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If you'd like to join virtually, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

(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. Share a request in the comments section. 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

Baptism of our Lord

January 12th, 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 & INTROIT: Baptized in Water #482**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: We thank you God for the waters of baptism.

All: We give thanks for a cleansing, a new birth, a new life, a new way to live following your son Jesus.

One: That "new life" doesn't always feel like one.

All: We still hurt, we have vices, we struggle, and experience brokenness from time to time.

One: Meet us loving God, in the water's of baptism again and forgive us when we say, it's all too much and give up.

All: Make us new. Wash us in your waters. Sanctify us. Let us feel your love. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON– *Like The Water* by Wendell Berry**

One: Like the water of a deep stream,

All: love is always too much.

One: We did not make it.

All: Though we drink till we burst, we cannot have it all, or want it all.

One: In its abundance it survives our thirst.

All: In the evening we come down to the shore to drink our fill, and sleep,

One: while it flows through the regions of the dark.

All: It does not hold us, except we keep returning to its rich waters thirsty.

One: We enter,

All: willing to die, into the commonwealth of its joy.

One: Because of Christ...

All: We are 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 Our God is an Awesome God (3x) #616**

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jackie Pananen

Old Testament

Psalm 42: 1-5

SERMON Taking No Credit: Baptisms, Secret Help, & Christ
Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM As the Deer #626

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #609**

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of new birth, 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 what new life in you is like. Refresh us! Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT 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 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters #490**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 42: 1-5

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help.

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK

Please find sign up sheets in the narthex for the birthday potluck coming soon, January 26th after the service. You may sign up to bring a themed cake, (we need only one per month) a hot food dish, a cold food dish or bread. The themed cakes are the center pieces on each of the 12 months tables. When it is time to "dine" you sit at the table of your birthday month. It is a great chance to reconnect with those birthday sharing friends from last year's birthday potluck! Everyone is welcome; we always have plenty of delicious food and many cakes to sample!

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

Thank you to all the workers who came to help with the kitchen clean-up. A special thank you to Tim Schmitt, Tom Jacobson, and Dean Hecht for all they did cleaning the stove. It was a big job!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1/12

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

MONDAY 1/13

3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Finance Committee

TUESDAY 1/14

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
6:00 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 1/15

10:00 AM Crafters Group
4:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Munch Bunch Dinner
6:30 PM SF Small Group Meeting

THURSDAY 1/16

10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
4:00 PM Kickstarters Soccer
6:15 PM Session Meeting

FRIDAY 1/17

Birthdays This Week

1/13— Jack Finstad
1/14— Elda Hanson
1/14— Joan Johnson
1/15— Ailey Rude
1/17— LaShawn Rush

SATURDAY 1/18

10:00 AM Nancy Wiitala Service

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.
- Cooking with Cam*— Come make lumpia (egg rolls) January 23rd at 4:30 PM in the kitchen.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a fermata. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate accompaniment.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

626 As the Deer

D A Bm Dsus D

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my

G A7sus A7 D G A7 D A

soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my

Bm Dsus D G Asus A7 D

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Bm Bm/A G D/F# G Bm

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone

Em F#sus F# D A

may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

Bm Dsus D G A7sus A7 D

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

490 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)

F Dm Bb

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh - ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) (Bm)

F Dm

of your womb. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) (D) (A)

Bb F C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)

Dm Am Dm Bb C F

spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) (G) (D)

Dm Bb F

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

482 Baptized in Water

C Am Dm G F G C

Musical notation for the first line of the song, featuring a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, Am, Dm, G, F, G, and C.

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C/G

Musical notation for the second line of the song. Chords are indicated above the staff: Em, Am, Em, F, G, C, Am, F, and C/G.

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

Am G C G/B Am G7 C

Musical notation for the third line of the song. Chords are indicated above the staff: Am, G, C, G/B, Am, G7, and C.

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Our God Is an Awesome God 616

Awesome God

C G D Em

Musical notation for the first line of the song, featuring a treble clef, a 2/2 time signature, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, G, D, and Em.

Our God is an awe - some God who reigns from heav - en a - bove

C G Am Em B7 Em

Musical notation for the second line of the song. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, G, Am, Em, B7, and Em.

with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe - some God!