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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
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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Creede McClellan & Friends

***INTROIT** Advent Candle
(Choir sings verse, congregation joins for chorus)

Advent candles warm and bright
Fill the world with radiant light.
Help us find the Promised One;
Guide us to the child who will come. x2

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray. God of today and tomorrow...

All: When Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house. Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her.

One: How often do we have that same opportunity?

All: How often do we leave the door locked, the curtains drawn, and the lights off?

One: How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy?

All: Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: ...Let us respond together, using the words from Mary's song.

All: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant, Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed."

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "May 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 Jesus, Jesus O What a Wonderful Child #126

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Rev. Sarah Speed and Adapted by Pastor Brett)

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: We believe that creation is inextricably linked.

We belong to one another in an undeniable way.

We are bone of bone and flesh of flesh, life breathed into dust.

We believe that God invites us to live into that truth—

to love without abandon,

to see the good in one another,

to trust that all belong to God.

We know that this life of connection is easier said than done,

which is why we gather in this space, week after week,

generation after generation, to be reminded:

We witness God in each other. This we believe. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Sue Olson

Isaiah 7:10-17

Luke 1:39-45; 56-58

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*HYMN To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary #98

*HYMN Away in a Manger #115

*HYMN While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks #118

*HYMN The First Nowell (vs 3&4) #147

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE O Come, All Ye Faithful Alex Sandor #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 of yesterday and God of tomorrow, from the very beginning, you gave us the gift of relationships. From the very beginning, you tucked us into communities. From the very beginning, you wired us for connection. From the very beginning, you made our hearts capable of love. Thank you! Bless our tithes and offerings. Help us to serve and love alongside 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, South Range, Poplar, Maple, and Duluth may know your boundless peace from generation to generation. 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. 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 Joy to the World #134

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:39-45; 56-58

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home. Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 12/18

- 8:30 AM Pageant Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Morning Worship
- 11:00 AM Mission Committee
- 11:30 AM Confirmation
- 4 PM Community Dinner
- 6 PM Volleyball
- 6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 12/19

- 1 PM UPBeat Deadline
- 4 PM Piano Lessons
- 7:30 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 12/20

- 3:45 PM Piano Lessons
- 4 PM Pickleball

WEDNESDAY 12/21

- 12 PM Staff Meeting
- 1 PM Caregiver Conversations
- 2-6 PM CSA Pickup
- 3:45 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 12/22

- 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 12/23

SATURDAY 12/24

- 4 PM Christmas Eve Service
- 9 PM Christmas Eve Service

Birthdays This Week

- 12/18 Alice Matthias
- 12/20 Cheri Danielson

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>

LOOKING AHEAD

December 26 & 27
December 30

Office Closed—Christmas
UPBeat Mailing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, December 9th, 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!

COME JOIN US!

The Bell Choir is looking for a new member. If you would like to join this great group, please contact Jane. Also, the Chancel Choir has empty seats. We'd love to fill them all and add more. Please give it a try. Show up for practice at 8:45 Sunday morning!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Pickleball will continue on Tuesdays from 4-6 PM.

Volleyball will continue on Sundays from 6-7:30 PM.

January 1st- New Year Get-together at the Lisak's House. Please join us for a fun day of sledding, skating, boot hockey, snowshoeing, ice fishing, indoor games, and fellowship. Potluck lunch to begin at noon. See you there! (4519 E. Pleasant View Rd. Superior, WI 54880)

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

We will be taking our Christmas Joy offering this Sunday, December 18th. See the insert for more information.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed December 26th and 27th for Christmas, as well as January 2nd for New Years.

ANNUAL MEETING

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

COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our free Community Dinner this Sunday, December 18th. Dine in is available from 4-5 PM, then at 5 PM, leftover meals will be packaged up and distributed for anyone who would like to enjoy a hot meal at home instead. We cannot guarantee pick up availability, nor can we distribute pickups any earlier than 5 PM.

We will be serving brown sugar ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, and ice cream and Christmas cookies. We hope to see you there!

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 Sunday, January 8th.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This Sunday, December 18 we will be having our annual Christmas program and all ages are invited to join!

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.

POINSETTIAS

This Sunday, December 18th, is the last day to turn in Poinsettia orders. If you need another form, they are available at the back of the Narthex, or in the office.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We will be having two Christmas Eve services, one at 4 PM and one at 9 PM. There will be childcare provided in the nursery at the 4 PM service. Dean Hecht will be playing the guitar at the 4 PM service, and Alex will be on the piano and organ at the 9 PM service. We hope to see you there!



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

The Christmas Joy 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 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

And the Word became flesh and lived among us...

—JOHN 1:14

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congregation



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THE PERFECT GIFT.

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50%

of your gifts assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.



Rev. Sunjae Jung was living in Korea with his family when he was called to serve the Athens Korean Presbyterian Church near Atlanta. Shortly after the family arrived, COVID struck, leading to a severe financial impact on both his congregation and his family. The family found itself struggling to make ends meet. They applied for and received an Emergency Grant split evenly between the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and the Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

"I truly believe these programs have met Rev. Jung at a time of real need, and I'm hopeful good momentum is on his horizon so he can continue to lend his gifts towards ministry."

— Lucas McCool, Assistance Program Operations Manager,
PC(USA) Board of Pensions



50%

of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Samual Polanco credits his experience at the Menaul School as being instrumental in breaking down life's many barriers. That Jesus broke down dividing walls and welcomed everyone is very much a reality on the Menaul campus, especially during mission week. Samual and his classmates spent five days on the U.S.-Mexico border with the goal of building understanding and relationships.

"We teach that faith is to be lived out in the world. Because so many young people today see the church as building walls to isolate and separate, we at Menaul are all about opening doors to the richness of God's creation."

— John Sitler, Teacher, Menaul School

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



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.

98 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

Capo 3: (Em) (B7) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)
Gm D7 Gm Cm D Gm

- 1 To a maid whose name was Mar-y, the an-gel Ga-briel came.
- 2 "For you are high-ly fa-vored by God the Lord of all,
- 3 But Mar-y was most trou-bled to hear the an-gel's word.
- 4 "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.
- 5 "How shall this be?" said Mar-y, "I am not yet a wife."
- 6 As Mar-y heard the an-gel, she won-dered at his words.

(Em) (B7) (Em) (G) (D) (G)
Gm D7 Gm B \flat F B \flat

"Fear not," the an-gel told her, "I come to bring good news; who e-ven now is with you. You are on earth most blest; What was the an-gel say-ing? It trou-bled her to hear, His name shall be called Je-sus, God's off-spring from on high. The an-gel an-swered quick-ly, "The power of the Most High "Be-hold, I am your hand-maid," she said un-to her God.

(Em) (Am) (B) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)
Gm Cm D Gm Cm D Gm

good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news." you are most blest, most bless-ed; God chose you, you are blest!" to hear the an-gel's mes-sage, it trou-bled her to hear. And he shall reign for-ev-er, for-ev-er reign on high." will come up-on you short-ly, your child shall be God's child." "So be it; I am read-y ac-cord-ing to your word."

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G) B \flat (D) F

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7) C7 (D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 118

1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of
 4 "The heaven - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man

on the ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down, and
 trou - bled mind: "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to
 Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, and
 view dis - played, all hum - bly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and

glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 you and hu - man - kind, to you and hu - man - kind.
 this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:
 in a man - ger laid, and in a man - ger laid."

5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
 appeared a shining throng
 of angels praising God, who thus
 addressed their joyful song,
 addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high,
 and to the earth be peace;
 good will to all from highest heaven
 begin and never cease,
 begin and never cease!"

The First Nowell



1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
 2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -



shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing
 east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop



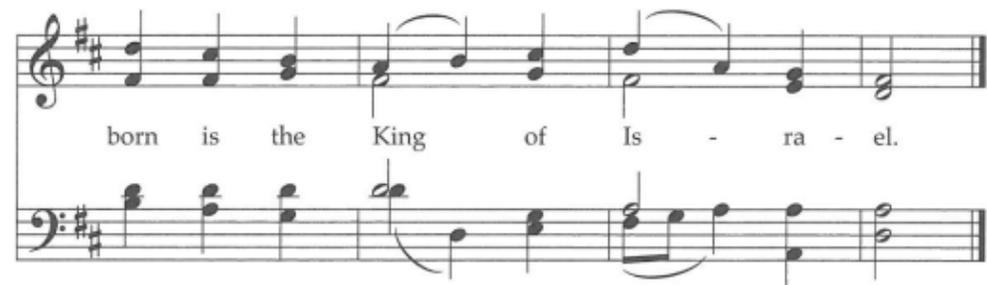
their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.



Refrain



Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,



born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -



her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness



and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,



sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



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