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<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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Online Worship

Christ The King Sunday

November 26th, 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 stories, we praise you for the adventure you take us on.

May we always go faithfully with you. May we be reminded that your son Jesus, is our king! We confess that we aren't always charitable and all of our actions aren't always filled with grace. Forgive us for those moments when we miss the mark. Forgive us for those moments when we don't contribute grace to the story. Shape us in your story God and transform our lives and the lives of our neighbors for the better. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

***HYMN** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above #645

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, it doesn't matter who we are, at some point we will make a mistake. God knows this is true. While we will never be perfect, we do have the opportunity in our imperfection to embrace with grace, for ourselves and for others from God. Know that the grace God offers us in our imperfect ways is wider and deeper than the big lake we find ourselves living on. Know that 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.)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Christy Willmore
Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:26-27

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

SERMON "The Story Within the Story" Rev. Richard Blood
New Testament Reading Revelation 5:9-10

***HYMN** Praise, I Will Praise you Lord #628

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: Christ our king, continue to bless us so that we may be a blessing to our neighbors and fellow pilgrims. May we always reach out our hands to you and our neighbor when in need. May we also always reach out to bless others when they are in need. Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized. Help us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we represent your expansive justice and love. Send your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior, Duluth, and even Beaver Bay. We want others to 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** To God Be the Glory #634

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'
So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 5:9-10

They sing a new song:
'You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 11/26

**Pastor Out—Vacation
8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
11 AM Mission Committee
6 PM Volleyball**

MONDAY 11/27

**Pastor Out—Vacation
6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons**

TUESDAY 11/28

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

WEDNESDAY 11/29

**12 PM Staff Meeting
1 PM UPBeat Packing
2-6 PM CSA Pickup**

THURSDAY 11/30

**UPBeat Mailing
10 AM Pickleball
7 PM AA Meeting**

FRIDAY 12/1

SATURDAY 12/2

**9 AM Hanging of Greens
9 AM Men's Breakfast—Uncle Loui's Café
12 PM Bingo
6 PM AA Speaker Meeting**

Birthdays This Week

**11/26 Joan Haugland
11/27 Danny Ziebell**

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 3 Christmas Concert
December 17 Children's Program**

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 this Sunday, November 26th.*

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Sunday, December 17th we will be having our annual Christmas program! All ages are invited to join in the fun. We will gather for breakfast at 8:30a and practice together afterward. The program will take place during the service. Please let Laura know if you are planning to come!

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!

December 3—We will be hosting a Christmas Concert at 4 PM with Alex Sandor, Bill Bastian, and Laurie Bastian! Following the concert, there will be cookies and coffee in the fellowship hall. We hope to see many of you there!

November 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

During Advent season, there will be an opportunity for the congregation to request their favorite Christmas carols to be sung in the 10 minutes prior to the service starting.

GETTING TO KNOW UNITED

If you've been curious to get to know who we are and what we are about at United, Pastor Brett will be leading a group for this very purpose soon. Date is TBD. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAT AND MITTEN TREE

The mission committee is now collecting hats and mittens for the mitten tree. A labeled tote is located on the shelf where donations are collected.

WELCOME REV. RICHARD BLOOD

Richard Blood served as a youth minister, campus minister, and parish pastor in the Presbytery of Northern Waters for 30 years, most recently serving in Pioneer Parish for 15 years. Semi-retired now, Rich works half time as General Presbyter, running the office along with Amanda Keppers, our Administrative Assistant, and working as a resource person and mission coordinator for the Presbytery.

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.

UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN SEEDMONEY FUNDRAISING HAPPENING NOW!

It's time! The SeedMoney.org fundraising campaign for the 2024 UPC Community Garden is now under way. (Will we again be awarded a grant in recognition of how much money we raise? Let's make it happen!) The fundraising period is November 15 through December 15. Go to <https://donate.seedmoney.org/9293/united-presbyterian-church-community-garden> to donate. If you would like help doing so, someone from the garden committee will be on hand to assist after our service today (as well as the other Sundays during this period). We hope you'll consider giving to this cause.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The December meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be a lunch at Ace's on Wednesday, December 6 at 12:30. Please contact Bonnie Wallin (715-392-7029) for reservations by Monday, December 4.

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Wednesday, November 22nd, 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

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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 gladness, hymns and

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



psalms of gratitude; with the voice of praise

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



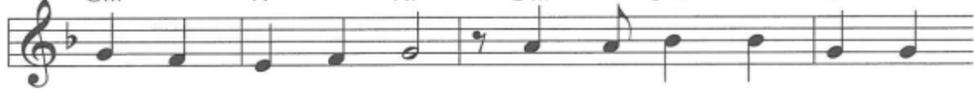
discover that to worship God is good.

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



1 God unites the scattered people, gathers
 2 Such is God's great power and wisdom, none can
 3 God with clouds the sky has cur-tained, thus en-
 4 God's discern-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-pond-ing, grows to
 speed to lift or move; God de-lights in those who

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

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might-y power has made God's gra-cious mer-
 3 The Lord is nev-er far a-way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a-long I sing a-loud



cre-a-tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep-eth; by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade
 dis-tress-ing, an ev-er-pres-ent help and stay,
 thy prais-es, that all may hear the grate-ful song



the God of our sal-va-tion. With
 God's watch-ful eye ne'er sleep-eth. With-
 our peace and joy and bless-ing, as
 my voice un-wea-ried rais-es. Be



heal-ing balm my soul is filled, and ev-ery faith-less
 in the king-dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth-er's ten-der hand God gent-ly leads the
 joy-ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod-y,



mur-mur stilled:
 all is right: to God all praise and glo-ry!
 cho-sen band:
 take your part:



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.

628 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

Je louerai l'Éternel

1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. O
 2 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. O
 3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. O

God, I will tell the won - ders of your ways, and glo - ri - fy your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. In
 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. In
 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. In

you I will find the source of all my joy. Al - le - lu - ia!

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!