

HELPFUL TO KNOW

NURSFRY

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. Additionally, the Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com)or Dean Hecht at 715-919-1325.

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Online Worship

First Sunday in Christmastide
December 29th, 2024 10:00 AM

If you are joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the **Hymns** Angels We Have Heard on High #113 presence of God. Go. Tell It on the Mountain #136 * Please rise in body or spirit. Joy to the World #134 If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison. **Holy Laughter & Prayer** Donna Okash **PRELUDE** Alex Sandor **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Old Testament Genesis 21: 1-7 *CALL TO WORSHIP: An Important Question! **New Testament** John 15: 11 *PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION *Hymns Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child #126 One: We have shared our joy out loud, and it is clear— Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #119 All: God is in our joy. **Good Christan Friends, Rejoice** #132 One: God is in this church, in our homes, and deep down in our bones. All: We know it. We have reason to celebrate. LORD'S PRAYER One: We have a reason to laugh. One: Let us pray... All: Yet, there is still brokenness. Things are not the way they should be. All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy One: We sometimes hold back our joy because we are afraid the darkness kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us will overcome the light. this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our All: Forgive us God for not taking you at your Word. Forgive us for not debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For having faith like a child, unbridled joy. In Christ's birth the darkness thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, is always overcome. forever. Amen. One: In the name of the Holy Trinity... All: Amen. CHANCEL CHOIR Winter Jams See Insert *ASSURANCE OF PARDON One: As the famous poet Mary Oliver has said "You don't have to be good." MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION You were made good already, just as you are. **OFFERING** All: Sometimes we don't feel "good." **OFFERTORY Alex Sandor** One: You are good. You are whole. You are loved by the God of the universe. *PRAYER OVER OFFFRING All: Is it true that nothing can separate us from that love? One: Let us bless these gifts. One: Yes. Nothing can separate you from God's love. All: God of laughter, take our gifts of time, talents, and treasures and All: We are held in grace. We are forgiven because of Christ's birth, life, grow them for your kingdom. Help us to live openhanded lives death, and resurrection. Amen. 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 *RESPONSE Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me #582 Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. We want others to know the LAUGHTER & JOY beauty of new life in Christ for all humanity! Amen. Pass The Peace & Cookies **Donna Okash** *BENEDICTION Old Testament Psalm 148 *POSTLUDE Matthew 2: 10 **New Testament** *Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful #133 Inflatable Joy Liturgy inspired by the folks at A Sanctified Art and Mary Oliver's poem "Wild Geese" Adapted by United Presbyterian Church

Isaiah 9: 2-3

Luke 2: 10

Old Testament

New Testament

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9: 2-3

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 21: 1-7

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 2: 10

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 2: 10

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

NEW TESTAMENT John 15: 11

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Lounging in my brand new winter jams (to the tune of Winter Wonderland)

Phone might ring, I'll ignore it
Get some egg-nog and pour it
I'm going to recline
And just clear my mind
Lounging in my brand new winter jams

Gone away are the Rellies
We have full, happy bellies
No more stress attacks
I'm gonna relax
Lounging in my brand new winter jams

I've been running non-stop since Thanksgiving
Trying to make the perfect holiday
Baking, shopping, dec-o-rating cleaning
Attending concerts and the winter play

Now my brain has expired And my body is tired All is calm, all's bright It just feels so right, Lounging in my brand new winter jams

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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 Dinners 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

NEW YEARS PARTY

January 1st @ 12:00 PM at Amnicon Lake, 4519 E Pleasant View Rd, Superior, WI 54880. Fun, fun, and more fun! Games, outside ice time with boot hockey, ice fishing, bonfire, ice sliding, food and more! Contact Beth Lisak at 715-817-4861 if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY GARDEN FUNDRAISING SUCCESS!

The UPC Community Garden's Seedmoney fundraising campaign period ended on December 15. We exceeded our goal, raising \$810 and receiving a \$200 grant from Seedmoney. Many thanks to the wonderful folks who donated! Watch for news of 2025 gardener sign-ups, which will commence in late March.

CYBER SECURITY CLASS

Join us January 8th for a Cyber Security Class with Tavi Mattson who is a Cyber Financial Detective with the Superior Police Department. The class goes from 3:45p-4:30p 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 12/29

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

TUESDAY 12/31

10:00 AM Pickleball 1:00 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY 1/2 10:00 AM Pickleball

SATURDAY 1/4

MONDAY 12/30

WEDNESDAY 1/1

Office Closed – Happy New Year

FRIDAY 1/3

Birthdays This Week

12/29 - Christy Willmore 12/29— Creede McClellan

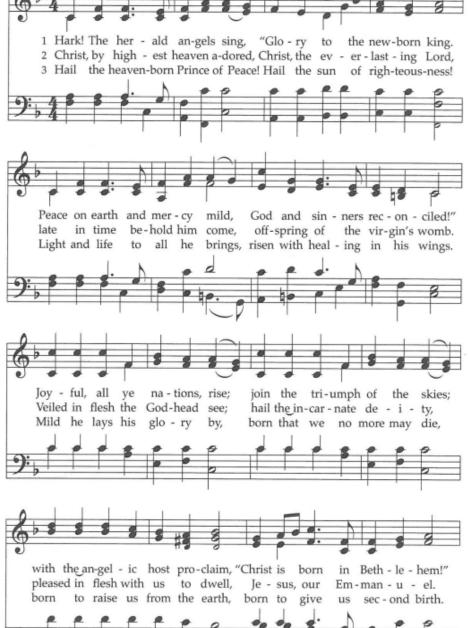
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1/3— Emily Lanigan

1/3— Dominic Okash



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



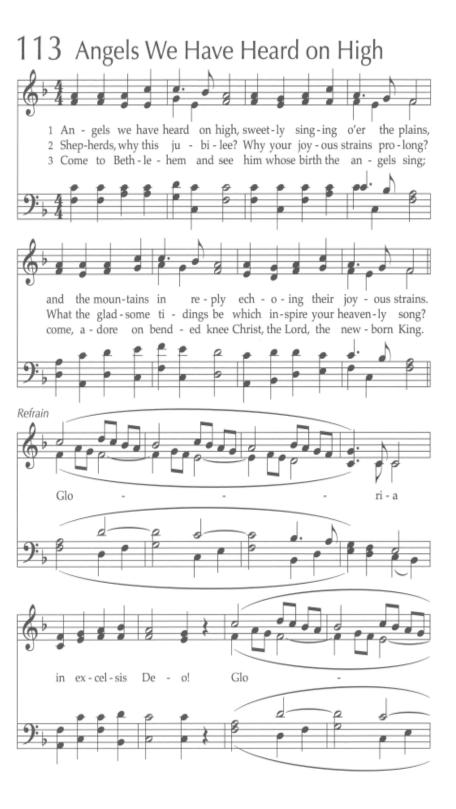
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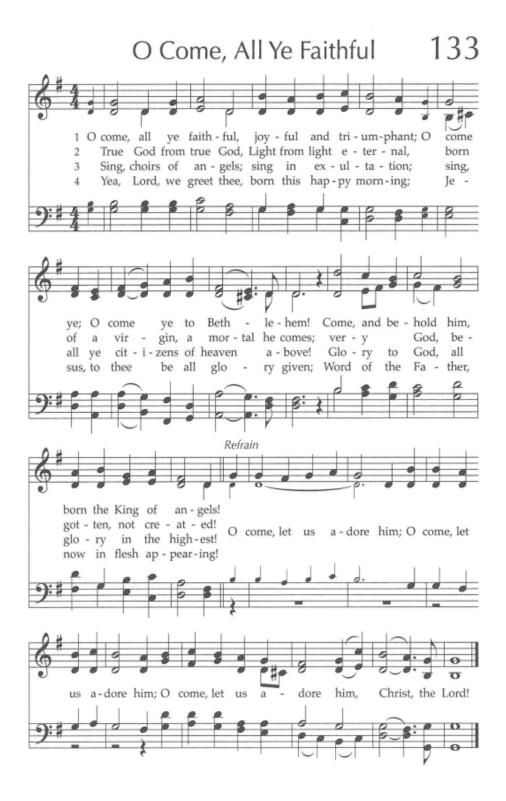




136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain







Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev -er shall be. A - men.

My Prayer Is	My Prayer Is