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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**

**December 6th, 2020**

**10:00 A.M.**

Please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

**PRELUDE** Alex Sandor

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT LIGHTING (Lanigan Family)**

**RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #88

**INTROIT** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #82

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 66)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

**All: Let us sing to the glory of God's name; Let us give to God glorious praise.**

One: All the earth worships you God; they sing praises to you, they sing praises to your name.

**All: Come and see what God has done: God's deeds are awesome among humanity.**

One: Cry aloud to our God, and let us praise God with our tongues.

**All: Blessed be our God, because God has not rejected our prayers or removed God's steadfast love from us.**

**HYMN** My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout #100

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God of patience, we confess that sometimes we think we have all the time in the world. We confess that sometimes we put off turning over a "new leaf" to another day. Help us to live with a sense of urgency. Help us to change our lives to become more holy and godly. Sanctify us. May we, as we wait for the day you return be continually transformed more and more into the likeness of your son Jesus Christ. Heal us, renew us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of our lord Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: Family, in our lives we do things that are wrong both intentionally and not. We transgress against God. Yet God, who comes to us in the form of a child pardons all our sin. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel- Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

**All: We are all forgiven. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those in the comments section with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." (Say hello to one another!)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** Kathryn Craven

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Donna O 'Kash  
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

**SERMON** "What Waiting Means: We Change" Rev. Brett Foote  
New Testament Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a

**HYMN** O Come, All Ye Faithful #133

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR (Abridged)**

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.**

**Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## OFFERING

### MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

#### OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

#### RESPONSE

#709

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God of patience and change, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know that they are loved by us and by God. In the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to Holy Communion

#### COMMUNION HYMN

Your Only Son

#518

#### Eucharistic 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. 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 glory and the power, forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

*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, 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 those in your family 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.*

## 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.**

## TIME FOR PRAYER

**Prayers to be Shared** Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

### Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer



**CLOSING HYMN**    **Change My Heart, O God**    #695

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Alex Sandor**

**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.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Isaiah 40:1-11***

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

***2 Peter 3:8-15a***

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

#### SUNDAY 12/6

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

#### MONDAY 12/7

#### TUESDAY 12/8

#### WEDNESDAY 12/9

12:00 Staff Meeting (Zoom)

4:30 PM Finance Meeting (Zoom)

#### THURSDAY 12/10

5:30 PM B&G Meeting (Zoom)

#### FRIDAY 12/11

#### SATURDAY 12/12

#### Birthdays This Week

12/6 Phillis Flaherty

12/6 Bob Lauer

12/8 Carol Baker

12/8 Marian Lanigan

12/8 Ron Underdale

12/9 Aiden Pennington

12/10 Lois Bickford

#### DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God.

If you'd like to donate online vs. mailing the weekly offering to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

#### INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

Items needed for the Inclusive Care Unit! We currently need: Scarves, adult hats, gloves or mittens, and blankets. Drop them off at the church Monday-Friday between 12 P.M. and 4 P.M.

#### HOTDISH INITIATIVE

Next Sunday, December 13th, is our next Hotdish Initiative, from 3-4 PM! This month's hotdish is Shephard's Pie.

#### MITTEN TREE

In the front entry way of the church, there is a hat and mitten tree set up and ready to be decorated with lots of hats and mittens for children! If you have any donations, please drop them off Monday-Friday from 12-4 P.M.

#### FIRE PITS NEEDED

Fire pits are needed for our outdoor Christmas Eve Service! If you are able to loan yours to the church, please bring it into the church during office hours (Monday - Friday, 12-4 PM). Thank You!

#### DONATIONS NEEDED

Monetary donations are still needed for the Christmas Baskets! The mission committee has selected 24 families to receive baskets, so they will need all the help they can get! There is no deadline on when these donations can be received, so drop them off anytime within church hours! Thank you!

#### FRUIT DONATIONS

The mission committee is collecting bags of fruit to distribute during the hotdish initiative this month. If you are able, please drop them off in the office during church hours!

#### LOOKING AHEAD

December 13

December 20

Hotdish Initiative

Community Dinner

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



# 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

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# Your Only Son

## Lamb of God

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
 2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a  
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the

ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious

blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.



# Change My Heart, O God 695

*Cámbiame, Señor* 항상진실케

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Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.  
*Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor,* con tu gran po - der.  
항 상 진 실 케 내 맘 바 꾸 사

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
*Haz - me co - mo tú,* tu yo quie - ro ser.  
주 님 의 모 습 닻 게 하 소 서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.  
*Tú el al - fa - re - ro,* yo el ba - rro soy.  
주 는 토 기 장 이 나 는 진 흙

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
*Só - lo g tu j - ma - gen,* quie - ro siem - pre ser.  
날 빛 으 소 서 기 도 하 오 니

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