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If you'd like to join virtually, please connect with the following link:  
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>  
(If you are here in person we offer hearing assistance devices-see technology desk.)

### 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**  
**Christmas Eve**

**December 24th, 2025**

**4:00 PM**

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** **Laura Petite**

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** **O Come, All Ye Faithful** **#133**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God of angel choruses, You hang the stars in the sky, but we do not see them.

**All: You fill the night with angelic song, but we do not hear it.**

One: You send shepherds to tell the good news, but we do not believe them.

**All: You bring love into the world, but we do not seek it.**

One: Quiet the fear in us that works to rationalize, minimize, and distract from the good news you put forth into the world.

**All: Tune our hearts back to your song**

One: With hope we pray, amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Family of faith, when the angels arrived in the field that night, the shepherds were afraid. But the angels said: "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people."

**All: This good news is: love freely given, grace radically extended, welcome always offered, belonging never restricted.**

One: Friends, we are seen, loved, welcomed, called, sent to serve and forgiven because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection..

**All: Thanks be to God for a love like that. 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!" (share a request in the comments section)

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

**\*HYMN** **O Little Town of Bethlehem** **#121**

**THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD** **Luke 2:1-20**

**KNOWN TO US**

**\*HYMN** **Away in a Manger** **#115**

**SHARED WITH OTHERS**

**\*HYMN** **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** **#119**

**SPREAD TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

**\*HYMN** **Angels We Have Heard on High** **#113**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**OFFERING**

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

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: Infant Christ, May we always share Your light in the world. No matter the circumstances. May we shed that light to our neighbors. May we spread that light to the ends of the earth, 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.**

One: May we do so with all of our being and when we come to an end of our words Your son Jesus' words ring true when he taught the disciples to pray together saying...

**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.**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** **Joan Johnson**

**SHARING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN** **This Little Light of Mine** **See Insert**

**\*HYMN** **Silent Night** **#122**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

## SCRIPTURE READING

### OLD TESTAMENT

#### **Luke 2:1-20**

**2:1-5** About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

**6-7** While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

**8-12** There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

**13-14** At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises: Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.

**15-18** As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherds talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherds were impressed.

**19-20** Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. The shepherds returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY 12/24

4:00 PM Family Service  
9:00 PM Traditional Service

### FRIDAY 12/26

Office Closed

### SUNDAY 12/28

10:00 AM Breakfast Potluck  
6:00 PM Volleyball

### THURSDAY 12/25

Office Closed—Merry Christmas

### SATURDAY 12/27

#### Birthdays This Week

12/28—Tom Lisak  
12/28—Teri Quinn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES & PAJAMA SUNDAY

Today we will have two services: the first is an interactive and intergenerational family service at 4:00 PM, and the second is a traditional service at 9:00 PM. Please note that child care will be provided at the 4:00 PM service, but not at the 9:00 PM service. Then the next Sunday will be Pajama Sunday, with a breakfast potluck during worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with several options to get involved.

### SHOE DRIVE

Funds2org will not come and pick up over the holidays, thus giving us another few weeks to collect. To date, we are at 1700 pairs of shoes! Collection boxes are located inside Pilgrim, Zion, UPC, Our Saviors and Concordia churches, and also inside Trends Salon in the Blaine business center. Boxes are also located outside the main doors at Pilgrim so after hours drop offs can be done 24/7.

### NEWS YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Join us on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day for some fun at the Lisaks' home, located at 4519 East Pleasant View Rd., Superior, WI. There will be sliding, ice fishing, ice skating, a bonfire, indoor games, food, and more! Festivities begin at 7:00 PM on New Year's Eve and 1:00 PM on New Year's Day. Please bring a dish to share and an item for the dice game. Contact Beth Lisak at (715) 817-4861 with any questions.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- 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. Questions? Contact Tom Lisak at 218-348-5390.
- 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.
- Breakfast Potluck\*—We'll be having a breakfast potluck during worship for Pajama Sunday, December 28th. Contact the office with any questions.

### **This Little Light of Mine**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine**

**Shine it around the neighborhood**

**Hide it under a bushel? NO**

**Don't let Satan blow it out**

**Let it shine 'til Jesus comes**

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 night.  
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

## Refrain

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

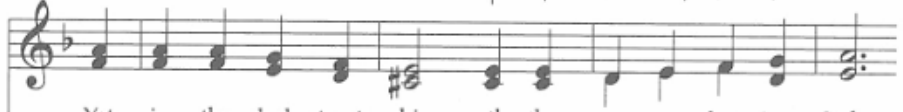
# 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem



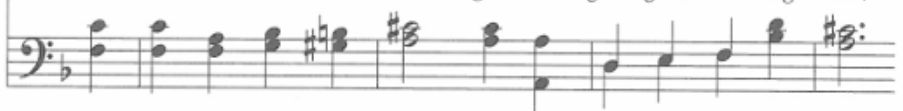
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth,  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!



# 113 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



# 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate de - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

# Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In-fant, so ten-der and  
 glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, heav-en-ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face, with the dawn of re-deem - ing  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav-en-ly peace, sleep in heav-en-ly peace.  
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

**REMEMBERED**

**Doris Aslyn**

Given by H. Duane Aslyn

**Marilyn Asp**

Given by Jonathan Asp

**Tim Bergstrom**

Given by his Family

**Jane, Randall, & Paul Buckley**

Given by Linda Dee

**Glen, Barbara, & Glen Jr. Carlson**

Given by Kayla Johnson

**Dorothy Jean Farmer (sister)**

Given by Phyllis & Tom Flaherty

**LeRoy & Doris Farmer (parents)**

Given by Phyllis & Tom Flaherty

**Bud and Virginia Hart**

Given by Becky Kirk and Debbie Bergstrom

**John Haugland (husband), Debra (daughter),  
Gregg (son)**

Given by Joan Haugland

**Jim Larson (husband)**

Given by Dolores Larson

**Jim Larson (parent of Tim & Diane Schmitt)**

Given by Tim & Diane Schmitt

**Loyd & Goldie LeMieux**

Given by Chuck & Sandy LeMieux

**Clarence and E. Lois Lindberg**

Given by Bob Lindberg

**REMEMBERED**

**Loved ones that have passed away**

Given by Tom & Bev Vosburgh

**Lyle & Florence Maves**

Given by Bob Lindberg

**Emmanuel & Mary Olson, Debi Olson**

Given by Chuck & Sandy LeMieux

**Our Families**

Given by Dean & Cathy Hecht

**Erland Pananen**

Given by Cliff & Jackie Pananen

**Donna Pananen Pearson**

Given by Cliff & Jackie Pananen

**Thanie Petrich**

Given by Joan & Larry Johnson

**John & Agnus Price**

Given by Bob Price

**Robert Riehm (son)**

Given by Mary Jane Riehm

**Joe Schmitt (parent of Tim & Diane Schmitt)**

Given by Tim & Diane Schmitt

**George & Hazel Shaw**

Given by Dianne Shaw

**Thomas & Dorothy Thompson**

Given by Jim Thompson

**Patrick Tribbey (son)**

Given by Marcia Hoff

**Paul & Emily Trombley**

Given by Gail Trombley & Family

**REMEMBERED**

**Herb & Dora Wallin**

Given by Bonnie Wallin

**Lorraine Wolff (parent of Tim & Diane Schmitt)**

Given by Tim & Diane Schmitt

**HONORED**

**Family (Donna, Dom, JJ)**

Given by Bob Okash

**Our Families**

Given by Dean & Cathy Hecht

**POINSETTIAS GIVEN TO  
REMEMBER & HONOR OUR  
LOVED ONES**

