#### WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Call the church office at 715-392-4751.



Follow us on Facebook.

#### **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:

## https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos

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

or

Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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## **ONLINE WORSHIP**

September 20th, 2020

10:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE Alex Sandor

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

INTROIT Sing a New Song unto the Lord #276

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 58)

One: The evil ones deal out violence on earth.

All: The wicked go astray.

One: Let them run away like water flowing over rock.

All: The righteous will rejoice when you have acted, O God.

One: Surely you reward us for following after you.

All: Surely you judge what happens on the earth.

HYMN Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #203

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who chose the form of a servant, we confess that we are not always humble. We confess that we do not always look to the interest of others. Forgive us for our pride. Forgive us for looking out for ourselves first. Forgive us for when we are selfish. Help us, servant God, to be humble. Help us to choose service of others first. Help us to be generous neighbors in our community. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family, the difficult truth is that week in and week out, including this week, we've done wrong in some way, shape, or form. Even though we often try to act in love, we struggle. Scripture states that "love covers a multitude of sins." God's love covers all 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." Please also say "Hello" to one another.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS Cathy Hecht
Old Testament Reading Exodus 17:1-7

SERMON "Community: The Missing Puzzle Piece"

**Rev. Brett Foote** 

NewTestament Reading Philippians 2:1-13

HYMN Will You Let Me be Your Servant #727

**OFFERING** 

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 blesings.

Allelujah, allelujah, allelujah, Amen.

#### PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who serves in love and humility, 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 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 You Shall Go Out With Joy #80

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

**Alex Sandor** 

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you guarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Philippians 2:1-13

## **Imitating Christ's Humility**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Shining as Lights in the World

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## **United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

**SUNDAY 9/27** 

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

**MONDAY 9/28** 

**UPBeat mailing** 

**TUESDAY 9/29** 

Pastor Brett out of the office

WEDNESDAY 9/30

Pastor Brett out of the office 4-6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up

THURSDAY 10/1

4:30 p.m. CYF meeting (Zoom)

FRIDAY 10/2

SATURDAY 10/3

## **Birthdays This Week**

- 9/27 Nick Cairns
- 9/27 Maryjane Burdge
- 9/29 Chuck LeMieux
- 9/29 Brett Foote
- 9/30 Laura Foote
- 9/30 Howard Gronquist
- 10/1 Carsen Johnson
- 10/1 Abby Willmore
- 10/3 Kathe Birch

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OUT OF THE OFFICE**

Pastor Brett will be out of the office September 29-30.

#### **NEW CHURCH SECRETARY**

Welcome to Tiffany Willie, our new church secretary. We are excited to have her with us. She is a lifelong Superior resident, and will begin her service and work on October 2nd.

### **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

The insert to the bulletin today gives information about this annual offering of the PC(USA). Next week the envelopes for this offering will be in your bulletins.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

October 11th Hotdish Initiative
October 18th Community Dinner

October 21st CYF Hike - stay tuned for more details
October 26-30 PW Virtual Bazaar - more info to come
October 23-November 5 Pastor Brett out of the office

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

At United Presbyterian Church, we offermany 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

COVER ART: ILLUSTRATED MINISTRY LLC

Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

> Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



#### **WAYS TO GIVE**



Through your congregation



Donate by credit card online at http://pcusa.org/peace-global



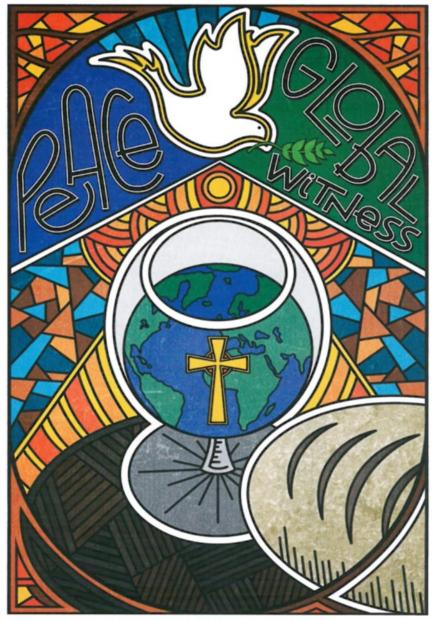
Text PEACE to 56512 to learn more about and give to peacemaking efforts around the globe.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four Presbyterian Mission annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an

important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.





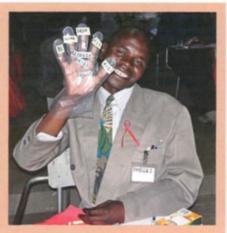


## "HIV & AIDS IS STILL A WORLDWIDE ISSUE."

says Phyllis Wezeman who is a member First Presbyterian Church of South Bend, Indiana. She leads Malawi Matters—a nonprofit that develops and facilitates HIV and AIDS education with the people of Malawi, Africa. Nearly 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS around the globe; with 26 million of those cases in the sub-Saharan countries of Africa.

"It's a mission lived in harmony with Malawians," Wezeman explained. "Our program brings meaningful training at a grassroots level in multiple ways from designing lessons based on storytelling, music, and art to equipping leaders with the information and supplies they need to help their residents understand this disease. We do all of this and more while building relationships that involve everyone in the process of learning and caring for one another."

Malawi Matters' HIV and AIDS education is reducing discrimination, overcoming stigma, and connecting people to treatment.



MALAWIMATTE

## PEACE IS ACTIVE, NOT PASSIVE; PEACE IS DOING, NOT WAITING.

Your gifts will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone. Let us offer the peace of Christ in all times and all ways.

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. 25%

of this Offering will go to our mid council, joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region. 50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering provides the means that allows us to offer ourselves to the pursuit of ending violence and bringing about reconciliation, no matter where it occurs in the world.

# Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276



# 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



#### Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727 The Servant Song 1,6 Will you let be your let me ser - vant, 2 We pil - grims on jour - nev; are a to we're 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you the will weep when weep - ing; you are when you 5 When we sing God heav - en, as Christ to Pray that you? may the road. We geth - er on are here to help each night - time of your fear. will hold my hand laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to grace to let you be my ser vant too. oth - er walk the mile and bear the load. you, speak the peace long hear. you sor - row till we've seen this jour ney through. geth - er of Christ's love and o - ny. (repeat stanza 1)

## You Shall Go Out with Joy

The Trees of the Field

