

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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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) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling  
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Online Worship

*Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

November 19th, 2023

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*INTROIT & CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness #657

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Giver of all good gifts, may we ask of you with reckless abandon.**

**May we turn our hands out toward you. May we receive in the spirit of Thanksgiving. We're sorry God, we're sorry for those times when we don't ask for what we'd like or what we need. We're sorry that sometimes we shame others personally, socially, or otherwise for asking for what they'd like or need. Show us and lead us towards interdependence instead of independence. May we always turn to you in our need. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

**\*HYMN** Now Thank We All Our God #643

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, our circumstances can be a lot. When things happen, it can be one bad thing after another... after another. It can truly feel never ending. We have needs and those needs aren't shameful. In the words of the musical artist Joy Oladokun in her song *If You Got A Problem*, I imagine God says to us "If you got a problem, I got a problem too. If you're standing at the bottom, I'll reach out for you." Even when we feel shame for asking or have intentionally or unintentionally made others feel bad for asking for help, God still reaches out to us and others. God still gives. God forgives us, unconditionally. It is through Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection that...

**All: God has given us forgiveness and so 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.**" 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** We've Come This Far By Faith (2x) #656

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

New Testament Reading

Jane Wester  
Luke 11:1-4, 9-13

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SERMON** "Holding our Hands Out: Turning To God"

Rev. Brett M Foote  
Psalm 123:1-4

Old Testament Reading

**\*HYMN** Why Should I Feel Discouraged #661

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

Alex Sandor  
#647

**\*RESPONSE**

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"

Let the poor say, "We are rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us!" (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

**\*PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who gives us the breath in our lungs, thank you! Continue to bless us so that we may be a blessing to our neighbors and fellow pilgrims. May we always reach out our hands to you and our neighbor when in need. May we also always reach out to bless others when they are in need. Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized. Help us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we represent your expansive justice and love. Send your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior, Duluth, and even out in Floodwood. 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** We Will Go Out With Joy  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*POSTLUDE**

**#539**

**Alex Sandor**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

***Luke 11:1-4, 9-13***

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Psalm 123:1-4***

A Song of Ascents.

To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of servants

look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maid

to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the Lord our God,

until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than its fill

of the scorn of those who are at ease,

of the contempt of the proud.

**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>

**United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

**SUNDAY 11/19**

**8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

**10:00 AM Morning Worship**

**10:15 AM Children's Church**

**4 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner & Worship**

**6 PM Volleyball**

**6 PM Boy Scouts**

**MONDAY 11/20**

**Pastor Out—Vacation**

**10 AM Pickleball**

**6 PM Fellowship Hall in Use—Scouts**

**6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons**

**TUESDAY 11/21**

**Pastor Out—Vacation**

**10 AM Pickleball**

**10:30 AM Conference Room in Use**

**6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal**

**WEDNESDAY 11/22**

**Pastor Out—Vacation**

**10 AM Crafters Group**

**1 PM UPBeat Deadline**

**2-6 PM CSA Pickup**

**THURSDAY 11/23**

**Pastor Out—Vacation**

**Office Closed**

**7 PM AA Meeting**

**FRIDAY 11/24**

**Pastor Out—Vacation**

**Office Closed**

**SATURDAY 11/25**

**Pastor Out—Vacation**

**Birthdays This Week**

**11/20 Tim Schmitt**

**11/22 Beth Lisak**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**November 30**

**December 2**

**UPBeat Mailing**

**Hanging of Greens**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GET INVOLVED

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. *There will be no Children's Church on Sunday, November 26th.*

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Sunday, December 17th we will be having our annual Christmas program! All ages are invited to join in the fun. We will gather for breakfast at 8:30a and practice together afterward. The program will take place during the service. Please let Laura know if you are planning to come!

### FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Our pickleball schedule is changing again in November! Starting this week, you can join us **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there! **Next week, Pickleball will play Monday and Tuesday instead of Tuesday and Thursday due to the office being closed for Thanksgiving.**

**Volleyball** will be playing **every Sunday at 6 PM** unless there is an announcement stating otherwise!

**November 28, and December 5, 12, 19**—Chelsea Thompson will be leading a "Boost Your Brain and Memory Program" from 1-2:30 PM.

**January 28th**—Birthday Potluck: Sign up sheets will be posted closer to the event.

**February 18th**—Spud Day: More information to come closer to the event.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

During Advent season, there will be an opportunity for the congregation to request their favorite Christmas carols to be sung in the 10 minutes prior to the service starting.

### GETTING TO KNOW UNITED

If you've been curious to get to know who we are and what we are about at United, Pastor Brett will be leading a group for this very purpose soon. Date is TBD. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAT AND MITTEN TREE

The mission committee is now collecting hats and mittens for the mitten tree. A labeled tote is located on the shelf where donations are collected.

### SUPERIOR REBUILD FORMS

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with a large scale or small scale project, such as home repairs or upgrades, Superior Rebuild would like to help! There are forms available at the back of the narthex that can be filled out with details about the work that needs to be done. Once they are filled out, feel free to put them into the offering plate, mailbox, or in the office. You may also scan and email the form to the office if that is convenient for you.

### COMMUNITY DINNER & ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING

Please join us for our free Community Dinner today, Sunday, November 19th. The meal will start at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Thanksgiving Meal this month. This will coincide with our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, which will begin at 4:15 PM. 10 local churches are gathering together and each contributing in some way to the meal and the service.

If you would like to volunteer to help with set up or serving, any and all assistance would be welcomed! Check the sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex for volunteer times.

If you would like to sing with the community choir, please show up around 2:30 PM to rehearse with the group!

### UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN SEEDMONEY FUNDRAISING HAPPENING NOW!

It's time! The SeedMoney.org fundraising campaign for the 2024 UPC Community Garden is now under way. (Will we again be awarded a grant in recognition of how much money we raise? Let's make it happen!) The fundraising period is November 15 through December 15. Go to <https://donate.seedmoney.org/9293/united-presbyterian-church-community-garden> to donate. If you would like help doing so, someone from the garden committee will be on hand to assist after our service today (as well as the other Sundays during this period). We hope you'll consider giving to this cause.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The December meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be a lunch at Ace's on Wednesday, December 6 at 12:30. Please contact Bonnie Wallin (715-392-7029) for reservations by Monday, December 4.

### CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, November 17th, 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.



# *Christmas Poinsettias*

*Order Form 2023*

Poinsettias will be bought to decorate our sanctuary for Advent. If you wish to remember or honor someone, donations should be made by:

**Sunday, December 3rd, 2023.**

***Please circle if the person is to be remembered or honored.***

Remembered

Honored

\_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested donation \$17.00 per poinsettia plant.**

The order form and donation may be placed in the offering plate, brought into the church office (placed on the desk if secretary isn't present), or mailed to the church.

Given by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to take a poinsettia home after Christmas Eve.

Yes

No

*United Presbyterian Church, 229 N 28th St. E Superior, WI 54880*

# 657 Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

(Psalm 147)

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (D)  
 Refrain F Dm Gm7 C F

Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (Bm) (Em7)  
 Dm Gm7 F Dm Gm7

psalms of grati-tude; with the voice of praise

(A) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (D)  
 C F Dm Gm7 F *Fine*

dis-cover that to worship God is good.

(Bm) (Em7) (A) (F#) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 C A Bb

1 God unites the scattered people, gathers  
 2 Such is God's great power and wisdom, none can  
 3 God with clouds the sky has cur-tained, thus en-  
 4 God's discern-ment nev-er favors strength or

(Em) (F#) (F#7) (Bm) (Em7) (A)  
 Gm A A7 Dm Gm7 C

those who wan-dered far, heals the hurt and bro-ken  
 cal-cu-late late tell; keen is God to ground the  
 sur-ing rain shall fall; earth, re-spond-ing, grows to  
 speed to lift or move; God de-lights in those who

(D) (G) (Em7) (A) *to Refrain*  
 F Bb Gm7 C (D) F

spir-its, tend-ing ev-ery wound and scar.  
 wick-ed and with hum-ble folk to dwell.  
 or-der food for crea-tures great and small.  
 wor-ship, trust-ing in God's stead-fast love.

# 643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav-en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re-joic-es;  
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa-ther and to Son and Spir-it now be giv-en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom heaven and earth a-dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev-er-more.

# We've Come This Far by Faith 656

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,

trust-ing in the ho-ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.

O, can't turn a-round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

# 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

- 1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
- 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,
- 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,  
and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,

when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:  
though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:  
I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:

his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;

his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

*Refrain*  
I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)

for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

# We Will Go Out with Joy 539

*Leader* C F/C C G7 C

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

C F/C C C/G G7 C *Fine*  
*All*

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*Refrain* F#sus2 C F G C

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

F#sus2 C E#sus2 Dm7 Gsus G *to Stanzas*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!