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If you'd like to join virtually, please connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>
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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. Share a request in the comments section. Additionally, the Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Dorothy Burriss 817-715-0968 (macb.dlb@sbcglobal.net) or Dean Hecht at 715-919-1325.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

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Online Worship

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time &
Our Back To School Blessing**

September 14th, 2025

10:00 AM

If you're 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** Jesus Loves Me! #188

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING Laura M. Foote

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God of education, all good knowledge, students, and educators...

All: We give You thanks for the opportunity to learn, teach, share, and grow!

One: Continue to make us curious and compassionate people.

All: Forgive us, because at times, we make mistakes.

One: We confess that we forget to study, the lesson plans are not always revised...

All: At times we sleep in and hit snooze one too many times. The coffee is cold and the hands and feet of the kids are colder because of forgotten gloves or a lack of funds at home.

One: God remind us that You are present in those momentary flubs, oopsies, and missed opportunities.

All: Go with us Holy Spirit as You promise to. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, for everything done or left undone, said or left unsaid...we are forgiven because of Christ and his birth, life, death, and resurrection.

All: The paper will get written, the exam taken, the lesson revised, the email sent, the child cared for, and the meeting scheduled. In the midst of all we go through, God will still be God. Christ will be in each and every moment of our lives. Christ forgives all of it and all of us.

***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** I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry #488

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION Great Lakes Elementary Staff

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** These Treasured Children #487

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of education, we come before You all having been students, all having been educators in some way, shape or form. We give thanks for our neighbors at Great Lakes: all the staff, all the kids. May we continue to support and care for them well so that they might flourish. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from with intention and care. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. May we model Your expansive justice and love. We give You thanks for all these gifts and what they mean for the kingdom of God. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for this congregation, Superior community, and world. May we live Your "YES!" towards all people. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

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.

***HYMN** Seek Ye First #175

SCRIPTURE READINGS Eric Schlacks

Old Testament Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

New Testament 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Sermon The Word of God in Action:
Rev. Brett M. Foote & Ms. Jan Letsos

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC VOLLEYBALL

UPC went 3-3 last Sunday! Tonight's games are at 5:50 and 6:40 PM at Ace's located at 2827 Oakes Ave, Superior, WI. Come on out and cheer on the Beets!

CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN TODAY!

Join us for a special garden-themed coffee hour after today's service, to recognize another successful season of the UPC Community Garden. The intrepid UPC gardeners have already harvested lots of green beans and will soon harvest butternut squash, carrots, potatoes, and onions. These veggies will be used in dishes served at the next UPC Community Dinner. Meanwhile, students and teachers over at Great Lakes will soon harvest potatoes our gardeners have grown for use in school lunches. Yum! So please come celebrate!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be having a congregational meeting next Sunday, September 21st after worship for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee.

CELEBRATION DINNER

Reminder that we have our celebration dinner coming up on October 12 after worship, and to get you RSVP cards in by September 28. Thank you!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

139:1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me. **2** You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. **3** You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. **4** Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. **5** You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. **6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. **13** For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. **14** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. **15** My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. **16** Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. **17** How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! **18** I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

1:12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, **13** even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, **14** and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. **15** The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. **16** But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. **17** To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 in the crafting room inside the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office to learn more.
- Community Dinner—Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August. To learn more, contact the office or Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp—Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee. Questions? Contact Eric Schlacks 218-269-6678.
- Roast Beef Dinner*—Presbyterian Women's annual Roast Beef Dinner is Wednesday, September, 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Contact the office with any questions.
- 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). Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign-up. *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they 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). Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign-up. *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly or monthly basis. Training will be provided! Questions? Contact Mac Burriss 304-890-2375.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Family Restaurant. Questions? Contact Tom Lisak at 218-348-5390.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January, February, and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.
- Adventure Group Hike—Sunday, September 21st after church. The hike will start at JoAnn Rush's house and go to the Antenna Farm with a BBQ to follow. Questions? Contact the office or Debbie Bergstrom at 218-269-4679.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/14

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
8:45 AM Spiritual Formation Committee
Coffee Hour
5:50 PM Volleyball at Ace's

TUESDAY 9/16

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir

THURSDAY 9/18

10:00 AM Pickleball
12:30 PM Bunco
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

SATURDAY 9/20

MONDAY 9/15

2:30 PM Piano Lessons
6:01 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 9/17

10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:00 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 9/19

Birthdays This Week

9/16—Marcy Lee Price
9/16—Trent Sikorski
9/17—Mac Burriss
9/19—Alicia Willoughby
9/20—Patricia Johnson

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>

Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no

you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -

see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es

child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as

light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."

4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.

I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

These Treasured Children 487



1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

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Descant

Seek Ye First



Al - le - lu - ia,
 1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,



al - le - lu - ia,
 and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by you ev - ery word



al - le - lu - ia,
 and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!