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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.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

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Online Worship

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 25th, 2026

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness #657

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: God who sends us out to learn and grow in Your Son Jesus...

All: We praise You for this wild world, for all that is different from what we've known, and all that You use in it to point our lives towards You.

One: Like the first disciples, might we drop what is in our hands, might we let go of all that is evil in our lives, may we let go of all that hinders us from moving forward.

All: God, sometimes we are stubborn, sometimes we don't want to drop our nets, sometimes we want to cling to what we have known.

One: Forgive us for clinging tightly to what we should let go of. Forgive us for resisting change.

All: Forgive us for all the ways in which we do not follow Your Son.

One: Make us holy, Holy God.

All: In Christ's name we pray, amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, in 1st Peter the author reminds us readers that the good news of the gospel was shared even with the dead. This was done so that while they were judged while alive that their lives after death might be wholly transformed. The good news is good news for us.

All: Really?

One: Really.

All: Does God's love break through even the seemingly impossible? Can God raise the dead?

One: It does, and God can and does.

All: God's love is powerful.

One: It's because of Christ's love for us in and through his birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: That 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)

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

*RESPONSE We've Come This Far by Faith #656

CHANCEL CHOIR What a Friend We Have in Jesus

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Isaiah 9:1-4

Sermon The Call of God: To Go & Do Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Matthew 4:17-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

*RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who calls us to follow, thank You for loving us. Thank You for calling us each beloved. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from, with care. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. May we live Your expansive love. We give You thanks for all of these gifts and what they mean for the kingdom of God. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for this congregation, Superior community, and world. May we each be able to share the good news that Christ is at work in our communities! Amen.

TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Here's our suggested version, but feel free to pray the version you are most familiar with.)

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 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore #721

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALKING GROUP

Come join the **Walking Group** every Wednesday in the UPC gym from 12:00-1:00 PM.

- Walk in the gym when it's cold/icy outside.
- Wear **inside shoes** so gym floor doesn't get wet and dirty.

Whether you prefer a quick 15-minute stroll or a full hour, 1 lap or 10 laps, or simply a walk at your own pace, this is a great way to get moving and make some new friends. All are welcome! Questions? Contact the office or Jackie VanErt at 218-428-4112.

SOUP & BREAD POTLUCK

Our soup & bread potluck is Sunday, February 15, right after the service. Be on the look out for sign-up sheets in the narthex if you would like to bring soup or bread!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us next Sunday, February 1, after worship for a congregational meeting to correct the Elder nominations.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 9:1-4

9:1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. **2** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. **3** You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. **4** For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 4:17-23

4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." **18** As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. **19** And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." **20** Immediately they left their nets and followed him. **21** As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. **22** Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. **23** Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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 in the crafting room inside the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office to learn more.
- Community Dinner—Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June, and August. To learn more, contact the office or Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith! Children's Church takes place during the Sunday service. Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly, or monthly basis. Training will be provided! Questions? Contact Mac Burriss 304-890-2375.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC. All are welcome!
- Volleyball—Every Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC.
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Family Restaurant. February 7 is the next breakfast. Questions? Contact Tom Lisak at 218-348-5390.
- Women's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Waffles. February 7 is the next breakfast. Contact Dorothy Burriss at 817-715-0968 with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January, February, and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.
- *The Chosen* Small Group—Gather at the Hecht home on Mondays at 10a beginning January 19th through March 9th to watch season two of *The Chosen*. This is a historical drama about the life of Jesus.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Lenten Small Group—Pick up our devotional book for Lent this year and join us in the Youth Room on Sundays at 8:45a beginning on February 22nd. If you have any questions, contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com.
- Munch Bunch—Our next Munch Bunch is February 5, at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us at Shamrock Pizza in Superior. Contact Debbie at 218-269-4679 with any questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1/25

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

TUESDAY 1/27

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY 1/29

10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Kickstarters Soccer

SATURDAY 1/31

MONDAY 1/26

UPBeat Deadline
10:00 AM *The Chosen* Small Group
2:30 PM Piano Lessons
4:00 PM Superior Sister City Commission

WEDNESDAY 1/28

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Walking Group
12:00 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 1/30

Birthdays This Week

1/25—Dale VanErt
1/27—Tim Anderson
1/27—Gianna Johnson
1/27—Lyn Larson
1/29—Courtney Cairns
1/29—Bev Vosburgh
1/29—Hunter Willmore

657 Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

(Psalm 147)

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (D)
 Refrain F Dm Gm7 C F

Sing to God, with joy and glad-ness, hymns and
 psalms of grat-i-tude; with the voice of praise
 dis-cov-er that to wor-ship God is good.

1 God u-nites the scat-tered peo-ple, gath-ers
 2 Such is God's great power and wis-dom, none can
 3 God with clouds the sky has cur-tained, thus en-
 4 God's dis-cern-ment nev-er fa-vors strength or

those who wan-dered far, heals the hurt and bro-ken
 cal-cu-late or tell; keen is God to ground the
 sur-ing rain shall fall; earth, re-spond-ing, grows to
 speed to lift or move; God de-lights in those who

spir-its, tend-ing ev-ery wound and scar.
 wick-ed and with hum-ble folk to dwell.
 or-der food for crea-tures great and small.
 wor-ship, trust-ing in God's stead-fast love.

(D) (G) (Em7) (A) to Refrain
 F B \flat Gm7 C F

We've Come This Far by Faith 656

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,
 trust-ing in the ho-ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.

O, can't turn a-round, we've come this
 far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla

1 Lord, you have come to the lake-shore look-ing
2 You know so well my pos-ses-sions; my boat
3 You need my hands, full of car-ing, through my
4 You, who have fished oth-er o-ceans, ev-er

nei-ther for wealth-y nor wise ones; you on-ly
car-ries no gold and no weap-ons; you will
la-bors to give oth-ers rest and con-stant
longed for by souls who are wait-ing, my lov-ing

asked me to fol-low hum-bly.
find there my nets and la-bor.
love that keeps on lov-ing.
friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Se-ñor, me has mi-ra-do a los o-jos, son-ri-

smil-ing have spo-ken my name; now my
en-do has di-cho mi nom-bre, en la a-

boat's left on the shore-line be-hind me. By your
re-na he de-ja-do mi bar-ca, jun-to a

side I will seek oth-er seas.
ti bus-ca-ré o-tro mar.