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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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Baptism of Christ Sunday

Online Worship

January 9th, 2022

10:00 A.M.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

**PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alex Sandor

***INTROIT As the Deer**

#626

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 107)**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: The Lord has redeemed us.

All: God gathers us in from the east, the west, the north and the south.

One: In our lives we wander across frozen lakes without being able to see the other side.

All: Our souls and bodies become weary and we cry out to God.

One: We get sick, sad, and tired.

All: God helps everyone who struggles. God makes their blustery paths straight.

One: Thanks be to God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

#182

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: We confess, that often we try to be "better" people on our own.

One: We know that God goes with us.

All: We confess that sometimes we succumb to the belief that the more productive we are or the more we serve, the more loved we are by God

One: God loves us as we are right now.

All: We confess that we "size people up" based on status.

One: The only status God offers is: Beloved.

All: Help us to love ourselves as God's beloved.

One: Help us.

All: Help us to extend that love to others.

One: Forgive us, when we fail.

All: Forgive us and remind us by our baptisms that we are loved by you, O God. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The poet Andrea Gibson wrote in their poem *The Year of No Grudges*: "I think we make gods who look like us for a reason...I think in spite of it all we trust we can be believed in. When I don't believe in myself I try to remember I've walked on water like 700 times in Maine in the dead of winter. Where I come from, you can drive a pick up truck from one side of the lake to the other and people have an unusually high quantity of missing teeth and fingers but you can still count on them to buy whitening strips and wedding rings. Because where I come from beauty is in the eye of anyone who sees what's missing but can't stop pointing towards what is still there. If there's no definition for love yet, I think that's a good one."

Friends, the good news is that no matter what is missing, what's still there is the fact that we are beloved. We are beloved by others. We are beloved by God. That love from God will carry us where we cannot or don't believe we can carry ourselves.

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 around you with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

RESPONSE: **Peace Like a River (vs.1)** #623
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (x2)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Laura Foote

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

SERMON "Being God's Beloved: Baptism & Adam Arnett"
Rev Brett M.

Foote New Testament Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

***HYMN** Spirit of Gentleness #291

OFFERING
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION
OFFERTORY
***RESPONSE** Give Thanks Alex Sandor
#647

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who names us like Christ, beloved, 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 love alongside our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. 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 Why Should I Feel Discouraged #661

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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 to the church, you can do so at the following link:

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 1/9

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Morning Worship
11:30 AM Confirmation
11:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal
6 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 1/10

3:45-8 PM Piano Lessons
6 PM Cub Scouts

TUESDAY 1/11

4-8 PM Piano Lessons
4:15 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 1/12

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
4 PM Fellowship and Outreach
6:15 PM Finance Committee
3-7 PM Piano Lessons
4-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 1/13

6:30 Buildings and Grounds
7 PM AA Meetings

FRIDAY 1/14

SATURDAY 1/15

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

1/10	Bob McClellan
1/13	Jack Finstad
1/14	Joan Johnson
1/15	Ailey Rude

LOOKING AHEAD

January 16	Community Dinner
January 21	Upbeat Deadline
January 23	Annual Meeting
February 5	Fisharama and Fun
February 13	Valentine Dinner

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will begin this Sunday, November 14th, at 11:30 AM. The rest of the dates will be shared soon.

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

The nursery is now staffed 15 minutes before the service until 15 minutes after for children from new born up through 4 years old.

FISHARAMA AND FUN

Join us February 5th for a day filled with fishing (if you wish) and fun at Amnicon Lake. There will be inside activities at Lisak's for those who don't want to fish. More information to follow.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time to update the UPC directory. If you are not in the directory and would like to be, or have any changes in address or phone numbers, please let Tiff know this week.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Church Annual Meeting will be immediately after the worship service on January 23rd.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Director

Applicants Sought

UPC is seeking applicants for a part-time Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Director (20-22 hours per week). Duties include but are not limited to providing opportunities for children and youth to meet, fellowship, develop relationships with Christ; providing opportunities for adults, youth, and children to serve peers, church, and community; leading biannual or annual mission trips; working with the Pastor to involve youth and children in worship; planning and coordinating Christian education; supervising the lead nursery worker; fundraising for youth activities; going to children's and youths' activities; overseeing the church's sports program; and encouraging youth participation in wider church events. A minimum of an associate degree is required; a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in bible or ministry is preferred. Relevant experience with college, youth, or children's ministry will be considered an asset. Pay and benefits are competitive.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com, and Pastor Brett Foote at bfoote.upc@gmail.com. Please note that both a cover letter and a resume are required. If you have questions, please call the church office at 715-392-4751. Initial review of applications will be completed by 1/30/21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

Session unanimously voted to require Session is hoping that, with the proper precautions, we can continue to worship safely in person.

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **hand warmers, mittens, hats, wool socks, and scarves** to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours!

I Love You, Lord

627 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take

joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a

sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be-hold, I free-ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
the liv-ing wa-ter, thirst-y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un-to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je-sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream; my
I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done.

Verse 1

623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

Refrain

D G A D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the
val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
law and a land. When they were con - found -
whole world was still. And down in the cit -
cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

Bm E Asus A D G

wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,
A D Bm

spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,
G A D G D

wind, wind on the sea.
D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - - ters; you called to the
2 You swept through the des - - ert; you stung with the
3 You sang in a sta - - ble; you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - - row; you break an - cient

D Bm

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - - tains from the
sand; and you goad - ed your peo - - ple with a
hill; then you whis - pered in si - - lence when the
schemes; from the bond - age of sor - - row the

E Asus A D G

ons you called to each thing,
ed with i - dols and lies,
y, you called once a - gain eyes.
sions; our men clear their eyes.
"A - then you when you With

A G D

Bm G

wake from your slum - - bers and
spoke through your proph - - ets to
blew through your peo - - ple on the
bold new de - ci - - sions your
rise on your wings."
o - pen their eyes.
rush of the wind.
peo - ple a - rise.

A D G/A D A

to Refrain

REMEMBERED

Our Families

Given by Ron and Bev Underdale

Bud and Virginia Hart

**Given by Debbie and Tim Bergstrom
and Becky Kirk**

Lorraine and Mariah Ellison

Given by an grateful congregation

Eileen Erickson

Given by an appreciative congregation

My Family

Given by Helen Blair

Thomas and Dorothy Thompson

Given by Jim Thompson

Vernon Coon

Given by Mary Kay Coone

Deceased parents and sisters

Given by Tom and Phyllis Flaherty

Jim Larson

Given by Dolores Larson

Husband John C. Haugland

Given by Joan C. Haugland

Son Gregg J. Haugland

Given by Joan C. Haugland

Bob and Joyce Downs

Given by Rob and Cindy Downs

Wayne Louma

Given by Rob and Cindy Downs

Bill Meador

**Given by Jake and Angie Meador and
Family**

REMEMBERED

Clarence and Lois Lindberg

Given by Bob Lindberg

Lyle and Florence Maves

Given by Bob Lindberg

Loved ones

Given by Tom and Bev Vosburgh

Bud and Marcie Ryan

Given by Mary Jane Riehm

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**

Awesome Friends and Neighbors, Bob and

Margaret Mayersak

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

All our Loved ones who've gone before us

**Given by Ed and Audrey Krube, and Nick
Cairns**

Brother, Tom Jorgenson

Given by JoAnn Rush and Barb Ryan

Parents, Norman and Lillian Jorgenson

Given by JoAnn Rush and Barb Ryan

Carol and Larry Coleman

Given by sister, Lyn Larson and Dave Larson

HONORED

Olson Children

Jeff and Becky Olson

All the Children

**Given by Ed and Audrey Krube, and
Nick Cairns**

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

