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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: <u>http://upc-superior.com/youtube</u>

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

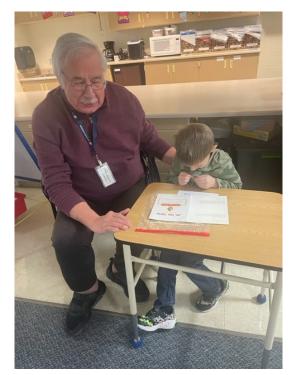
The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request. The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

Second Sunday of Lent February 25th, 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 WELCOME

Alex Sandor

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven #620

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray...

All: God, who calls us by name, you are so good! Thank you for giving us a purpose and providing each one of us with a legacy. You God have called Abraham, Phoebe, Deborah, Peter, Paul, James, Junia and others. Forgive us God, for not remembering that you call us by name to do incredible things for you and your Son through the power of the Spirit. Help us when our name is called out by you to go where we are called and do what we are called to do. Help us pray, serve, support, and praise. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

*HYMN Christ Be Beside Me #702

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: United, Sometimes, we tell ourselves that we should do more or that we should do less. God only asks that we would do what we are called to, nothing more and nothing less. If something doesn't get done or we overwork, there's grace, rest, and solace for that. God's love goes past our best and meets us at our worst.. Know this holy truth: Because of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven!

*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.)

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

*RESPONSE	O Lord, Our Lord	#613
SCRIPTURE READINGS New Testament Reading		Acacia Nikoi Mark 8:31-38
CHANCEL CHOIR	ANTHEM	

SERMON "Names: Remembering Our Calling" Rev Old Testament Reading Ger

Rev. Brett M Foote Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 COR. 12:4-7, 27

- One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them. All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
- One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
- All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
- One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

*APOSTLE'S CREED

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 sat on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living 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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism Constitutional Questions Prayer of Ordination and Installation Declaration of Ordination and Installation Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed

*HYMN	Will You Let Me Be Your Servant	#727
MOMENT FO	R STEWARDSHIP & MISSION	
OFFERING OFFERTORY *RESPONSE	Alex Praise God	c Sandor #609
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow Praise God, all creatures high and low, A Praise God, in Jesus fully known	

Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Allelujah.....

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of names, thank you for the gifts of love before us, thank you for making yourself known to us in Jesus! Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized or hurt by society. Help us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we model your expansive justice and love. Send your powerful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior, Duluth, and Boylston. 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	Come! Live in the Light	#749
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		Alex Sandor

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

GET INVOLVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

You can join us for pickleball **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!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND SERVICES

Lenten Soup Suppers will be held on February 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th. The supper will begin at 5:45 with a service following at 6:15. Signup sheets for soup, bread and milk are on the table in the narthex.

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Thursday, February 15th, 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.

CRAFTERS GROUP

Please join us in the craft room every 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and work on our quilting project, or bring their own. Come for the fellowship!

BOY SCOUT FISH FRY STARTS ON MARCH 1ST

Join our Scouting Troup for this Year's Lenten Fish Fries. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Age 12 and up, \$15.00 Age 4-11, \$10.00 Age 3 and under, free.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

<u>SUNDAY 2/25</u>

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 11:00 AM Mission Committee 3:00 PM Superior Soccer Association 6:00 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 2/26 6:15 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 2/27 10 AM Pickleball 6 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 2/28 10:00 AM Crafters Group

5:45 PM Soup Supper 6:15 PM Lenten Service

THURSDAY 2/29

10 AM Pickleball 4:30 Mission Committee 7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 3/1 Boy Scouts Fish Fry

SATURDAY 3/2

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesdays, February 28-March 19 5:45 Lenten suppers 6:15 Lenten services Fridays, March 1-29 Boy Scout Fish Fry

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

Birthdays This Week

- 3/1 Byron Card
- 3/1 Skylar Rogge
- 3/2 Ian Schoenike





