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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 Burris 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
Baptism Of Our Lord

January 11th, 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit #408

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: For the water that gives us life Holy God...

All: For the water of the Lake, the water of the womb, the waters of baptism...we give You thanks!

One: In Your Son Jesus' baptism, You chose us.

All: Despite the renewing waters of baptism, we and this world hurt.

One: We hurt each other, and we feel the pain of brokenness and sin.

All: We are sorry Holy God. Renew us with the remembrance of our baptisms.

One: Renew us that we may love and serve You and our neighbors at every opportunity.

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON—*Like The Water* by Wendell Berry**

One: Like the water of a deep stream,

All: love is always too much.

One: We did not make it.

All: Though we drink till we burst, we cannot have it all, or want it all.

One: In its abundance it survives our thirst.

All: In the evening we come down to the shore to drink our fill, and sleep,

One: while it flows through the regions of the dark.

All: It does not hold us, except we keep returning to its rich waters thirsty.

One: We enter it...

All: willing to die, into the commonwealth of its joy.

One: Love has an overabundance for us because of Christ and his birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are 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** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (vs 1) #582

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deborah Schlacks

Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1-9

Sermon More Than Sprinkles: Baptism & God With US
Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament

Matthew 3:13-17

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM As The Deer #626

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

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

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of our baptisms, thank You for the inward grace bestowed in our lives. Thank You for the cleansing waters that claim us. 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 live with the power and humility of the Son Jesus and his birth as we navigate this fearful world. 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** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #475

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK

Please find sign up sheets in the narthex for the birthday potluck, coming soon, January 18, following worship and the annual meeting. 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 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!

ANNUAL MEETING

Following the service next Sunday, January 18, everyone is welcome to stay for the Annual Meeting.

CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP

Following the service today, we will be doing our Christmas clean-up. Anyone who is able to stay and help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

WALKING GROUP

Come join the **Walking Group** starting January 14 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 walking 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

42:1 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. **2** He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; **3** a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. **4** He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. **5** 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: **6** 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, **7** to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. **8** I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. **9** See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Isaiah 42:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT

3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. **14** John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" **15** But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. **16** And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17** And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:13-17

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! You will serve with a Nursery Coordinator once or twice a month (your choice). 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 during Children's Church! This takes place during the Sunday service. You can volunteer once or twice a month (your choice). 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 Burris 304-890-2375.
- Hotdish Initiative—We're looking for volunteers to help distribute meals to individuals and families in need. If you're looking to help out or learn more, contact Jane Wester at 218-591-7633.

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 Burris 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1/11

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
8:45 AM Spiritual Formation Committee
Coffee Hour—Following worship
12:00 PM Christmas Clean-up
4:00 PM Dungeons & Dragons
6:00 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 1/12

2:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY 1/14

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Walking Group
4:00 PM Piano Lessons
6:15 PM Personnel Committee

FRIDAY 1/16

THURSDAY 1/15
10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
4:00 PM Kickstarters Soccer

SATURDAY 1/17

Birthdays This Week

1/13—Jack Finstad
1/14—Elda Hanson
1/14—Joan Johnson
1/15—Ailey Rude
1/17—LaShawn Rush

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can-not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; and for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)

B♭ F B♭ F B♭ F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)

F B♭ E♭ B♭ Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F♯) (Bm)

C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)

Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

As the Deer

D A Bm Dsus D

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my

G A7sus A7 D G A7 D A

soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my

Bm Dsus D G Asus A7 D

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Bm Bm/A G D/F♯ G Bm

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone

Em F♯sus F♯ D A

may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

Bm Dsus D G A7sus A7 D

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.