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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) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

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.

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Online Worship

First Sunday of Advent

November 28th, 2021

10:00 A.M.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE Alex Sandor
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT The Steadfast Love of the Lord #59**

*** Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 107)**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them

One: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress;

All: Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

One: God satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry God fills with good things.

All: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE—Larson Family**

***Candles of Advent—Choir sing, congregation come in on refrain**

Advent candles warm and bright,
fill the world with radiant light
Help us find the Promised One;
guide us to the child who will come

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, we come with gratitude for this holiday season. We give thanks for family and friends and we enjoy the light and beauty of this season. However, when we think about the world beyond our doorstep, we are likely to despair. Covid is still with us. Homelessness and hunger are increasing. The political and cultural divides grow deeper. Forgive us, O God, for our despair. Forgive us for our resignation to the world as it is. Forgive us our blindness to the signs of your coming among us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Lift up your heads and look around! Do not despair, but rejoice. What you see are but signs of change. God is not only coming, but is already present among us. God is birthing a new world.

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Charlotte Franz

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Deborah Schlacks
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 21:25-36

SERMON "Heads up" Rev. Charlotte Franz

***HYMN** Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn #107

OFFERING
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERATORY

***RESPONSE**

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;

In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Alex Sandor
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***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of Advent, 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 love alongside our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, 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

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** Walk in the Light— *Choir sing, congregation come in on refrain*

Walk in the light, walk in the light,
with our faith to carry us on
Walk in the light, walk in the light,
it will lead us to God's Son.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 11/28

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Morning Worship

11:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal

6 PM Volleyball

Pastor out of office—Vacation

MONDAY 11/29

3:45-8 PM Piano Lessons

6 PM Cub Scouts

7 PM Cub Scouts Parent Meeting

Pastor out of office—Vacation

TUESDAY 11/30

4-8 PM Piano Lessons

Pastor out of office—Vacation

WEDNESDAY 12/1

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)

12:30 PM PW Luncheon

2:45 PM UPC Garden Committee

4 PM Deacons Meeting

3-7 PM Piano Lessons

4-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 12/2

6 PM Building Reserved (Gym in use)

6:30 CYF Meeting

7 PM AA Meeting (in Youth Room)

FRIDAY 12/3

5 PM Confirmation Class to Shabbat Service

SATURDAY 12/4

9:30 AM Church Reserved—Piano Recital

7 PM AA Speaker Meetings

Birthdays This Week

12/3 Katie Grymala

12/3 Carol Mead

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 to the church, you can do so at the following link:

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

LOOKING AHEAD

December 12

Hotdish Initiative

December 19

Community Dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

Session unanimously voted to encourage masking for all people due to the rise of variants in neighboring counties. We will continue to sing in worship, but we encourage the use of masks during all parts of the service, for all people, vaccinated or unvaccinated. Session is hoping that, with the proper precautions, we can continue to worship safely in person.

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **hand warmers, mittens, hats, wool socks, and scarves** for the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in new items or very gently used ones. Items that are worn out will not be considered. Please bring in donations during office hours. Thank you!

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be played every Sunday between 6pm -7:30pm in the UPC gym. The church suggests you wear a mask, especially if you have not been vaccinated. Come join the fun and bring another player along.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues to take place every week in the Sunday School room on Sundays at 9:15 AM. All Elementary age kids are welcome to join us!

CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir rehearsals will take place Sundays at 8:45 AM, and Bell Choir will rehearse at 11:30 AM.

NOTICE FROM PHYLLIS FLAHERTY

Tom & I will be making Belgian Cookies to sell again this year starting Nov 21. They will still be \$5.00 for two dozen, and the money generated will be given to the UPC Women's group.

I will bring a basket of packaged cookies each Sunday starting Nov. 21 through Dec.19th. If you wish to pre-order my phone # is 715-398-6021. E-mail: pflaherty12@charter.net and I am also on Facebook.

CONFIRMATION

There will not be confirmation this Sunday, November 28th.

More dates to look out for:

12/3—5 PM Confirmation class to Shabbat Service at Temple Israel

12/5—8:45 AM Breakfast and Christmas pageant practice, 11:30 AM

Confirmation

12/12—8:45 AM Breakfast and Christmas pageant practice, 11:30 AM

Confirmation, 3 PM Blue Christmas Service (which is not a CYF event, this is for everyone!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATE TO THE UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT!

The UPC Community Garden Project's fundraising campaign through SeedMoney is happening now through December 15. At the campaign's conclusion, SeedMoney will award 270 grants ranging from \$100 to \$1000. If we raise enough money compared to the 430 other participating projects, we will be awarded one of these grants. We will use the funds we raise, plus any grant money received, for seeds, plants, dirt, fertilizer, tools, and the like. So please go to <https://donate.seedmoney.org/6671/united-presbyterian-church-community-garden> and donate to our project NOW! If you need assistance to give online, Deborah Schlacks will be available after the church service today to help. Questions? Contact Deborah at 218-348-6032 or at desertswan@aol.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SNOW SHOVELING BRIGADE

Are you looking for a way to serve the congregation and our community? The Snow Shoveling Brigade needs your help to keep the pathways from the parking lot to the three main entry doors at United Presbyterian Church clear of snow this winter. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for a time once a week to clear snow if it falls and accumulates by that time. The times are 8 am and 11 am each day. If there is no snow, the volunteer does not need to come to shovel.

We hope to get 14 volunteers to clear the snow as needed at those times. If 14 people volunteer, each person would be responsible to clear snow only once a week. If someone would like to sign up for multiple times, that is fine as well. But many hands make light work.

There will be a signup sheet in the back of the Narthex after church for you to pick the time you can shovel, or you can call Eric Schlacks at 218-269-6678 to sign up.

SEEKING AN INTERIM NURSERY WORKER

UPC will soon launch a search to hire a Nursery Worker with the hope of having the position filled in early January 2022. In the meantime, we are looking to hire someone on an interim basis to start as soon as possible. The Interim Nursery Worker will provide childcare on Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:30 am, and, if available and interested, also for special events such as the Christmas Eve services and other Advent events. The pay is \$14-17 per hour, depending on experience. If interested, please contact Deborah Schlacks, Personnel Committee Chair, as soon as possible for a job description and information on required and preferred qualifications. She can be reached at 218-348-6032 or at desertswan@aol.com.

59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(Psalm 105)

Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
 Eb Eb/G Ab Bb7sus Bb

Refrain

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
 mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
 new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
 faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A7)
 Eb Eb/G Ab Bb7sus Bb7

(G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)
 Ab Bb Cm7 Cm7 Fm7

(A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#)(Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)
 Bb7sus Bb7 Eb Bb/D Cm7 Fm7 Bb7sus Bb7 Eb

PSALM 105

Refrain

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| 1 Give thanks to the LORD
and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD
among the peoples. | 7 The LORD is our God,
whose judgments prevail
in all the world. |
| 2 Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's
marvelous works. | 8 The LORD has always been mindful
of the covenant,
the promise made
for a thousand generations: |
| 3 Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those
who seek the LORD rejoice. | 9 The covenant made with Abraham,
the oath sworn to Isaac, |
| 4 Search for the LORD
and the strength of the LORD;
continually seek the face of God. | 10 which God established
as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel. |
| 5 Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments
of God's mouth, | 42 For God remembered
the holy promise
and Abraham, chosen to serve. |
| 6 O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen. | 43 So God led forth the people
with gladness,
the chosen ones with shouts of joy. |
- Refrain*

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.

107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is
 el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and
 world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and
 win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
 near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the
 free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break
 light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens
 bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der
 forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be
 love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heaven - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.
 raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.