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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

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

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ONLINE WORSHIP

December 27th, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Sandor

INTROIT Go, Tell It on The Mountain #136

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 69)

One: Save us, O God.

All: We sink in deep mire where there are no footholds.

One: You will not let those of us who hope in you be put to shame.

All: We will humble ourselves with fasting.

One: We pray that you will show up and act in our lives.

All: We know that you are faithful and that out of the abundance of your steadfast love, you care for us.

HYMN Away In a Manger #115

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of the widows and the hungry, we confess that we do not always put in the work. We confess that we are not as faithful as we could be. We confess we do not love as we ought. Forgive our lack of showing up. Forgive us for not praying, fasting, and believing as we can. Forgive our lack of love in all of our relationships. Help us, O God, by giving us signs of your work in the world. Help us, with energy and compassion. Help us to love like your son Jesus. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family, life can be tough and tiring. Because of these difficulties we sin. At times we miss the mark with God, our relationships at work, and even with those in our families. Despite any issues our lives may present to God, God loves us. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those in the comments section with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." (Say hello to one another!)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Mary Voss

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

SERMON "A Widow's Praise: Putting In The Work" Rev. Brett Foote

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:22,25-38

HYMN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #119

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

RESPONSE

#607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise Christ, all people here below

Praise Holy Spirit evermore

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of our efforts, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know that they are loved by us and by God. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email 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. 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Joy To The World

#134

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:22,25-38

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God.

If you'd like to donate online vs. mailing the weekly offering to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 12/27

10:00 AM Morning Worship
11:30 AM Zoom Coffee Break

MONDAY 12/28

TUESDAY 12/29

WEDNESDAY 12/30

12:00 Staff Meeting (Zoom)
UPBeat Mailing

THURSDAY 12/31

FRIDAY 1/1
OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY 1/2

Thanks again to the O'Kash family for cutting down, acquiring, and setting up our Advent and Christmastide tree!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

Items needed for the Inclusive Care Unit! We currently need: **Winter scarves, adult hats, gloves or mittens, and blankets.** Drop them off at the church Monday-Friday between 12 P.M. and 4 P.M.

MITTEN TREE

In the front entry way of the church, there is a hat and mitten tree set up and ready to be decorated with lots of hats and mittens for children! If you have any donations, please drop them off Monday-Friday from 12-4 P.M.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

United Presbyterian Church needs volunteers to help clear snow from the three main entrances at the front of the Church on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for the remainder of this winter. Please contact Eric Schlacks to volunteer or to learn more. He can be reached at 218-269-6678 or at desertswan1@gmail.com.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will take place on January 17th, 2021, at 11:15 AM via Zoom. More information will be sent out closer to that date.

WISHLIST FOR MEMBERS IN NEED

Some members in the congregation could use the following items while they are unable to attend services and have visitors during COVID. The list is currently: **Jigsaw puzzles, stationary and blank greeting cards.** If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office during office hours.

GET TO KNOW UPC

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 starting in January. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

LOOKING AHEAD

January 10
January 17
January 17

Hotdish Initiative
Annual Congregational Meeting
Community Dinner

136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain 



Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;
go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

115 Away in a Manger

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

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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-gele - 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!"

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,