

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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  
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or  
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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### Online Worship

***Christmas Day Worship—First Sunday in  
Christmastide***

**December 25th, 2022**

**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  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alex Sandor

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Holy God, too often we feel as if change is hopeless. The problems of this world feel too big, the path forward is unclear, and we are not confident that we can truly make a difference. We give up hope.

*\*Liturgist snuffs out the candle of hope.\**

Together we pray:

**All: Forgive us for extinguishing hope.**

One: Holy God, too often we believe that peace is a thing of fairy tales. Our spirits are anxious. Our bodies are weary. Our world is fractured. Instead of praying for peace—both in ourselves and in our society—we assume that peace is no longer on the table. We give it up.

*\*Liturgist snuffs out the candle of peace.\**

Together we pray:

**All: Forgive us for extinguishing peace.**

Holy God, too often we paint joy as naive—a luxury reserved for children and pets. We forget that you ate with friends, that you went to weddings, that you laughed and rested and hiked mountains. We forget that you knew joy, and that you want joy for us in this fractured world. Forgive us for turning away from your light.

*\*Liturgist snuffs out the candle of joy.\**

Together we pray:

**All: Forgive us for extinguishing joy.**

Holy God, too often we treat love like a vending machine. We put some coins in and assume that we'll get something back. However, in our wiser moments, we know that love is not meant for keeping score. Love is meant to overflow, to spill out to our neighbors, to transform our world. Forgive us for holding love so tightly.

*\*Liturgist snuffs out the candle of love.\**

Together we pray:

**All: Forgive us for extinguishing love.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Family of faith, sin separates us from things like hope, peace, and joy. Sin wiggles its way between us and love, both love of neighbor and love of self. Fortunately for us, God had something else in mind. God sent God's only son to this world so that we could see another way. So friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: No matter how many times we turn our back on hope, or extinguish peace, or snuff out joy—no matter how many times we let love burn out—God continues to light our way.**

*\*Liturgist relights the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love from the Christ candle.\**

**All: We are forgiven. We are seen. We are loved. The good news of this day—the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of this day—exists for us and our neighbors. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "Christ be with you." In response you may say "And also with you!" (You may pass the peace in the comments section.) This morning, we want you to take a little extra time passing the peace. Refill your coffee, snag a donut, spend time with one another.

**RESPONSE          Jesus, Jesus O What a Wonderful Child          #126**

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

One: Like Mary,

**All: we believe in cherishing good news.**

One: Like the angels,

**All: we believe in singing God's praise.**

One: Like the shepherds,

**All: we believe that God's presence in our life is something worth talking about.**

One: Like generations before,

**All: we believe that God is with us.**

One: Like the generations to come,

**All: we believe that God is with us.**

One: God is here. God is love.

**All: We believe. Thanks be to God!**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Poetic New Testament Reading  
Old Testament Reading

John 1:1-5  
Psalm 97:1-12

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

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**\*RESPONSE          O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**O come, let us adore him;**

**O come, let us adore him;**

**O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord! (2x)**

**Sandy LeMieux  
#133**

**PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: Giver of all good gifts, 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.**

**Time for Prayer**

Prayers are shared. Grab your pen and slip of paper.



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 97:1-12*

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!  
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.  
Fire goes before him,  
and consumes his adversaries on every side.  
His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.  
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
and all the peoples behold his glory.  
All worshippers of images are put to shame,  
those who make their boast in worthless idols;  
all gods bow down before him.  
Zion hears and is glad,  
and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgements, O God.  
For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.  
The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
he guards the lives of his faithful;  
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.  
Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, December 23rd, 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!

### FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

**Pickleball** will continue on Tuesdays from 4-6 PM. *No Pickleball this week!*

**Volleyball** will continue on Sundays from 6-7:30 PM. *No Volleyball this week!*

**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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFICE CLOSED

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

### ANNUAL MEETING

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

### 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. *There will be no Children's Church this Sunday, December 25th.*

### 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.

### 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](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com).

### UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

The SeedMoney fundraising campaign for the UPC Community Garden has concluded. We raised \$905 and will receive a \$200 grant from SeedMoney, for a total of \$1105. Thanks so much to all those who contributed! Stay tuned for the sign-up for gardening in the 2023 garden. And if you are interested in helping with the planning for the garden, please consider joining the Community Garden Committee. For more information, contact Deborah Schlacks at [desertswan@aol.com](mailto:desertswan@aol.com) or at 218-348-6032.

**REMEMBERED**

**Our Families**

**Given by Ron and Bev Underdale**

**Bud and Virginia Hart**

**Given by Debbie Bergstrom and  
Becky Kirk**

**Lorraine and Marion Ellison**

**Given by an grateful congregation**

**Clarence "Vic" Heckman, U.S. Vet, 23 years of  
Service**

**Given by Janet M. Heckman**

**Parents, Loyd and Goldie LeMieux**

**Given by Chuck and Sandy LeMieux**

**Parents, Emmanuel and Mary Olson, and  
Sister, Debi Olson**

**Given by Chuck and Sandy LeMieux**

**Thomas and Dorothy Thompson**

**Given by Jim Thompson**

**Martin and Irene Danielson**

**Given by Marli and Cheri Danielson**

**Linnell and Marie Anderson**

**Given by Marli and Cheri Danielson**

**Jim Larson**

**Given by Dolores Larson**

**REMEMBERED**

**Clarence and Lois Lindberg**

**Given by Bob L**

**Lyle and Florence Maves**

**Given by Bob L**

**Loved ones**

**Given by Tom and Bev Vosburgh**

**Bud, Doris, and Dorothy Jean Farmer**

**Given by Phyllis and Tom Flaherty**

**David Piggott, and Lori Nollet**

**Given by Phyllis and Tom Flaherty**

**Parents and Grandparents, Jack and Arlene  
Eaton**

**Given by Beth, Tom, Kjersten, Kate,  
and Andrew Lisak**

**Grandpa and Brother, Andy Lisak Senior and  
Junior**

**Given by Beth, Tom, Kjersten, Kate,  
and Andrew Lisak**

**Brother, Tom Jorgenson**

**Given by JoAnn Rush and Barb Ryan**

**Parents, Norman and Lillan Jorgenson**

**Given by JoAnn Rush and Barb Ryan**

**REMEMBERED**

**Elvera "Mimi" Robertson**

**Given by David Robertson**

**Tim Bergstom**

**Given by his Family**

**Bob and Joyce Downs**

**Given by Rob and Cindy Downs**

**Wayne Louma**

**Given by Rob and Cindy Downs**

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



# 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!



# 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.



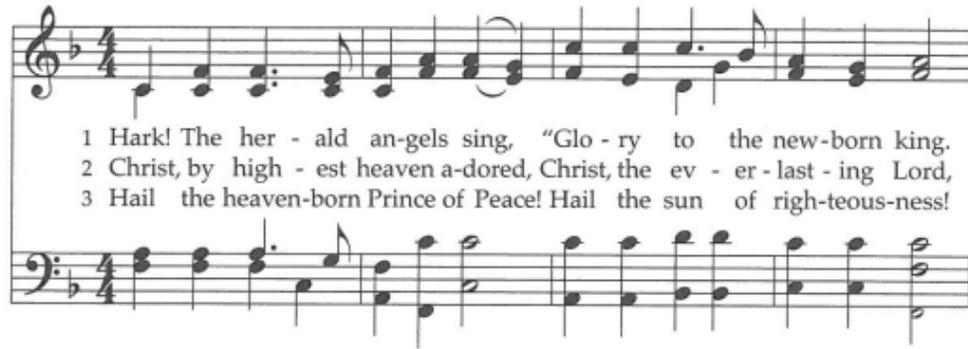
Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry,



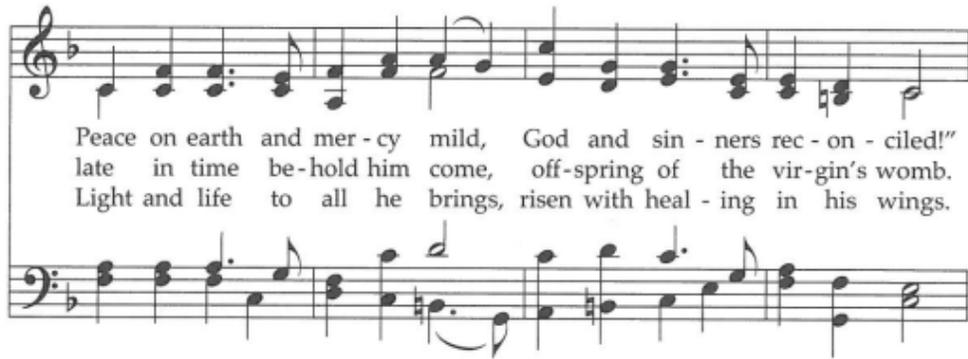
glo - ry, glo - ry!" Let the heav - ens ring.



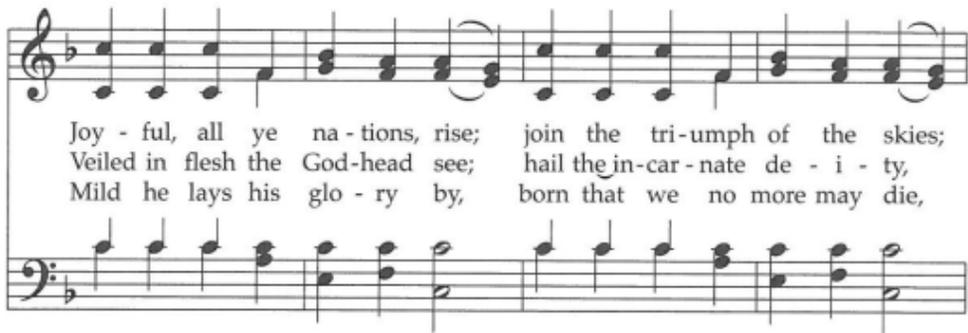
# 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



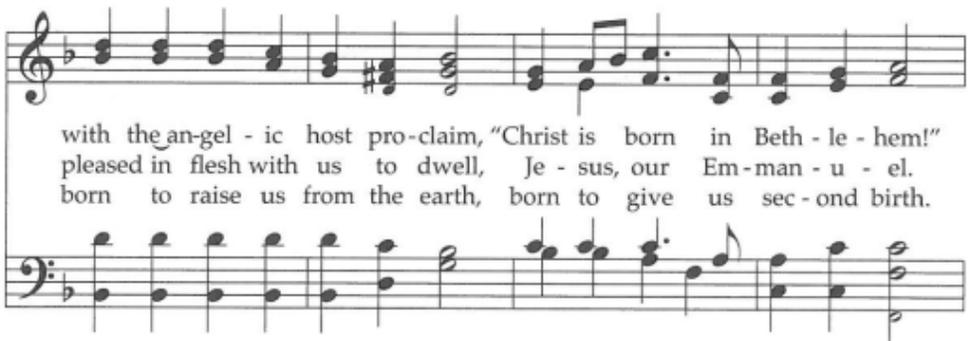
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



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!"

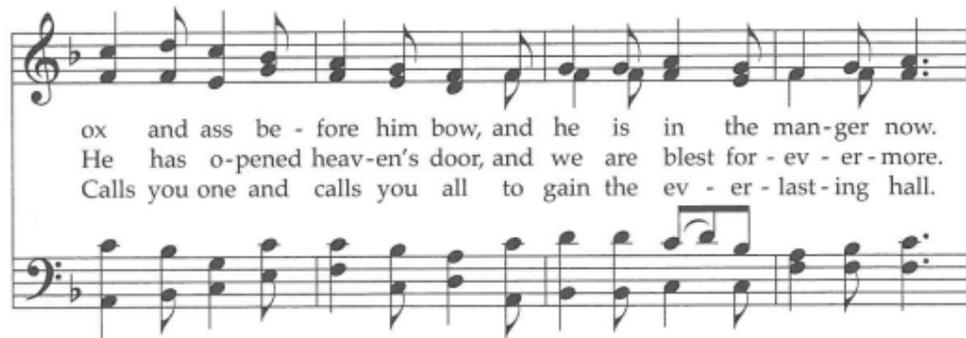
# 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



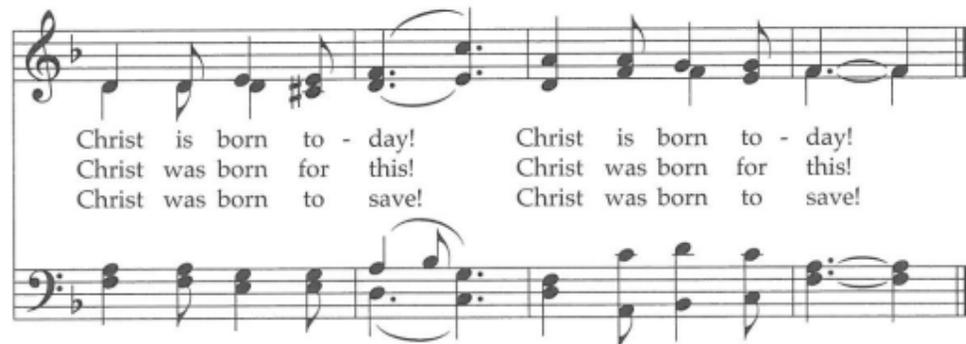
1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!