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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:

<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
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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

John 1:1-5

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 97:1-12

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sandy LeMieux

***RESPONSE**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#133

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

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

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.

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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #132

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Alex Sandor

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 12/25

10:00 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY 12/26

Office Closed—Christmas

TUESDAY 12/27

Office Closed—Christmas

WEDNESDAY 12/28

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

3:45 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 12/29

Tiff Out

7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 12/30

UPBeat Mailing

SATURDAY 12/31

Birthdays This Week

12/28 Tom Lisak

12/29 Christy Willmore

12/29 Creede McClellan

LOOKING AHEAD

December 30
January 2

UPBeat Mailing
Office Closed—New Year's

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>

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.

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 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 Bergstrom

Given by his Family

Bob and Joyce Downs

Given by Rob and Cindy Downs

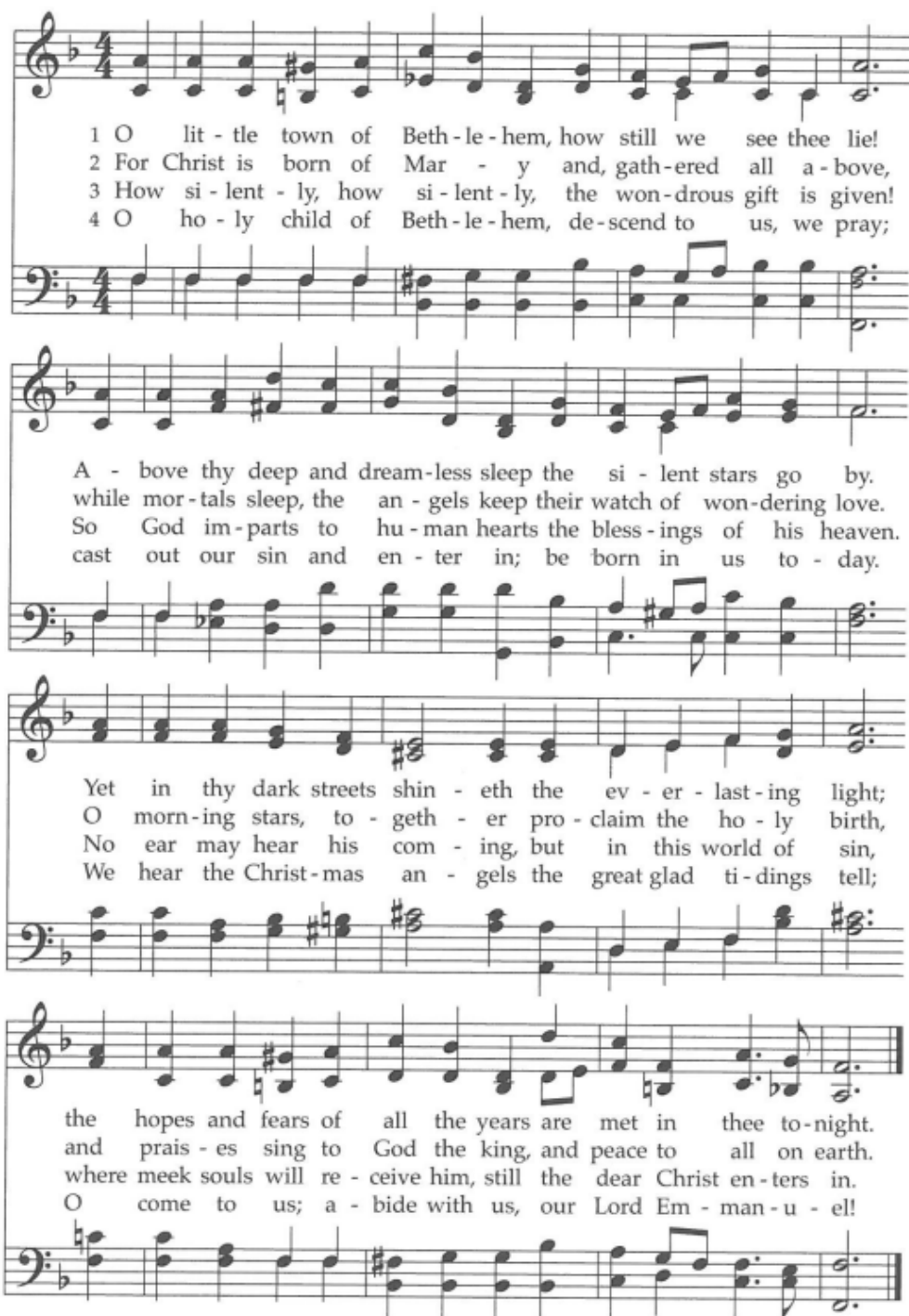
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Given by Rob and Cindy Downs

**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 heav - en.
 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.

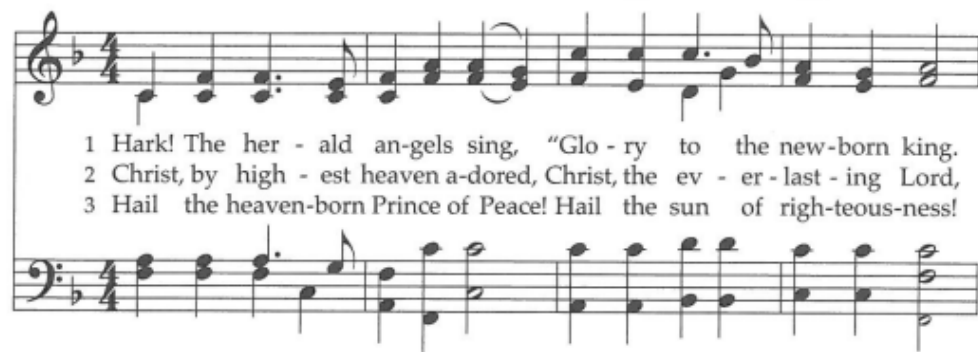
Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly, meek and mild;

new life, new hope the child will bring.

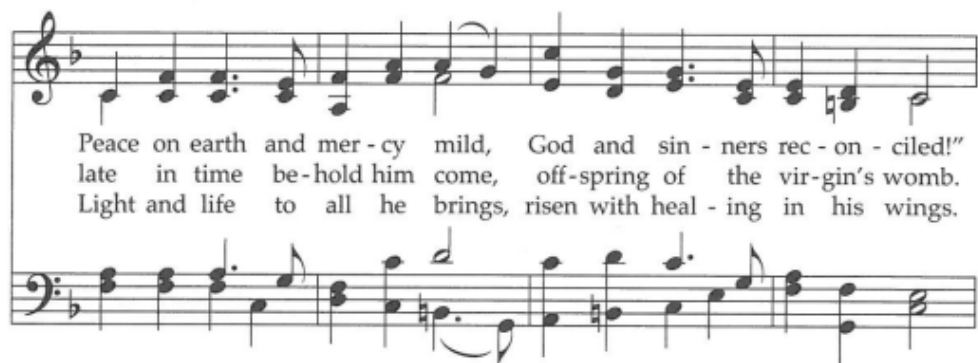
Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry,

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

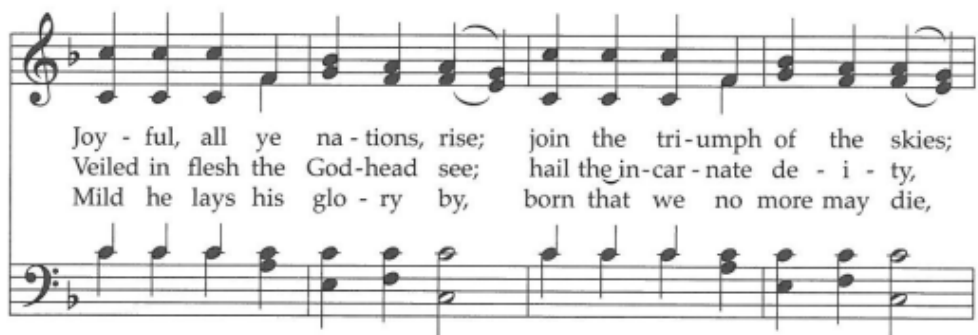
119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



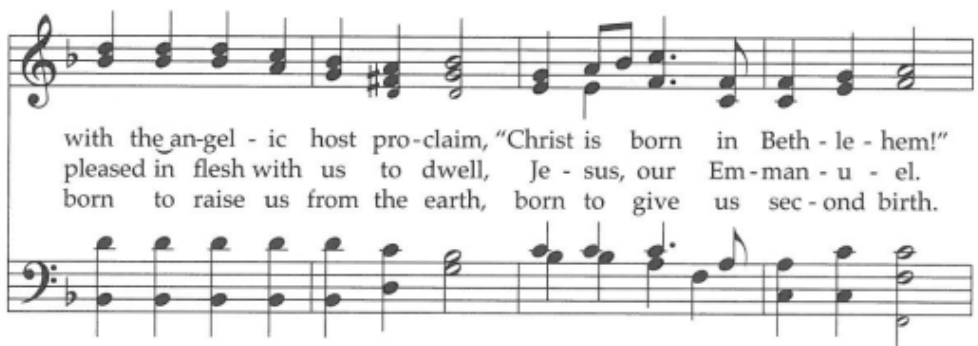
1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



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!