

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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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) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling  
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*Cover Art: Burial plot of Frère Roger (Brother Roger) of the Taizé community at the village chapel in Taizé, France. Photo taken by Pastor Brett.*

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### Online Worship

*Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**November 12th, 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 & CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness #657

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God of love, we praise you for casting out all fear. We praise you for sharing with us the sure hope of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Forgive any and all anxiety we may have about the end of time. Forgive us for creating anxiety in others' lives when we've spread more fear than hope. May we rest in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection found in you for all of humanity. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

**\*HYMN** Be Still My Soul #819

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: UPC, you are forgiven...not just by me, or by your neighbor, but by God. As sure as the winter snow will fly and the leaves on the trees will drop, we know this. This forgiveness is all encompassing. It covers what has happened in the past in our lives and assures us that even though we will continue to miss the mark and sin, we are forgiven into the future as well. It is 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.)

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

**\*RESPONSE** We've Come This Far By Faith (2x) #656

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Jackie Pananen  
Old Testament Reading Psalm 78:1-7

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SERMON** "Pranks Where Everyone Disappears: Hope"

Rev. Brett M Foote

**New Testament Reading** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**\*HYMN** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #260

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Alex Sandor

**\*RESPONSE** Give Thanks #647

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"

Let the poor say, "We are rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us!" (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

**\*PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who gives us an example in Jesus, may we teach others with our lives. Bless us so that we may be a blessing to our neighbors and fellow pilgrims. Bless us so that we might elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized. Bless others as we give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we represent your expansive justice and love. Help us to let others know they are beloved. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and Ironwood may 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** We Will Go Out With Joy #539

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalm 78:1-7*

A Maskil of Asaph.  
 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
 I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
 things that we have heard and known,  
 that our ancestors have told us.  
 We will not hide them from their children;  
 we will tell to the coming generation  
 the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
 and the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob,  
 and appointed a law in Israel,  
 which he commanded our ancestors  
 to teach to their children;  
 that the next generation might know them,  
 the children yet unborn,  
 and rise up and tell them to their children,  
 so that they should set their hope in God,  
 and not forget the works of God,  
 but keep his commandments;

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

**SUNDAY 11/12**

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00 AM Morning Worship  
 10:15 AM Children's Church  
 6 PM Volleyball  
 6 PM Boy Scouts  
 6:30 PM Student Worship at the Table

**MONDAY 11/13**

5 PM Finance Committee  
 6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons

**TUESDAY 11/14**

10 AM Pickleball  
 1 PM Boost Your Brain & Memory  
 6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY 11/15**

12 PM Staff Meeting  
 1 PM Caregiver Conversations  
 2-6 PM CSA Pickup

**THURSDAY 11/16**

Fellowship Hall in Use—Ecumenical Service Set Up  
 10 AM Pickleball  
 6:15 PM Session Meeting  
 7 PM AA Meeting

**FRIDAY 11/17**

Fellowship Hall in Use—Ecumenical Service Set Up

**SATURDAY 11/18**

Fellowship Hall in Use—Ecumenical Service Set Up

**Birthdays This Week**

11/12 Piper Carswell  
 11/15 Rebecca Olson  
 11/15 Angel Phillips  
 11/15 Erica Schulz  
 11/16 Olivia Pennington  
 11/17 Dean Hecht  
 11/17 Serena Lamers-McClellan  
 11/18 Debra Karvonen

**LOOKING AHEAD**

November 19 Ecumenical Thanksgiving  
 November 23-24 Office Closed

**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>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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

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. *There will be no Children's Church on Sunday, November 26th.*

### FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Our pickleball schedule is changing again in November! Starting this week, you can join us **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!

**November 14, 28, and December 5, 12, 19**—Chelsea Thompson will be leading a “Boost Your Brain and Memory Program” from 1-2:30 PM.

**January 28th**—Birthday Potluck: Sign up sheets will be posted closer to the event.

**February 18th**—Spud Day: More information to come closer to the event.

### BUMP, SET, SPIKE BY JAY

We had 13 for UPC Volleyball last Sunday! Kate Long was our MVP this week, with some great sets and hits!

### REFUGEE FOR 75 MINUTES EXHIBIT: FROM AFGHANISTAN TO GERMANY

We have been invited to attend the *Refugee for 75 Minutes Exhibit: From Afghanistan to Germany* in the UWS Yellowjacket Union Ballroom A, on November 14th. There will be special attention given to the current refugee situations going on in the world, for example in Ukraine and in Gaza. A group from United will be attending at 4 PM. This group will meet in the lobby of the Yellowjacket Union, near the Caribou Coffee. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor Brett, Debbie Bergstrom, or Cathy Hecht.

Following the exhibit, the group from United will be having a meal together in the Yellowjacket Union.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUPERIOR REBUILD FORMS

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with a large scale or small scale project, such as home repairs or upgrades, Superior Rebuild would like to help! There are forms available at the back of the narthex that can be filled out with details about the work that needs to be done. Once they are filled out, feel free to put them into the offering plate, mailbox, or in the office. You may also scan and email the form to the office if that is convenient for you.

### COMMUNITY DINNER & ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING

Please join us for our free Community Dinner next Sunday, November 19th. The meal will start at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Thanksgiving Meal this month. This will coincide with our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, which will begin at 4:15 PM. 10 local churches are gathering together and each contributing in some way to the meal and the service.

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.

### UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

It is almost time to raise funds for the 2024 UPC Community Garden. SeedMoney.org will once again be our fundraising platform. (Will we again be awarded a grant from SeedMoney in recognition of how much money we raise? Let's make it happen!) The fundraising period is Wednesday, November 15, through December 15. Need help donating online? Someone from the committee will be on hand to assist after each Sunday service during this period. We hope you'll consider giving to this cause.

### CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, November 10th, 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.



# *Christmas Poinsettias*

*Order Form 2023*

Poinsettias will be bought to decorate our sanctuary for Advent. If you wish to remember or honor someone, donations should be made by:

**Sunday, December 3rd, 2023.**

***Please circle if the person is to be remembered or honored.***

Remembered

Honored

\_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested donation \$17.00 per poinsettia plant.**

The order form and donation may be placed in the offering plate, brought into the church office (placed on the desk if secretary isn't present), or mailed to the church.

Given by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to take a poinsettia home after Christmas Eve.

Yes

No

*United Presbyterian Church, 229 N 28th St. E Superior, WI 54880*

# 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

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (Bm) (Em7)  
 Dm Gm7 F Dm Gm7



psalms of grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise

(A) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (D)  
 C F Dm Gm7 F *Fine*



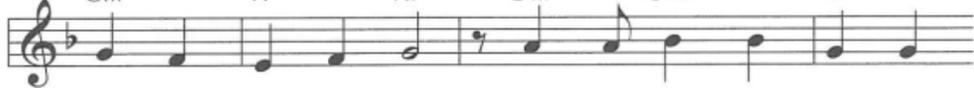
dis - cov - er that to wor - ship God is good.

(Bm) (Em7) (A) (F#) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 C A Bb



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

(Em) (F#) (F#7) (Bm) (Em7) (A)  
 Gm A A7 Dm Gm7 C



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

(D) (G) (Em7) (A) to Refrain (D)  
 F Bb Gm7 C F



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.

# 819

# Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;



Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

# We've Come This Far by Faith 656

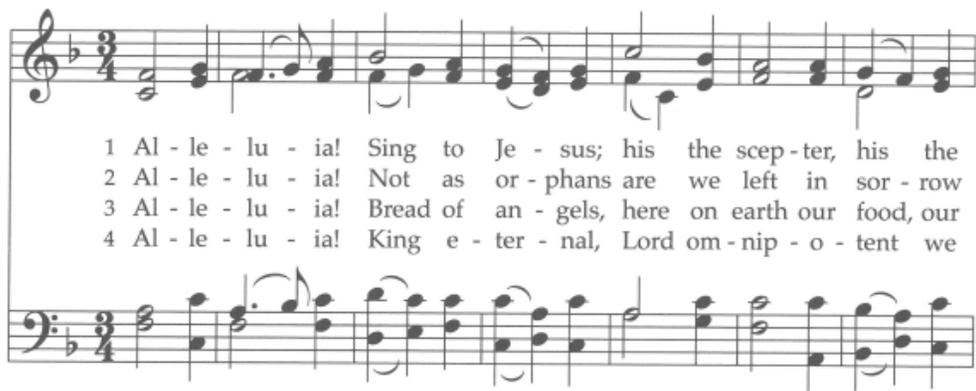
We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,

trust-ing in the ho - ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.

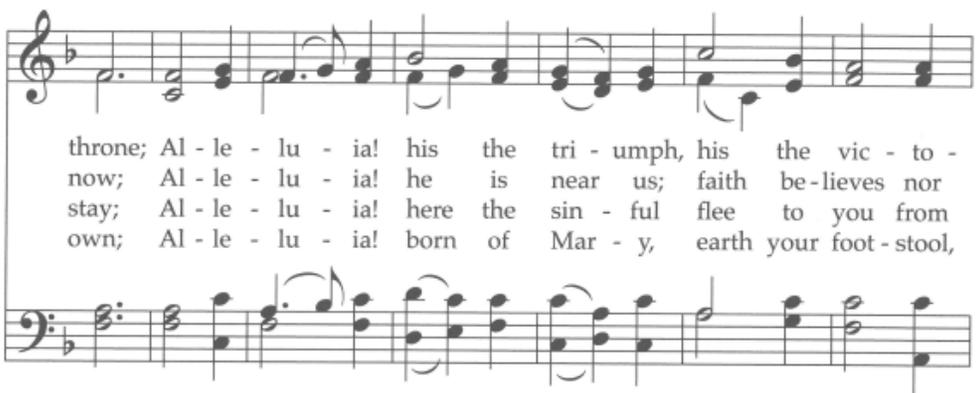
O, can't turn a - round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

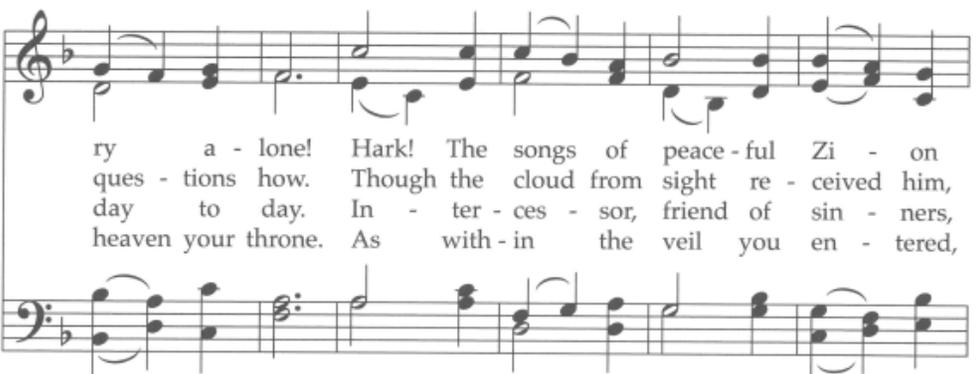
## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



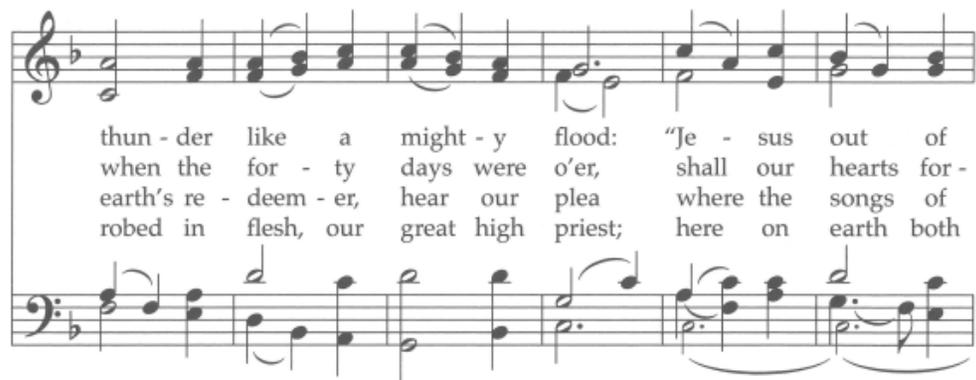
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we



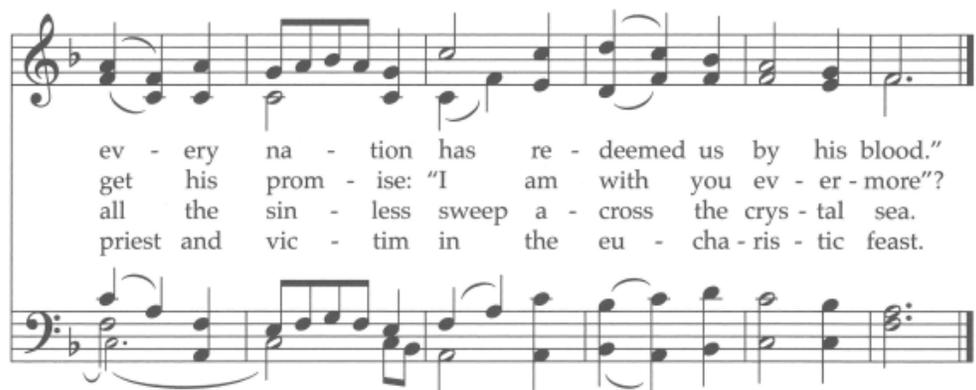
throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor  
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,



thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both



ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

# We Will Go Out with Joy 539

*Leader* C F/C C G7 C

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

C F/C C C/G G7 C *Fine*  
*All*

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*Refrain* F#sus2 C F G C

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

F#sus2 C E#sus2 Dm7 G#sus G *to Stanzas*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!