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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:

<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

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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

October 24th, 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 **Dean Hecht**
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 102)**

One: Hear our prayer, O Lord; let our cries come to you.

All: Do not hide your face from us in the day of our distress.

One: Incline your ear to us; answer us speedily in the day when we call.

All: For our days pass away like smoke, and our bones burn like a furnace.

One: God regards the prayer of the destitute, and does not despise our prayers.

All: Even heaven will vanish, but you our God, endure forever.

***HYMN** Our God is an Awesome God **#616**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who intercedes for us:

Sometimes we don't live as the church you've called us to be.

Sometimes we as the church are hurtful.

Sometimes we don't listen to the pain of others.

We want to become the church you've called us to be.

We want to do no harm. We want to help.

We want to listen to the pain and help heal it in your name.

May your Holy Spirit guide us as we love unconditionally In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Levi MacAllister writes in his poem *Holy Ghost Campground*:
"Christ the broken-hearted. Christ the forced. Christ the undefended. Christ the remorse. Christ the cosmic. Christ the ghost. Christ the comforter. Christ the stranger inside of your own home. Christ the weakness. Christ the unheard. Christ the co-suffering servant of the under-served. Christ the husband. Christ the wife. Christ the indistinguishable breath of all of life. Christ the patient. Christ the dove. Christ the clockless unmechanicle timelessness of love. Christ the real, and right now, and here (the only time and place in which eternity draws near)."

The good news that Levi makes clear, is that, in all of us, Christ resides. Whether we think we are a mess or we actually are one, Christ with us, Christ in us, Christ in those we meet. It is Christ who brings us to God, always. Know that, because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

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 **Kathryn Craven**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Jane Wester**
Old Testament Reading **Psalm 34:1-8,19-22**

SERMON "Sometimes I'm Perplexed: Sticking With Jesus,
Priests, and Sacrifices " **Rev Brett M. Foote**
New Testament Reading **Hebrews 7:17-28**

***HYMN** Get Together

Come on people now,
Smile on each other,
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now.

OFFERING
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION
OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** **Dean Hecht**

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.

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who intercedes on our behalf, 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. 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** **My Soul Cries Out**
***BENEDICTION**
***POSTLUDE**

#100
Dean Hecht

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 34:1-8,19-22

Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.
I will bless the Lord at all times;
 his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
 let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
 and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
 and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant;
 so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
 and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps
 around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
 happy are those who take refuge in him.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
 but the Lord rescues them from them all.
He keeps all their bones;
 not one of them will be broken.
Evil brings death to the wicked,
 and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
 none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 10/24

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Morning Worship
Coffee Hour following service
4:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
6 PM Volleyball

Birthdays This Week

10/24 Joyce Bee
10/24 Alli McCumber
10/25 Sara McCumber
10/27 Fran Brice

MONDAY 10/25

TUESDAY 10/26

WEDNESDAY 10/27

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
4-6 PM CSA Pickup
7-8:15 PM F&O Superior YMCA Campfire Conversation

THURSDAY 10/28

FRIDAY 10/29

UPBeat Mailing

SATURDAY 10/30

LOOKING AHEAD

November 14	Hotdish Initiative
November 21	Community Dinner

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>

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 7:17-28

For it is attested of him,
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'
There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

This was confirmed with an oath; for others who became priests took their office without an oath, but this one became a priest with an oath, because of the one who said to him,
'The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
"You are a priest for ever" '—
accordingly Jesus has also become the guarantee of a better covenant.

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEEDURES

Session unanimously voted to encourage masking for all people due to the rise of the Delta variant 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 **masks, new or like new towels (all sizes), ready to eat food (in cans or bags), toiletries (soap, contained toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc), and bandaids** to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours!

DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help reducing our environmental impact by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS DAY

If you have any loved ones who have passed that you would like remembered during our All Saints Day worship, please send their names to the office by October 28th.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be played every Sunday between 6pm -730pm 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.

Last week we had 9 players. Good sets and hits by all!

THANK YOU KATHRYN

We want to thank Kathryn Craven as we bid her goodbye. Today is her last day with us. She has accepted a job working with St. Louis County Prison, and CHUM. Please keep her in your prayers as she moves on to her next adventure!

F&O SUPERIOR YMCA CAMPFIRE CONVERSATION

On October 27th from 7-8:15 the Superior YMCA will be having a campfire conversation public event. Please bring a camp chair, dress warm and bring an open mind. The conversation will be led by the Fond- Lac project manager for the language and culture program. Inclusion and diversity in our community will be discussed.

GET TO KNOW UNITED

If you've been curious to get to know who we are and what we are about at United, Pastor Brett will be leading a group for this very purpose soon. Date is TBD. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

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 4:30 PM.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Christmas basket forms can be found at the back of the Narthex. If you can think of a local family who may be in need this Christmas season, please feel free to grab one and fill it out! They can be turned in by putting it in the offering plate, bringing it into the office, mailing it into the church (or just putting it in the mailbox), or even by taking a picture/scanning it into the church. They will be due November 7th.

There is also an online form that can be filled out at the following link:
<https://forms.gle/n6b1KQAzCTXsm2x27>

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.

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Our God is an awe - some God who reigns from heav - en a - bove



with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe - some God!