

HELPFUL TO KNOW

we offer nearing assistance devices-see technology desk.) Parts of the liturgy inspired by the lona Community and modified by Rev. Brett M. Foote.

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time & Communion Sunday
February 2nd, 2025 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 Vivian Markley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT: Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet #458

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Perfect love casts out fear.

All: You God, have cast out the fear in our lives with the love of Christ.

One: Loving God is sometimes easy, sometimes not.

All: Loving our neighbor is sometimes easy, sometimes not.

One: Forgive us.

All: Forgive us for not loving as you have called us to do.

One: Help us to be patient, not envious or rude.

All: Help us to be kind and rejoice in the truth. In the name of Christ we

pray, Amen.

*HYMN More Love to Thee, O Christ

#828

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Know that God is good, and to those that are truly sorry God forgives what is past and enables us to begin again.

All: Once we were no people, now we are God's people. Once we were beyond God's mercy; now that mercy has been given to us.

One: So let us live as those who treasure God's costly generosity.

All: By safeguarding God's earth, delighting in its people, and loving our Maker.

One: Christ will be found as you follow. You won't be held back from Christ.

One: To whom be all glory and power forever and ever...

All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (vs 1)

#582

#749

CHANCEL CHOIR

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jane Wester

Old Testament Jeremiah 1: 4-10

SERMON Capable & Called: Love Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament 1 Corinthians 13: 1-10, 12

*HYMN Come! Live in the Light!

*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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

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*RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of love, thank you for overflowing in our lives like the lake spills into our rivers. Take our gifts of 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. Let love guide us, each and every day! Amen.

#609

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: For you, Creator God, the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation.

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: For you, God of all, the church in its myriad forms and countless languages honors its Savior. Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the drama of worship.

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: In heaven, beyond our seeing, the saints and angels are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of the great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven.

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: So gladly we join our voices to those of earth, lake, and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity.

*COMMUINON HYM Come to the Table of Grace (vs 1-3) #507

LORD'S PRAYER

One: Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

PRAYER FOR AFTER WE'VE BEEN FED

One: O Friend, O Brother Jesus we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.

All: Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope and love. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN I Come With Joy

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*BENEDICTION

One: Is God Good?

All: God is good.

One: Is life worth living?

All: Life is worth living.

One: Is the best yet to come?

All: Always, the best is yet to come.

One: Then go, as friends of Jesus and enjoy him for ever.

All: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, to-day I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 13: 1-10, 12

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY DINNER

The next community dinner will be held on February 16th, starting at 4pm. Volunteers will be needed for set-up, serving, clean-up, and take down. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets!

WIFI

If you are looking to connect to the WiFi at the church, you can scan the QR code in the narthex for access.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 2/2

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 2/3

3:30 PM Piano Lessons 3:30 PM Fellowship & Outreach

TUESDAY 2/4

10:00 AM Pickleball 1:00 PM AA Meeting 4:00 PM Worship Meeting 5:00 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 2/5

10:00 AM Crafters Group 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM CSA Pick-up 4:00 PM Deacons Meeting 4:30 PM Piano Lessons 6:00 PM Book Club

THURSDAY 2/6

10:00 AM Pickleball 3:30 PM Piano Lessons 4:00 PM Kickstarters Soccer

<u>FRIDAY 2/7</u>

Birthdays This Week

2/2— Kara Peterson 2/6— Tom Vosburgh 2/7— Linda Wigchers 2/8— Dawn Long

SATURDAY 2/8

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 help our young ones 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.
- Volunteer with Great Lakes Elementary— Support the students at our neighboring school, Great Lakes Elementary. The times and days vary—connect with Laura to find out availability. *A background check is required.

Ways To Learn, Grow, & Get Involved

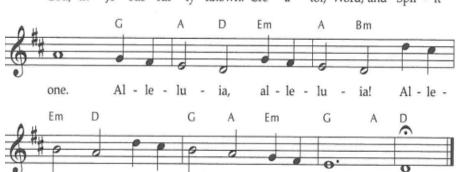
- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball— Every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Spiritual Formation Small Groups*— We will be journeying through A Good Enough Lent and meet for six weeks during Lent. More details and sign-up forms are on the table in the narthex.

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Praise God, from Whom





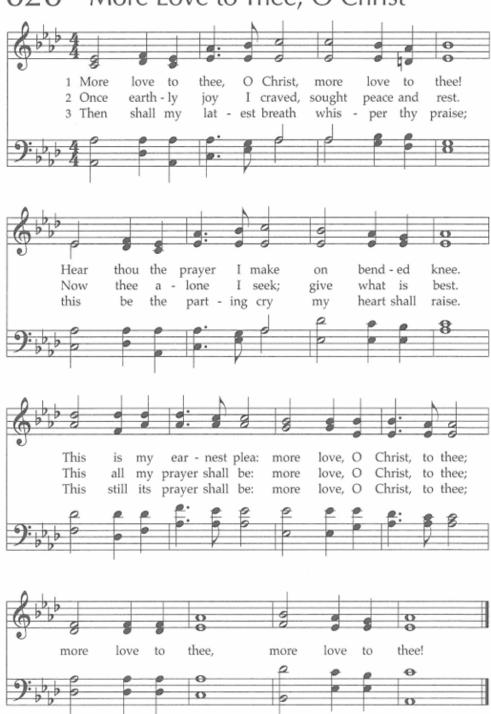
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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



I Come with Joy

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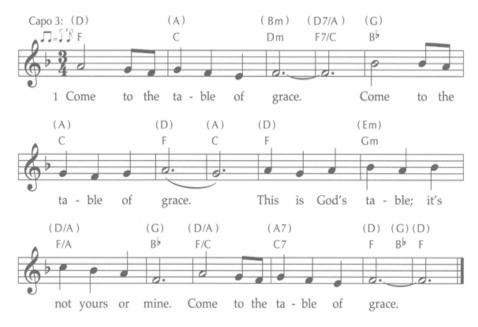
1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has





love laid down for me, Christ's com-mu - nion bread, strang - ers now are friends, live a - mong us here, love that makes us one, in love laid down for me.
in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
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the love that makes us one.

Come to the Table of Grace 507



- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...