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<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) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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Online Worship

Second Sunday in Christmastide

January 1st, 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** O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic is Your Name (2x) #613

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We wrestle...

All: with what it means to follow a baby.

One: We wrestle...

All: with what it means to choose love over fear.

One: We wrestle...

All: with what it means that our lives could change forever.

One: We wrestle...

All: with how to live in light of the birth of your son Jesus Christ.

One: We admit that this journey...

All: is difficult, strange, and filled with setbacks in the midst of joy, grief, transformation, and hope.

One: And yet...

All: we still wrestle. Amen.

***HYMN** In the Bleak Mid-Winter #144

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray. God of new opportunities,

All: Many of us have given up on quite a few things in our lives.

One: The journey gets too hard for us, we suffer setbacks, sometimes we cut our losses.

All: Help us to discern between the opportunities you have for us and what we should give up on.

One: Forgive the times when we quit midway through wrestling with you and the transformational journey you take us on.

All: Give us strength, endurance, and understanding of what you are doing in our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, repeat after me—Nothing can separate us...

All: Nothing can separate us...

One: from the love of God...

All: from the love of God...

One: in Christ Jesus.

All: in Christ Jesus.

One: In Christ, we are found, loved, and forgiven.

All: In Christ, we are found, loved, and forgiven.

One: Amen.

All: 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 (Choir will lead, congregation responds)

Jesus, Jesus O What a Wonderful Child #126

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

SERMON "Wrestling With Birth: Every New Year" Rev. Brett M Foote

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:11-12,15-21

***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** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #123

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#133

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord! (2x)

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of step-fathers and adopted parents, God of angel messengers and newborn kings, we bow our heads today with praise on our lips. We offer all our gifts to you: Our lives, our passions, and more. Bless our tithes and offerings. Help us to serve and love alongside our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of your 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 our time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, South Range, Poplar, Maple, and Duluth may know your boundless peace from generation to generation. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Holy Communion

COMMUNION HYMN Come to the Table of Grace vs 1-3 #507

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 all of Your works.

You created the world and called it good
and made us in Your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from You,
You remained ever faithful.

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**

Born In the Night, Mary's Child

#158

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.



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.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 1/1

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Children's Church
6 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 1/2

Office Closed—New Years

TUESDAY 1/3

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

WEDNESDAY 1/4

12 PM Staff Meeting
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
3:45 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Deacons Meeting

THURSDAY 1/5

Building in use
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 1/6

Building in use

SATURDAY 1/7

Building in use
9:15 AM Confirmation @ Temple Israel

Birthdays This Week

1/1 Sara Miles
1/1 Elizabeth Schlacks Iafrate
1/3 Emily Lanigan
1/3 Dominic Okash
1/7 Barb Granquist
1/7 Monica Lenihan

LOOKING AHEAD

January 16
January 22

Office Closed—MLK Jr. Day
Annual Congregational Meeting

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>

KING
The Truth
JESUS
CHRIST CRUCIFIED
*The
Light
The Lamb
The Alpha and the Omega
Immanuel
THE WAY

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:11-12,15-21

To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, 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.'

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. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, December 30th, 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

Pickleball will continue on Tuesdays from 4-6 PM. *No Pickleball this week!*

Volleyball will continue on Sundays from 6-7:30 PM. *No Volleyball this week!*

January 1st- New Year Get-together at the Lisak's House. Please join us for a fun day of sledding, skating, boot hockey, snowshoeing, ice fishing, indoor games, and fellowship. Potluck lunch to begin at noon. See you there! (4519 E. Pleasant View Rd. Superior, WI 54880)

We are thrilled to announce the Birthday Potluck is back this year. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary for salads, rolls, hot food, and all twelve birthday cakes. Join us in celebrating everyone together on January 22nd after church.

Join us on Saturday, January 28th, as we explore the Lake Superior Ice Festival. There will be ice sculptures, vendors, and the giant snow slide you have ever seen. Carpooling will be available from the church at 3:00 PM. This unique event you won't want to miss.

Our fabulous photographer, Jane Wester, will be snapping photos for the church directory on January 22nd. If you have not had a chance to get your picture taken, meet her after church in the Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed January 2nd in observance of New Years.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on January 22nd following the service.

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. We will meet in the Youth room after the service. Don't worry, we'll have snacks for any grumbling bellies. Our next one will be Sunday, January 8th.

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

All students grades 7-12 are invited to our presbytery-wide youth retreat!

When: February 17-19

Where: Camp Amnicon

Cost: \$25

Theme: Know & Be Known

The last day to register is January 22. If you have questions or want to register, reach out to Laura after the service or by sending an email to: lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

The SeedMoney fundraising campaign for the UPC Community Garden has concluded. We raised \$905 and will receive a \$200 grant from SeedMoney, for a total of \$1105. Thanks so much to all those who contributed! Stay tuned for the sign-up for gardening in the 2023 garden. And if you are interested in helping with the planning for the garden, please consider joining the Community Garden Committee. For more information, contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com or at 218-348-6032.

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church 6 PM Volleyball	2 Office Closed—New Years	3 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball 4:30 PM Worship Committee	4 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Deacons Meeting	5 Building in Use 7 PM AA Meeting	6 Building in Use	7 Building in Use 9:15 AM Confirmation @ Temple Israel 6 PM AA Speaker Meeting
8 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church 11:30 AM 2nd Sunday Bible Study 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	9 4 PM F&O Meeting 4-4:30 PM Piano Lessons 7:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	10 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball 4:45 PM CYF Committee	11 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 6:30 PM Personnel Committee	12 6 PM B&G Meeting 7 PM AA Meeting	13	14
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22 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church 11 AM Annual Congregational Meeting 11:30 AM Confirmation 4 PM Community Dinner 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	23 1 PM UPBeat Deadline 4-4:30 PM Piano Lessons 7:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	24 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball	25 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons	26 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 PM AA Meeting	27	28
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O Lord, Our Lord

How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the

earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O

Lord, we mag-ni-fy your name: Prince of Peace, might-y

God; O Lord God Al-might-y.

1 In the bleak mid-win-ter, frost-y wind made moan;
2 Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus-tain;
3 An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there;
4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i-ron, wa-ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to reign:
cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim thronged the air;
If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall-en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-win-ter a sta-ble place suf-ficed
but his moth-er on-ly, in her maid-en bliss,
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid-win-ter, long a-go.
the Lord God in-car-nate, Je-sus Christ.
wor-shipped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child 126

Je-sus, Je-sus, O what a won-der-ful child.

Je-sus, Je-sus, so ho-ly, meek and mild;

new life, new hope the child will bring.

Lis-ten to the an-gels sing: "Glo-ry,

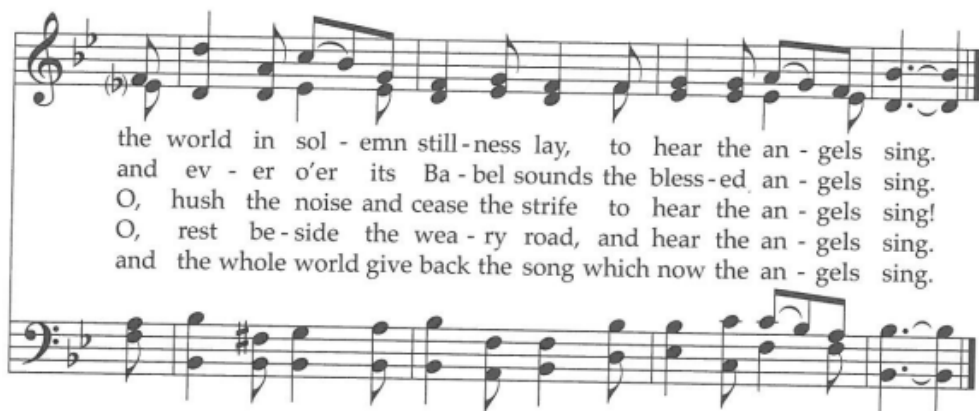
glo-ry, glo-ry!" Let the heav-ens ring.

123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un-furled,
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,

from an-gels bend-ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heaven-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world:
be-neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow,
when with the ev-er-cir-cling years shall come the time fore-told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gra-cious King":
a-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
and we at war on earth hear not the tid-ings that they bring;
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing:
when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



the world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!
 O, rest be - side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
 F C Dm F7/C B^b



1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the
 ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's
 not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

Born in the Night, Mary's Child 158

G 3 Em Am Cm G Em Am D7



1 Born in the night, Mar-y's Child, a long way from your home;
 2 Clear shin-ing light, Mar-y's Child, your face lights up our way;
 3 Truth of our life, Mar-y's Child, you tell us God is good;
 4 Hope of the world, Mar-y's Child, you're com-ing soon to reign;

G 3 Em C Em Am 3 D7 G

com - ing in need, Mar-y's Child, born in a bor-rowed room.
 Light of the world, Mar-y's Child, dawn on our dark-ened day.
 yes, it is true, Mar-y's Child, shown on your cross of wood.
 King of the earth, Mar-y's Child, walk in our streets a - gain.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.