In You"	Leslie Anderson, CRE		

*CONFESSION OF BELHAR (Abridged by Pastor Brett)

One: Let us affirm our faith together using this confession.

All: We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. This unity between people and God must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN	Spirit Open My Heart	#692	
MOMENT FOR STEV	WARDSHIP & MISSION		
OFFERTORY		Alex Sandor	
*RESPONSE	God, We Honor You	#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, alle	eluia, alleluia, amen.		

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of our journeys, thank you for bringing us here! Thank you for the bounty that is present in our lives by virtue of being in this place. Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized or hurt by society. Help us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we model your expansive justice and love. Send your powerful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior, Duluth, and Iron River. We want others to know your "love that goes into the far country." 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	Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God
*	#849
*BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE	Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 2

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?' The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God. As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!"

Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:16-20, 29-30

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

<u>SUNDAY 1/21</u>

Pastor & Laura Out—Vacation 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Morning Worship 4 PM Community Dinner 6 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 1/22

Pastor & Laura Out—Vacation 6:15 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 1/23 10 AM Pickleball 1 PM UPBeat Deadline 6 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 1/24

10 AM Crafters Group 12 PM Staff Meeting Tiff Last Day

THURSDAY 1/25

10 AM Pickleball 4 PM Introduction to Pickleball 6:15 PM Session Meeting 7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 1/26

SATURDAY 1/27

LOOKING AHEAD

January 28 January 28 Annual Meeting Birthday Potluck

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

Birthdays This Week

1/21 Richard Johnson 1/21 Joey Schulz 1/24 Laurie Ostrowski 1/25 Dale VanErt 1/27 Gianna Johnson 1/27 Lyn Larson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

There will be no Children's Church this Sunday, January 21st. 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.

SECOND SUNDAY STUDENT DINNER

This Sunday, January 14th, middle and high school students are invited to our Second Sunday Student Dinner! The dinner will take place at Laura and Brett's home at 6:30p. It will be a time to connect with one another, grow in our faith, and of course...fill our bellies! If you have any questions, reach out to Laura after the service or by emailing: Imfoote.upc@gmail.com.

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!

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 **January 25th** we will be having an Introduction to Pickleball for anyone interested in learning how to play! This will take place at 4 PM. We have equipment, but please bring tennis shoes to wear.

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!

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.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on January 28th following the service.

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK INFORMATION

Please find sign up sheets in the narthex for the birthday potluck, coming soon, on January 28th, following the Annual Meeting. You may sign up to bring a themed cake, (we need only one per month), a hot food dish, a cold food dish or bread. The themed cakes are the center pieces on each of the 12 months tables. When it is time to "dine" you sit at the table of your birthday month. It is a great chance to reconnect with those birthday sharing friends from last year's birthday potluck! Everyone is welcome; we always have plenty of delicious food and many cakes to sample!

COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our free Community Dinner this Sunday, January 21st. The meal will start at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This month, we will be serving beef stew, corn muffins, and chocolate cake with cherry topping. If you would like to volunteer to help with set up or serving, any and all assistance would be welcomed! Check the sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex for volunteer times.

GOODBYE TO OUR SECRETARY

Tiff Willie is leaving their position in the UPC office as Secretary to pursue a different pace of work. On behalf of the Personnel committee and Session we'd like to thank Tiff for their over 3 years serving at United Presbyterian Church. "Thank you!" We wish them the very best in their pursuits and will be praying for their success. Tiff's last day in the office will be Wednesday, January 24. Please stop by the office or drop a card off and share goodbyes with Tiff prior to then!

WELCOME LESLIE ANDERSON

Leslie says about herself: "I worked for many years in hospitals as a Registered Dietitian and Food Service Director. At the suggestion of my Pastor, David Butler, I completed classes which qualified me as a Certified Ruling Elder. After retiring from my hospital work I was offered a position as Youth Director for Pioneer Parish. When our Pastor retired, I became a Commissioned Ruling Elder—I.e. Pastor for Pioneer Parish. I retired from that position at the end of July 2023." We are thrilled to have her in the pulpit today!

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, January 19th, Douglas County is at a **Medium COVID-19 Community Level**. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members wear high-quality masks or respirators indoors, host gatherings outside (when possible), stay home when sick, and stay up to date on vaccinations.









