WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Follow us on Facebook

Find and review us on Google

HELPFUL TO KNOW

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 Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

Choirmaster & Handbell Director
Church Secretary
Custodian
Director of Children

Director of Children,

Youth & Family Ministries

Financial Secretary

Nursery Coordinator

Organist & Pianist

Pastor

Treasurer

Jane Wester Tiffany Willie Beth Lisak

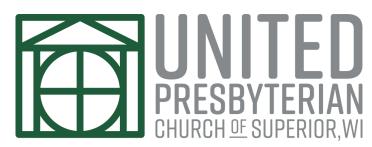
Laura Foote Jan Letsos Iris Miller

Alexander Sandor Rev. Brett M. Foote Christy Willmore

Cover Art: "Peek of Palm" Rev. Brett M Foote



A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)





229 North 28th Street East Superior, WI 54880

Office: 715-392-4751 Pastor: 717-247-4433

<u>unitedpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com</u> www.facebook.com/UnitedPresbyterianChurch

Online Worship

Palm Sunday

April 2nd, 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. Each time "Hosanna" is said, you may raise your palms in the air and shake them!

PRELUDE Alex Sandor Hosanna, Loud Hosanna PROCESSIONAL #197 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP & THEME FOR LENT: I Refuse To Be Comforted Easily

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of humility, you came into this world as a baby, you chose religious school dropouts as your first disciples, you chose to ride into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, you model how we are called to live. Pride gets in the way. It clouds our ability to live like vour son Jesus.

One: It's a pride that says-

All: I'm right and you are wrong. Strength is better than meekness. Violence is greater than peace. Success is better than kindness. Forgive us God.

One: Forgive us for when we aren't humble. Forgive us for when we choose the ways of the world.

All: Make us instruments of your love, and may we all shout:

One: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, there will be days when we withhold our praise. There will be days when we dare not follow. There will be days when we ignore God's call, when we choose pride over humility, and ourselves over others. But even on those days, even on our worst days, we belong to God. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Nothing can separate us from God's love. Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection:

All: We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna! Amen.

BELL CHOIR

*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 Halle, Hallelujah (2x, chorus only) #591

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Donna Okash** Zechariah 9:9-10 **Old Testament Reading**

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM On That Dav Children are invited to gather in the narthex for Children's Church. SERMON "'Save us we pray!'- Us 'Yeah, but not like that.'-Jesus" Rev. Brett M Foote

Matthew 21:1-11

New Testament Reading

*APOSTLES CREED

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor #196

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor *RESPONSE #607

> Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all people, here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: Humble God, may we cry "Hosanna!" like many before us. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be loving neighbors. May all those who have been pushed aside find in us good friends and companions on the journey. As we give of our time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to be people of change in our community. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth and the rest of the Northland may know your tender and humble love. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Holy Communion

COMMUNION HYMN I Come with Joy (vs. 1-3) #515

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Adapted from the Book of Common Worship & lyrics written by Aaron Weiss)

One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. One: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High. All: It is right to give our thanks and praise. One: Praise to you, O God for you are a door without a key, a field without a fence. When we try to avoid and forget you, you meet us where we cannot fathom your presence. You appear in places, times, and people we least suspect. You often make holy fools of us all and we thank you forever for that. Today we are reminded that when we come to your table and this holy meal without a thing besides ourselves, we come with all we need. We are reminded that your real presence knits us together with your body here in this place and all over the world. You taught your disciples to pray by saying...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. 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

*CLOSING HYMN
*BENEDICTION

You Shall Go Out With Joy #80

Alex Sandor

*POSTLUDE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

and from the liver to the chas of

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Zechariah 9:9-10

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

THE LORD'S SUPPER is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

A Quick Look at Holy Week 2023:

Palm Sunday Service – 4/2 at 10 AM in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service – 4/6 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Nursery Care—4/6 beginning at 6:15 PM and ending 15 minutes after the service concludes

Good Friday – 4/7 Office Closed

Ecumenical Community Good Friday Service – 4/7 at 6:30 PM at Central Assembly of God (5 PM Rehearsal for Community Gospel Choir)

Easter Sunrise Service – 4/9 at 6:30 AM at Wisconsin Point, Lot 1

Easter Breakfast – 4/9 from 8-9:30 AM Pancake Bar in the Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt—4/9 at 9:30 AM starting in the Narthex

Easter Sunday Nursery Care—4/9 beginning at 9:45 AM and ending 15 minutes after the service concludes

Easter Sunday Service – 4/9 at 10 AM in the Sanctuary

Easter Monday - 4/10 Office Closed

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 4/2

8:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 4/3

4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Fellowship and Outreach

TUESDAY 4/4

3:45-7:30 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball 4:30 PM Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY 4/5
9:30 AM PW Meeting
12 PM Staff Meeting
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
4-4:45 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Deacons Meeting

6 PM Book Club

THURSDAY 4/6
5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 4/7
Office Closed
5-7 PM Boy Scout Fish Fry
6:30 PM Community Good Friday Service—Central
Assembly of God

Birthdays This Week

4/2 Anita Anderson 4/6 Susan Litehiser 4/7 Tim Iafrate 4/8 Halie Matthias 4/8 Kevin Ostrowski

LOOKING AHEAD

April 10 Office Closed
April 12 Planning AHEAD Workshop
April 19 Mental Health First Aid

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, March 31st, 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.

LITURGIST & COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

There are two sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex, one to sign up to host our coffee hours following the service, and one where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. These are both great opportunities to get involved with the church!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:

Join us in April and May as we learn to plan AHEAD. The 7-session workshop, taught by Chelsea Thompson, covers the topics of end-of-life planning, including legal directives, estate planning, handling financial changes, and final wishes. Please feel free to grab a flyer for more information.

Dates: April 12th, 19th, and 26th; May 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, 3-4 PM.

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Our very own Chef, Cameron Campbell, will be preparing a Pancake Bar this year on Easter Sunday. Come hungry anytime between 8-9:30 AM. © Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday from 4-6 PM** and volleyball every **Sunday from 6-7:30 PM.**

2023 UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN-UP CONTINUES TODAY

Thanks so much to all those who signed up last week to garden this summer in the UPC Community Garden. At this point, only two spaces remain unclaimed. One of them is a raised bed in which carrots, onions, and beets will be grown. The other is a pot that already has rhubarb plants in it. The gardener in this case will simply need to take care of them; the rhubarb won't be ready for harvest until next year. Please stop by the table in the narthex after church to sign up. Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com or at 218-348-6032

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

On April 7th, United will be part of an Ecumenical/Community Good Friday Service held at Central Assembly of God. The service will be at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

BUMP SET SPIKE BY JAY

We had 4 vs 4 for UPC Volleyball. Our play of the game this week, after a tremendous volley, was when Pastor Brett reached down and one handed bumped the ball over the net!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: mittens, hats, scarves, hand warmers, coats, toiletry items (toothbrushes, toilet paper, bars of soap, etc.), and non-liquid, sealed food items. Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you for your donations!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is staffed 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Stop by the Nursery and meet Iris, our Nursery Coordinator and her volunteer assistants. 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 Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith. Children's Church takes place in the Youth room, which is next to the Nursery.

SECOND SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every second Sunday of the month there is a Bible study for our high school students. Easter is the second Sunday in April, therefore our next and last meeting will be April 16.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adolescents ages 12-18. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to young people who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support. This training will take place on April 19 from 8a-4p here at UPC. Lunch and refreshments will be provided and spots are limited. To register go to: https://go.wisc.edu/yk82kk. If you need assistance with registering please connect with Laura after the service or call Tiff during open office hours.

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

April 2023 Mon Tue Wed Thu

Sun Mon Fri Sat

SUNDAY WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE LIVE ONLINE AT: http://upc-superior.com/youtube						Confirmation Retreat 6 PM AA Speaker Meeting
8:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	3 4 PM F&O Meeting 4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	4 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball 4:30 PM Worship Committee	9:30 AM PW Meeting 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 4-4:45 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Deacons Meeting 6 PM Book Club	6 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM AA Meeting	7 Office Closed 5-7 PM Boy Scout Fish Fry 6:30 PM Good Friday Service—Central Assembly	8
9 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service 8 AM Easter Breakfast 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church	10 Office Closed 4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons 5 PM Finance Committee	11 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball 4:45 PM CYF Committee	12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3-4 PM Planning AHEAD 4-4:45 PM Piano Lessons 6:15 Personnel Committee	13 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6 PM B&G Meeting 7 PM AA Meeting	14	15
8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church 11:30 AM Second Sunday Bible Study 4 PM Community Dinner 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	17 4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	18 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball	19 8 AM-4 PM Mental Health First Aid 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 1 PM Caregiver Conversations 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3-4 PM Planning AHEAD 4-4:45 PM Piano Lessons	20 1 PM UPBeat Deadline 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM Session Meeting 7 PM AA Meeting	21	22
23 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church 11 AM Mission Committee 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	24 4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	25 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball	26 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3-4 PM Planning AHEAD 4-4:45 PM Piano Lessons	27 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 PM AA Meeting	28 UPBeat Mailing 4-6 PM Piano Lessons	29
30 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts						

77B I Refused to Be Comforted Easily Fm Unison Cm - a - tion and in ut - ter frus -1 In com-plete des - per and with no hope in 2 With my eyes shut in fright 3 Will God al - ways re - ject me? Will he nev - er re re - mem - bered all the things I'd for -4 Then, at last, Abmaj7 G7sus CmI called out and God lis-tened to me. tra - tion, I was much too dis - tract - ed to speak; sight, Has God's love for me failed ut - ter - ly? spect me? all the won-ders you, Lord, had be - gun. got - ten, Fm/G Cm/G Fm/G with hands raised and fists Both by day and by night, which I knew could - n't i - ma - gined times past Has his grace been for - got - ten, has he grudged me And I saw how mis - for - tune had dis - tract - ed Cm Csus Fm/G Cm/G ex-pressed and re - peat - ed my tight, bo - dy grew weak. and my heart, will, and pas-sion, does his right hand not strength-en or in all you've done. ten - tion from your faith - ful - ness









the love that makes us

one.

I Come with Joy

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

one,

that makes us

You Shall Go Out with Joy

The Trees of the Field

