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### HELPFUL TO KNOW

If you'd like to join virtually, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and 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 Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 ([jan\\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com](mailto:jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com)) or Dean Hecht at 715-919-1325.

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**Online Worship**

**Epiphany Sunday**

**January 5th, 2024**

**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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT:** What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright #152

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: You God set the stars in the sky.

**All: You give us stars to follow in our lives!**

One: We don't always want to follow.

**All: Forgive us for turning away from the signs you share with us.**

One: When we just plain old miss the sign...

**All: Make us aware, like the gentle light creeping through a window on a new day, lead us closer to you.**

One: Help us receive direction, now and always.

**All: In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

**\*HYMN** In Christ Alone See Insert

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Covenant community, follow the stars.

**All: No matter the sky.**

One: No matter the circumstances.

**All: No matter the sin that so weighs us down.**

One: Christ will be found as you follow. You won't be held back from Christ.

**All: In Christ, through him and his birth, life, death and resurrection...**

**All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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** Go, Tell It on the Mountain (chorus only 2x) #136

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Dustin Anderson

**Old Testament** Isaiah 43: 16-21

**SERMON** When "Dead Ends" Turn Into Detours: Epiphany  
Rev. Brett M. Foote

**New Testament** Matthew 2: 1-12

**\*APOSTLES CREED**

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Alex Sandor

**\*RESPONSE** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #609

**\*PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God of a new star, thank you for appearing in our Superior skies. Take our gifts of time, talents, and treasures and grow them for your kingdom. Help us to live openhanded lives sharing the gift of our lives with others. Move in us so that we may center the voices of those on the margins. Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. We want others to know the beauty of new life in Christ for all humanity! Amen**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN** Come to the Table of Grace (vs 1-3) #507

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Once again, we find ourselves at your Son's Table... No matter how the road twists and turns, it somehow always leads us here, to your abundant grace. To a God who is always around every corner. Meeting us at each and every table in these elements, in the face of our neighbor. Like the Magi, we travel not knowing where our journey will end, but we can trust you to provide rest and relief along the way...

**All: In a piece of bread shared, in the cup poured out, in our community's warm embrace.**

One: So come Holy Spirit to this table of grace once again bringing us into Christ's presence, the same Christ who taught his followers to pray by saying...

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

*You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

**All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. You have given us a star. A star to wander after, to seek, a star that leads us down a different road, a star that guides us. Now send us out, on the roads, trails, and paths that you have for us, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. May we be reminded that you're with us, every step of the way. Amen.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      **There's a Star in the East**      **#135**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Liturgy inspired by the folks at A Sanctified Art and modified by Rev. Brett M. Foote*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### OLD TESTAMENT

**Isaiah 43: 16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

### NEW TESTAMENT

**Matthew 2: 1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

#### **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.
- Community Dinner— Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp— Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee.
- Community Garden\*— Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Diners and Great Lakes Elementary students.
- 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). *\*A background check is required.*
- Children's Church— Come help our young ones 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). *\*A background check is required.*
- Volunteer with Great Lakes Elementary— Support the students at our neighboring school, Great Lakes Elementary. The times and days vary—connect with Laura to find out availability. *\*A background check is required.*

## Ways To Learn, Grow, & Get Involved

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball— Every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Annual Meeting— Following the service on January 19th.
- Munch Bunch\*— Dinner at the Hammond Steak House January 15th at 5:00 PM, sign up by January 12th.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CYBER SECURITY CLASS

Join us January 8th for a Cyber Security Class with Taavi Mattson who is a Cyber Financial Detective with the Superior Police Department. The class goes from 4:00p– 5:00p and is open to the public.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women do not meet in January and February. The next PW meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. The PW will be doing a kitchen cleaning on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 beginning at 9:30 for anyone who would like to help clean.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY 1/5

8:45 AM Chancel Choir  
Coffee Hour  
6:00 PM Volleyball

### TUESDAY 1/7

10:00 AM Pickleball  
1:00 PM AA Meeting  
4:30 PM Worship Committee  
5:00 PM Bell Choir

### THURSDAY 1/9

10:00 AM Pickleball  
3:30 PM Piano Lessons  
4:00 PM Kickstarters Soccer  
4:30 PM Building & Grounds

### SATURDAY 1/11

### MONDAY 1/6

3:30 PM Piano Lessons  
3:30 PM Fellowship & Outreach  
5:00 PM Volleyball

### WEDNESDAY 1/8

9:30 AM PW Kitchen Cleaning  
10:00 AM Crafters Group  
12:00 PM Staff Meeting  
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up  
4:00 PM Cyber Security Class  
4:30 PM Piano Lessons  
5:00 PM Volleyball  
6:15 PM Personnel Committee

### FRIDAY 1/10

### Birthdays This Week

1/7— Barb Granquist  
1/7— Monica Lenihan  
1/8— Deborah Schlacks  
1/10— Kirsten Standen  
1/10— Bob McClellan

# IN CHRIST ALONE

Words & Music Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

*In Christ alone*

Chords: Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Ab, Bb, Eb/G

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. (In Christ a) - lone! - who took on flesh, ful-ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the

Chords: Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Ab/Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Ab, Bb, Eb/G

light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid Ground, firm through the  
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the  
 World by dark - ness slain: then burst ing forth in glor - ious day up from the

Chords: Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Ab/Bb, Eb, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Bb, Bb, Eb/G

fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has

Chords: Ab, Cm7, Bb, Bb, Ab, Eb, Ab, Bb, Eb/G

stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in All, here in the  
 God was sa - tis - fied - for e - v'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the  
 lost its grip on me, for I am His and He is mine - bought with the

Chords: A, Eb/G, Fm7, Ab/Bb, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Ab, D.S. (v.2), Eb, D.S.S. (v.3), Eb

1. love of Christ I stand. 2. In Christ a - live. 3. Christ.  
 death of Christ I pre - cious blood of

Chords: Abmaj7/Bb, Gm7/Bb, Ebm9, Fm/Eb, Abmaj7/Bb

Chords: Gm7/C, Abm7add4, F7sus4

4. No guilt in

Chords: N.C., Eb, Bb/Eb, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Ab/Bb, Eb, Fm7/Ab

life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first

Chords: N.C., Eb, Bb/Eb, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Ab/Bb, Eb

cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

Chords: Abmaj7/Bb, Gm7/Bb, Abmaj7/Bb, Gm7/Bb, Abadd2

hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand: Till He re -

Chords: Eb, Ab, Bb, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Ab/Bb, Eb, To end, Eb

- turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand. No pow'r of stand.

# There's a Star in the East 135

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

1 There's a star in the east on Christ-mas morn. Rise up, shep-herd, and  
2 If you take good heed to the an - gel's words, rise up, shep-herd, and

fol - low. It will lead to the place where the Christ was born.  
fol - low. You'll for - get your flocks; you'll for - get your herds.

*Refrain*  
Rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low. Fol - low, fol - low;

rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low. Fol - low the star of

Beth - le - hem. Rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low.

# What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)  
D Bm A D G D A D G

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more  
2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From  
3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an  
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)  
D A D G D A

love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis  
Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed"; and  
in - ward light the Lord con - veys and  
pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)  
Bm E7 A D G D Em

sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad  
lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to  
urg - es them, with ten - der might, to  
not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)  
A D A D G A D

ti - dings of our God to bring,  
read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.  
seek the giv - er of the light.  
guid - ance of your light to use.

# 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}^2$

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!

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.

# 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)  
 F C Dm F7/C B $\flat$

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)  
 C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 F/A B $\flat$  F/C C7 F B $\flat$  F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...