

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### HELPFUL TO KNOW

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**

***Epiphany Sunday***

**January 8th, 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! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God all our lives.**

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**All: Happy are those who trust in God.**

One: God keeps faith.

**All: God is the one who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free, and heals those who cannot see.**

One: The Lord watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow.

**All: The Lord will reign forever, Amen.**

**\*HYMN** We Three Kings of Orient Are #151

**PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Let us Pray.

**All: Holy God, You have given us stars to follow, thank you! Sometimes it is hope, other times it is curiosity, and still other times a helping hand that leads us closer to you. We praise you for how you lead us onward and give us the supplies, sidekicks, and stars that shape who we are and our paths. Forgive us God when we ignore your signs, forgive us for when we choose to not help out or support another seeker, forgive us when we don't follow after you and your son.**

Teach us.

Shape us.

Transform us.

In the meek and mild name of Jesus we pray, 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 42:1-9

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

Star Light

**SERMON "Seekers: Church Grandmas, My Mother, Me & You"**

Rev. Brett M Foote

Matthew 2:1, 3-15

**New Testament Reading**

**\*HYMN** What Child is This #145

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

Alex Sandor

**\*RESPONSE** O Come, All Ye Faithful #133

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord! (2x)

**PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who gives us signs and calls us to seek: 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 Superior, Duluth and the rest of the Northland may know you from generation to generation. Amen.**

**Prayers to be Shared & Star Words** 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.**

**Receiving Our Star Words**

**Prayer Of Intention**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #347

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

#### **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>

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Isaiah 42:1-9***

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; ,I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

***Matthew 2:1, 3-15***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

### **United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

#### **SUNDAY 1/8**

**8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Morning Worship  
10:15 AM Children's Church  
11:30 AM Second Sunday Bible Study  
6 PM Volleyball  
6 PM Boy Scouts**

#### **MONDAY 1/9**

**4 PM Piano Lessons  
7:30 PM Piano Lessons**

#### **TUESDAY 1/10**

**3:45 PM Piano Lessons  
4 PM Pickleball  
4:45 PM CYF Committee**

#### **WEDNESDAY 1/11**

**12 PM Staff Meeting  
2-6 PM CSA Pickup  
3:45 PM Piano Lessons  
6:30 PM Personnel Committee**

#### **THURSDAY 1/12**

**5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6 PM Buildings and Grounds  
7 PM AA Meeting**

#### **FRIDAY 1/13**

#### **SATURDAY 1/14**

#### **Birthdays This Week**

**1/8 Deborah Schlacks  
1/10 Bob McClellan  
1/13 Jack Finstad  
1/14 Joan Johnson**

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**January 16  
January 22**

**Office Closed—MLK Jr. Day  
Annual Congregational Meeting**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, January 6th, 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

**Pickleball** will continue on Tuesdays from 4-6 PM.

**Volleyball** will continue on Sundays 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.

### UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

The SeedMoney fundraising campaign for the UPC Community Garden has concluded. We raised \$905 and will receive a \$200 grant from Seed-Money, for a total of \$1105. Thanks so much to all those who contributed! Stay tuned for the sign-up for gardening in the 2023 garden. And if you are interested in helping with the planning for the garden, please consider joining the Community Garden Committee. For more information, contact Deborah Schlacks at [desertswan@aol.com](mailto:desertswan@aol.com) or at 218-348-6032.

### BIRTHDAY POTLUCK INFORMATION

Please find sign up sheets in the narthex for the birthday potluck, coming soon, on Jan 22. 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!

## 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 this Sunday, January 8th.

### 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 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](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com).

### ANNUAL MEETING

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

### CHRISTMAS TEAR DOWN -- JOIN US!

A group will be gathering after the service today (Jan 8) to take down the Christmas decorations and pack them up. This process usually takes no more than 30 minutes (although the more hands we have, the faster it goes!).

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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.

# 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O-ri-ent are; bear-ing gifts we tra-ver-se a-far,  
2 Born a King on Beth-le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a-gain,  
3 Frank-in-cense to of-fer have I; in-cense owns a de-i-ty nigh;  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit-ter per-fume breathes a life of gath-er-ing gloom;  
5 Glo-rious now be-hold him a-rise, King and God and Sac-ri-fice:

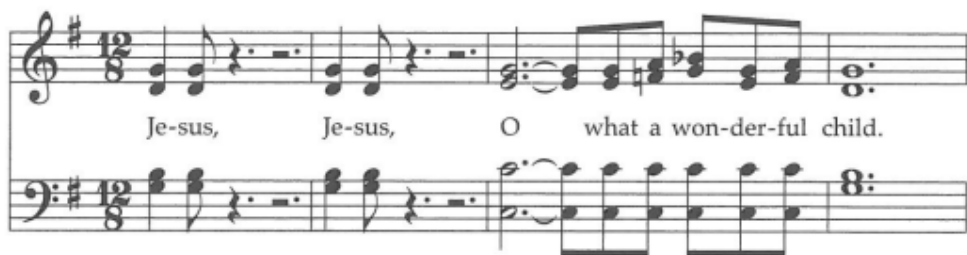
field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, fol-low-ing yon-der star.  
King for-ev-er, ceas-ing nev-er o-ver us all to reign.  
prayer and prais-ing glad-ly rais-ing, wor-ship-ing God Most High.  
sor-rowing, sigh-ing, bleed-ing, dy-ing, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

## Refrain

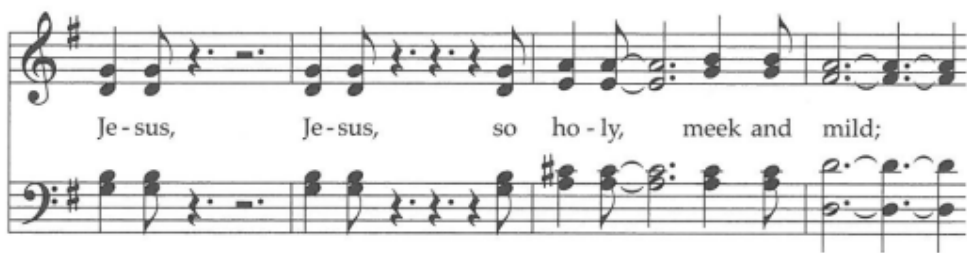
O star of won-der, star of night, star with roy-al beau-ty bright,

west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light!

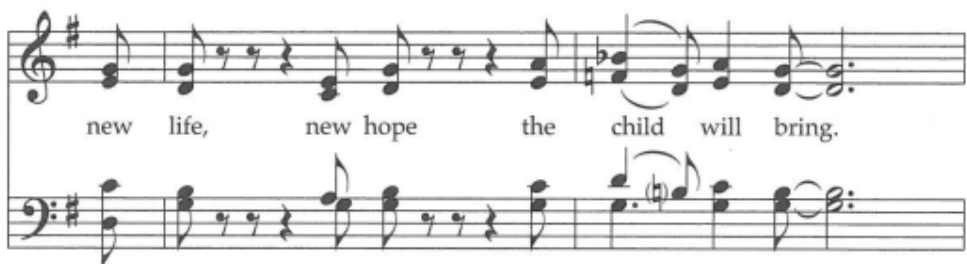
# Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child 126



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.

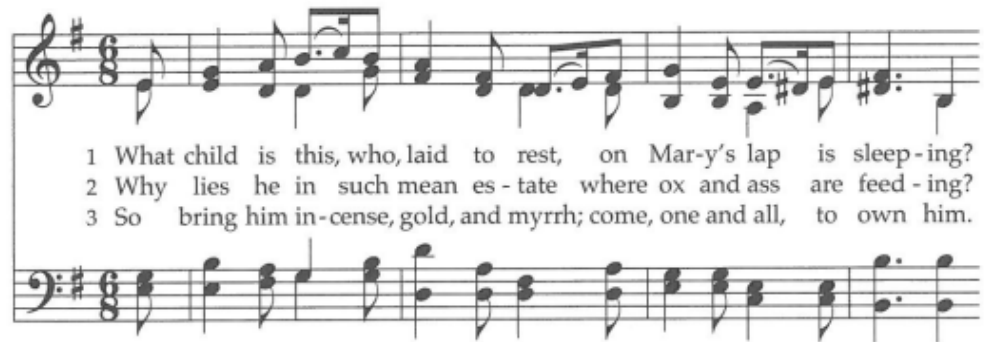


Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry,

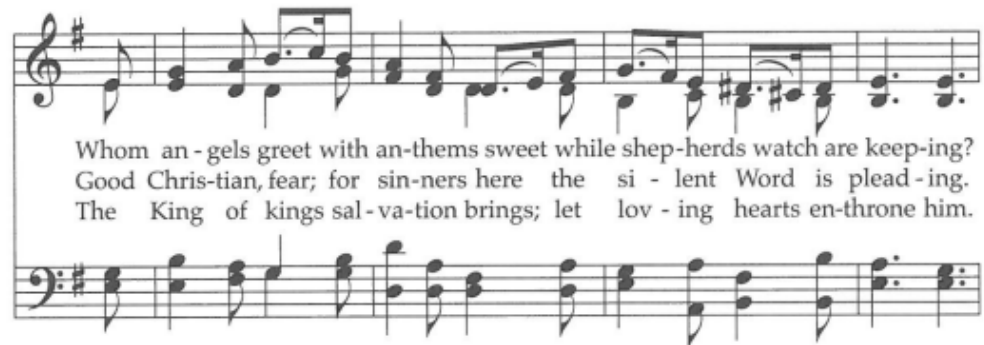


glo - ry, glo - ry!" Let the heav - ens ring.

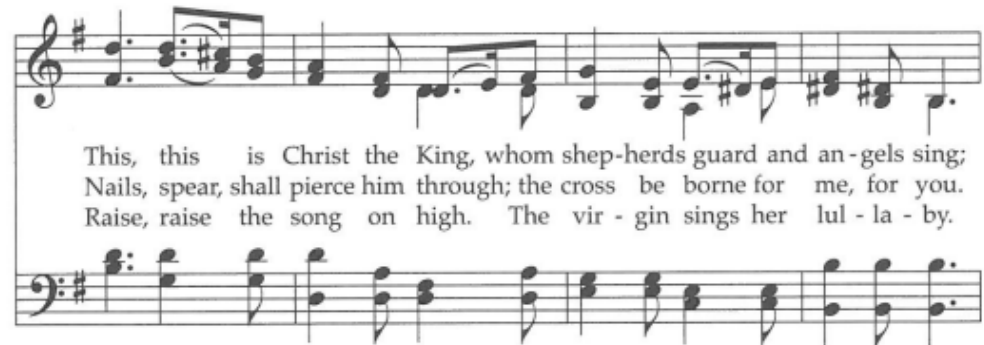
# 145 What Child Is This



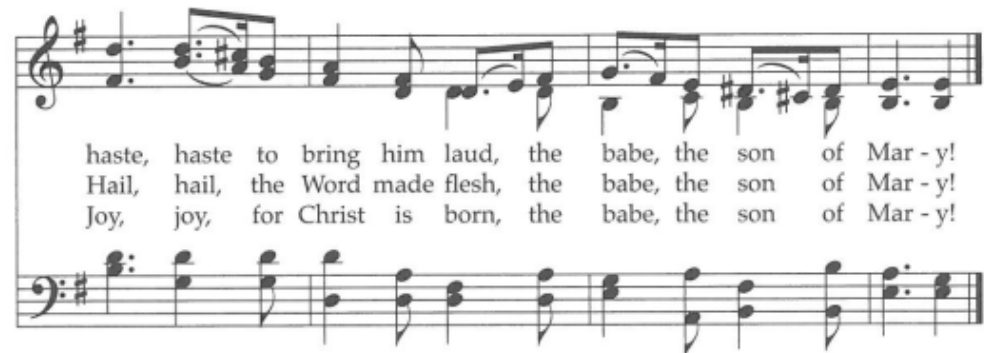
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 347

Capo 3: (Bm)



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly  
earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man  
on the way, as the Light of light de -  
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to, the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
he will give to all the faith - ful  
that the powers of hell may van - ish  
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
his own self for heaven - ly food.  
as the shad - ows clear a - way.  
al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"