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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

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2024

4:00 PM

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 Elisabeth Eller
WELCOME

INTROIT Love Has Come #110

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Written by James Hawes, of Sunday Papers as revised by Brett & Jocelyn)

One: For God to become a baby he had to

All: Squeeze himself into a small space

One: Confine himself into a fallible body

All: Restrict himself to humanity

One: Reduce himself to limited movements

All: Become weak and vulnerable

One: Rely on humans to take care of him

All: For Christ to become one of us

One: He had to be born like us

All: The light was hidden within the womb

One: The thirst quencher received refreshment from the breast of Mary

All: The bread of life had to learn how to eat

One: The one who holds us, first had to be held

All: The Lover was loved

One: The Way had to learn to walk

All: The Word had to learn to speak

One: The Teacher was taught

All: The Creator how to create

One: This is our God!

All: This is our God!

***HYMN** Angels, from the Realms of Glory #143

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: We love you God.

All: Yet sometimes we get things wrong.

One: We miss the mark. We come up short.

All: Remembering the birth of Christ sometimes has very little effect on us.

One: Change our hearts and forgive us all the same, amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear this today if you haven't before. You are forgiven.

All: We are forgiven.

One: Because of Christ and especially his birth, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

All: We are forgiven, nothing can separate us from one another and from the God of the universe. 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)

***RESPONSE** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (vs 1) #128

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

A CONVERSATION: ABOUT CHRIST, THE HOLY FAMILY & THE IMAGES WE CREATE

SCRIPTURE READINGS Donna Okash

Old Testament Isaiah 9: 2-7

New Testament Luke 2: 1-16

Sharing Our Nativity Stories & Images: Nikoi's, Okash's, Langholz's.

REFLECTION— Jocelyn Langholz, Pastoral Intern

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE What Child Is This (vs 1 & 3) Elisabeth Eller #145

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of our 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 the beauty of new life in Christ for all humanity! Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Okash Family

SHARING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN** Silent Night #122

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9: 2-7

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. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2: 1-16

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room. Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

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

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

TUESDAY 12/24

10:00 AM Pickleball
4:00 PM Interactive Family Service
9:00 PM Traditional Service

THURSDAY 12/26

Office Closed
10:00 AM Pickleball

SATURDAY 12/28

WEDNESDAY 12/25

Office Closed— Merry Christmas

FRIDAY 12/27

SUNDAY 12/29

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

Birthdays This Week

12/28— Tom Lisak
12/29— Creede McClellan
12/29— Christy Willmore

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.

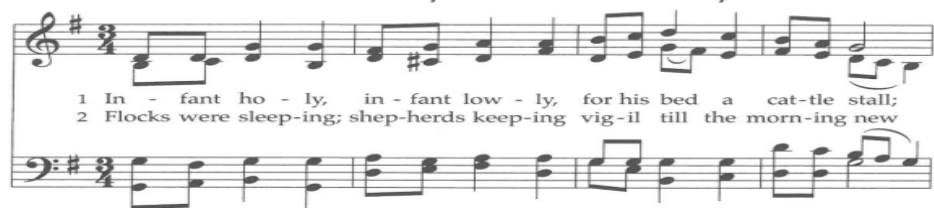
Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

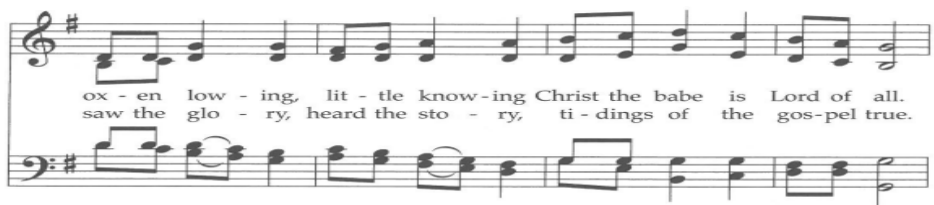
'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

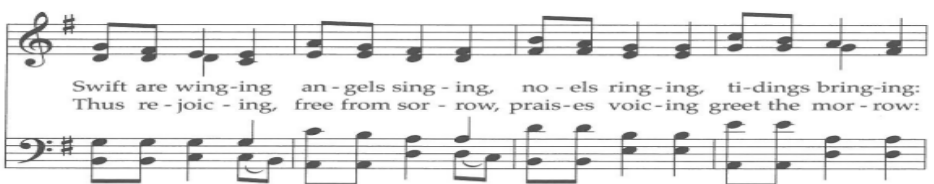
128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat-tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep-ing; shep-herds keep-ing vig-il till the morn-ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know-ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, ti - dings of the gos-pel true.



Swift are wing-ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring-ing, ti-dings bring-ing:
Thus re-joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais-es voic-ing greet the mor - row:



Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.



Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright.

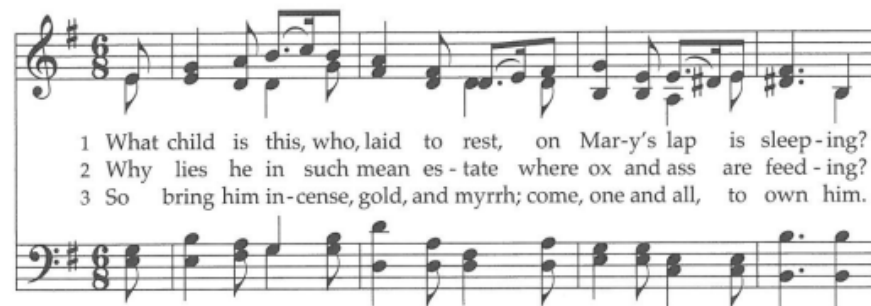


O, shine all a - round us by day and by

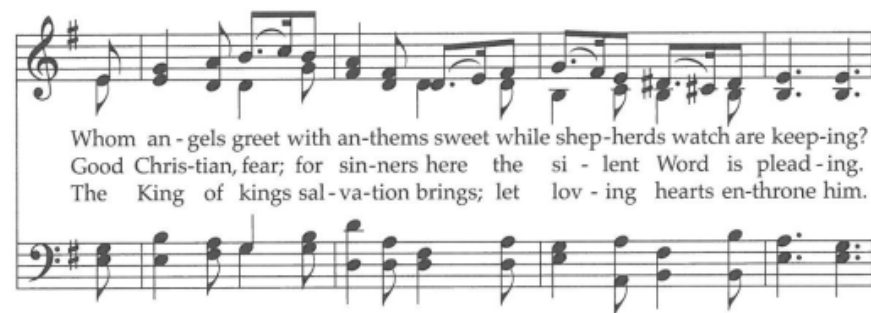


night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

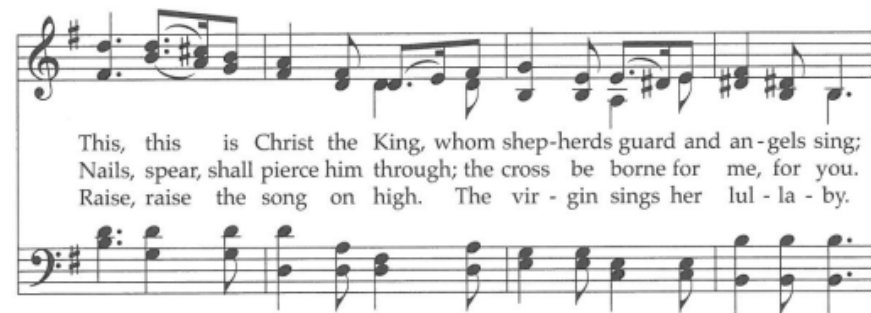
145 What Child Is This



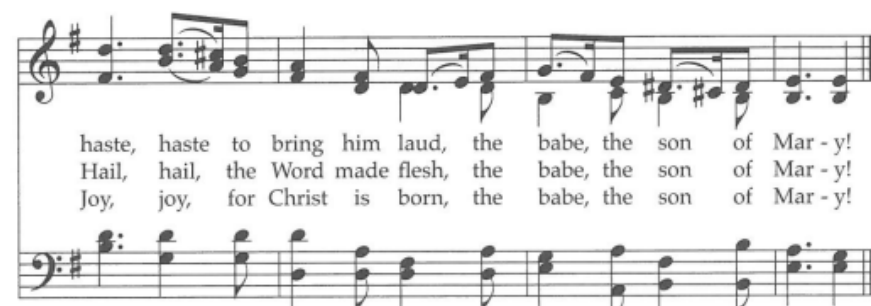
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Love Has Come

110

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (A) C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) C (D) F (Bm) Dm (D) F (A) C (G) Bb (D) F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) Gm7 (F#7) A7 (G) Bb (A) C (Bm) Dm (A7) C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) F (A) C (G) Bb (A) C (D) F (A) C (A7) C7 (Dsus) Fsus (D) F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
you have seen his na - tal star:
to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

REMEMBERED

Doris Aslyn
Given by H. Duane Aslyn and David

Tim Bergstrom
Given by his Family

Lorraine and Marion Ellison
Given by a grateful congregation

Bruce and Eileen Erickson
Given by a grateful congregation

Bud and Virginia Hart
Given by Becky Kirk and Debbie Bergstrom

Husband, John Haugland,
Given by Joan Haugland

Daughter, Debra
Given by Joan Haugland

Son, Gregg
Given by Joan Haugland

Blaire Helstad
Given by Cliff and Jackie Pananen

Parents, Norman and Lillian Jorgenson and brother Tom
Given by JoAnn Rush and Barb Ryan

Husband, Jim Larson
Given by Dolores Larson

Jim Larson
Given by Tim and Diane Schmitt & Family

REMEMBERED

JoAnn Leszczynski
Given by Jill Marie Harnstrom

Loyd and Goldie LeMieux
Given by Sandy and Chuck LeMieux

Clarence and E. Lois Lindberg
Given by Bob Lindberg

Loved ones that have passed away
Given by Tom and Bev Vosburgh

Lyle and Florence Maves
Given by Bob Lindberg

Emmanuel and Mary Olson, Debi Olson
Given by Sandy and Chuck LeMieux

Arlene Peters
Given by Jeff and Becky Olson

Joe Schmitt
Given by Tim and Diane Schmitt & Family

Thomas and Dorothy Thompson
Given by Jim Thompson

Lorrayne Vesperman, Mother-in-law
Given by JoAnn Rush and Barb Ryan

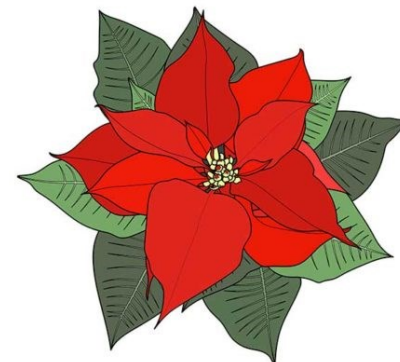
Herb and Dora Wallin
Given by Bonnie Wallin

Lorraine Wolff
Given by Tim and Dianne Schmitt & Family

HONORED

Doris & LeRoy Farmer and Dorothy Jean Farmer
Given by Tom and Phyllis Flaherty

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REMEMBER & HONOR OUR
LOVED ONES





A Six Word Story

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