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 (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. 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 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: An Important Question!**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: We have shared our joy out loud, and it is clear—

All: God is in our joy.

One: God is in this church, in our homes, and deep down in our bones.

All: We know it. We have reason to celebrate.

One: We have a reason to laugh.

All: Yet, there is still brokenness. Things are not the way they should be.

One: We sometimes hold back our joy because we are afraid the darkness will overcome the light.

All: Forgive us God for not taking you at your Word. Forgive us for not having faith like a child, unbridled joy. In Christ's birth the darkness is always overcome.

One: In the name of the Holy Trinity...

All: Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: As the famous poet Mary Oliver has said "You don't have to be good." You were made good already, just as you are.

All: Sometimes we don't feel "good."

One: You are good. You are whole. You are loved by the God of the universe.

All: Is it true that nothing can separate us from that love?

One: Yes. Nothing can separate you from God's love.

All: We are held in grace. We are forgiven because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection. Amen.

***RESPONSE** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me #582

LAUGHTER & JOY

Pass The Peace & Cookies Donna Okash

Old Testament Psalm 148
New Testament Matthew 2: 10

***Hymn** O Come, All Ye Faithful #133

Inflatable Joy

Old Testament Isaiah 9: 2-3
New Testament Luke 2: 10

Hymns Angels We Have Heard on High #113
Go, Tell It on the Mountain #136
Joy to the World #134

Holy Laughter & Prayer Donna Okash

Old Testament Genesis 21: 1-7
New Testament John 15: 11

***Hymns** Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child #126
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #119
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #132

LORD'S PRAYER

One: Let us pray...

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR Winter Jams See Insert

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION
OFFERING
OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of laughter, 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.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Liturgy inspired by the folks at A Sanctified Art and Mary Oliver's poem "Wild Geese" Adapted by United Presbyterian Church

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

Lounging in my brand new winter jams

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

MONDAY 12/30

TUESDAY 12/31

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY 1/1

Office Closed– Happy New Year

THURSDAY 1/2


10:00 AM Pickleball

FRIDAY 1/3


Birthdays This Week

12/29— Christy Willmore
12/29— Creede McClellan
1/1— Sara Maas
1/1— Elizabeth Schlacks-Iafrate
1/3— Emily Lanigan
1/3— Dominic Okash


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!


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.

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.

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav-ior reigns! Let all their songs
3 No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-fest
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-

her king; let ev-ery heart pre-pare him room,
em-ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
the ground; he comes to make his bless-ings flow
tions prove the glo-ries of his righ-teous-ness

and heaven and na-ture sing, and heaven and na-ture
re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won-ders of his love, and won-ders of his
and heaven and na-ture sing,
and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na-ture sing.
joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won-ders, won-ders of his love.
heaven and na-ture sing,

136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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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,

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.

113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

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O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phante; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e-ter-nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an-gels; sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-

ye; O come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come, and be-hold him,
 of a vir-gin, a mor-tal he comes; ver-y God, be-
 all ye cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo-ry given; Word of the Fa-ther,

Refrain

born the King of an-gels!
 got-ten, not cre-at-ed! O come, let us a-dore him; O come, let
 glo-ry in the high-est! now in flesh ap-pear-ing!

us a-dore him; O come, let us a-dore him, Christ, the Lord!

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me,
 2 World with-out end, with-out end. A-men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par-doned me,
 World with-out end, with-out end. A-men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free.
 World with-out end, with-out end. A-men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

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

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