

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### 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 (jan\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or

Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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### **ONLINE WORSHIP**

**January 3rd, 2021**

**10:00 A.M.**

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

**PRELUDE** **Alex Sandor**  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** **He Came Down** **#137**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 70) **Joan Johnson**

One: Be pleased O God, with all that we are.

**All: God who delivers us, come to save us.**

One: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

**All: Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**

One: We are poor and needy without you God.

**All: You are our help and our deliverer; O Lord, do not delay in coming to our aid!**

**HYMN** **'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime** **#142**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God who dwells among us, we confess that sometimes we do not love our neighbors as we ought. We confess that we often do not pray for our neighbors or concern ourselves with their needs as you call us to do. Help us to love and love well. Help us to be good neighbors. Fill us with your abundant life through your son Jesus. 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: You are enough just as you are because of God's great love for you. Even when things go awry, even when we miss the mark, and for many of us we do quite often, God is there for us. 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** **Joan Johnson**  
**Old Testament Reading** **Psalm 147:12-20**

**SERMON** **"God With Us: Moving Into The Neighborhood"**  
**Rev. Brett Foote**  
**New Testament Reading** **John 1:(1-9) 10-18**

**HYMN** **Jesus Loves Me** **#188**

**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 From the Rising of the Sun #670

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All:** God who lives and dwells with us, 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

Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table #186

#### 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 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #727**

**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**

***Psalms 147:12-20***

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates;

he blesses your children within you.

He grants peace within your borders;

he fills you with the finest of wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth;

his word runs swiftly.

He gives snow like wool;

he scatters frost like ashes.

He hurls down hail like crumbs—

who can stand before his cold?

He sends out his word, and melts them;

he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

He has not dealt thus with any other nation;

they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the Lord!

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

***John 1:(1-9) 10-18***

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**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>

## United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY 1/3

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

11:30 Coffee Break (Zoom)

### MONDAY 1/4

### TUESDAY 1/5

5:15 Personnel (Zoom)

### WEDNESDAY 1/6

12:00 Staff Meeting (Zoom)

2-3 PM Personnel (Zoom)

4 PM Deacons Meeting (Zoom)

4-6 PM CSA Pickup

### THURSDAY 1/7

4:30 PM CYF Meeting (Zoom)

### FRIDAY 1/8

### SATURDAY 1/9

#### Birthdays This Week

1/3 Emily Lanigan

1/3 Dominic Okash

1/7 Barb Granquist

1/7 Monica Lanigan

1/8 Deborah Schlacks

#### LOOKING AHEAD

January 10

Hotdish Initiative

January 17

Annual Congregational Meeting

January 17

Community Dinner

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

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

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

United Presbyterian Church needs volunteers to help clear snow from the three main entrances at the front of the Church on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for the remainder of this winter. Please contact Eric Schlacks to volunteer or to learn more. He can be reached at 218-269-6678 or at desertswan1@gmail.com.

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will take place on January 17th, 2021, at 11:15 AM via Zoom. More information will be sent out closer to that date.

### WISHLIST FOR MEMBERS IN NEED

Some members in the congregation could use the following items while they are unable to attend services and have visitors during COVID. The list is currently: **Jigsaw puzzles, stationary and blank greeting cards**. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office during office hours.

### GET TO KNOW UPC

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 starting in January. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

The boxes of 2021 offering envelopes for members can be found in the narthex on the table under the calendar. Please come anytime within church hours to pick them up.

# He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Leader: Why did he come?

*Additional stanzas:*

... that we may have light  
... that we may have peace  
... that we may have joy

# 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

142

Capo 3: (Em) (Am) (Bm7) (Em)  
Gm Cm Dm7 Gm

1 'Twas in the moon of win-ter-time, when all the birds had fled,  
2 With-in a lodge of bro-ken bark the ten-der babe was found.  
3 The ear-liest moon of win-ter-time is not so round and fair  
4 O chil-dren of the for-est free, the an-gel song is true:

(Em) (Am) (Bm7) (Em)  
Gm Cm Dm7 Gm

Great Spir-it, Lord of all the earth sent an-gel choirs in-stead.  
A rag-ged robe of rab-bit skin en-wrapped his beau-ty round.  
as was the ring of glo-ry on the help-less in-fant there.  
the ho-ly child of earth and heaven is born to-day for you.

(Bm) (Am) (G)  
Dm Cm Bb

Be-fore their light the stars grew dim and wan-dering  
But as the hunt-ers brave drew nigh the an-gel  
The chiefs from far be-fore him knelt with gifts of  
Come kneel be-fore the ra-diant boy who brings you

*Refrain*

(C) (Am) (Bm7) (Em) (Bm)  
Eb Cm Dm7 Gm Dm

hunt-ers heard the hymn:  
song rang loud and high: Je-sus, your king, is born;  
fox and bea-ver pelt.  
beau-ty, peace, and joy.

(C) (Bm) (Em) (Am) (Bm7) (Em)  
Eb Dm Gm Cm Dm7 Gm

Je-sus is born. In ex-cel-sis glo-ri-a.

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.  
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down  
of the same, the name of the Lord shall be  
praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the  
go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be  
praised. So praise ye the Lord.  
Praise ye the Lord. From the  
ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same,  
the name of the Lord shall be praised.

# Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table



1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble," said Je - sus  
2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y? When were you  
3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren, when you gave  
4 Christ, when we see you out on life's road - ways, look - ing to



Christ to the righ - teous a - bove. "When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and  
home - less, a strang - er a - lone? When did we see you sick or in  
shel - ter to war's ref - u - gees, when you re - mem - bered those most for -  
us in the fac - es of need, then may we know you, wel - come, and

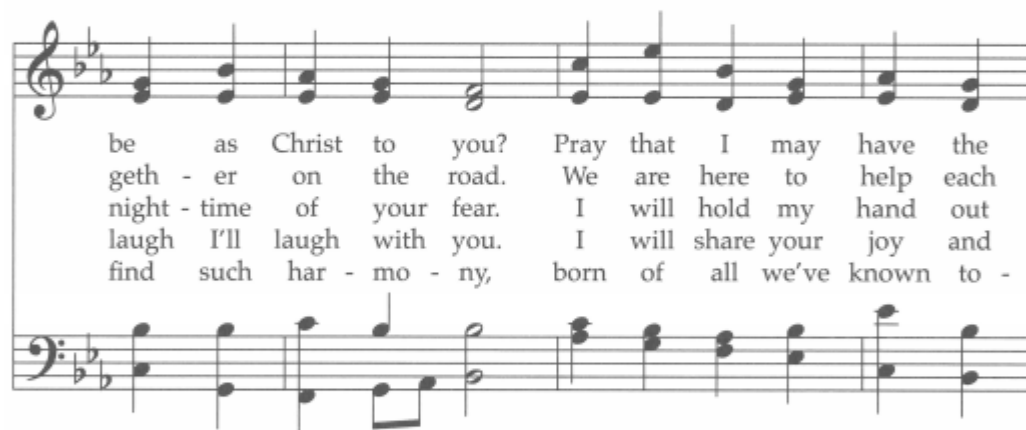


home - less, sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."  
pris - on? What have we done that you call us your own?  
got - ten, you cared for me in the small - est of these."  
show you love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

## The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
find 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.  
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)