



Welcome To Worship

We are so glad you have chosen to worship God with us today.



First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 21, 2025 • 9:30am

Before entering worship, please request prayer cards from the ushers.

Kindly record your presence in the attendance pad in the pews.

Please silence all mobile communication devices.

To enhance sound level, please switch to the Hearing Loop.

***Please rise in body and spirit as you are able.**

Gathering in the Presence of God

Prelude

Divine Comfort Hughes

Linda Camp

Welcome & Announcements

John Schmelzel

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Music of Preparation

He Leadeth Me arr Mark Hayes

Kay Daugherty

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

Psalm 113

Cindy Dingwall

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

P: The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.

L: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

P: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people.

All: Amen.

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Cindy Dingwall

Loving and Gracious God—Holy One of Israel—tender One to all who call upon You with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with Your presence this day. Inspire those who seek Your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak. Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with Your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild

***Opening Hymn #400**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Offering Our Prayers to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

John Schmelzel

L: Lord in Your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

Silent Prayers

Prayer of the people (unison)

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess Your name may be united in Your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Give us all a reverence for the earth as Your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to Your honor and glory. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of Your salvation.

We offer this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(The Book of Common Prayer, U.S.A., 1979, pp. 388-389 , ALT.)

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Cares Chorus (sung)

***I cast all my cares upon You, I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet,
and any time I don't know what to do, I cast all my cares upon You.***

Offering Our Gifts to God

Ushers pass the offering plates in the pews.

Thank you to all who give online.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads

Anthem

There Is A Balm Gilead WL Dawson

Chancel Choir

Presentation of Offertory Gifts

*Doxology (sung)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*Offertory Prayer (unison)

John Schmelzel

Unshakable and merciful God, You meet us in the ruins just as surely as in times of rejoicing. When all feels lost, You are not. When we stumble for answers, You remain our refuge. Receive these gifts, given not from abundance alone but from hearts that still dare to trust. Let them be signs of Your presence in broken places, tools of healing, hope, and grace in a hurting world. Help us live our praise, even in lament, as Your people who believe in Your goodness still. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

*Gospel Reading Old Testament

Luke 16:1-13

Cindy Dingwall

Psalms 79:1-9

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God!

P: Thanks be to God!

Message

"God Helps and We Should Too"

John Schmelzel

*Closing Hymn #381

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Congregation Choral Response Hymn #376

Dona Nobis Pacem

*Benediction

John Schmelzel

*Postlude

Concerto in A Minor Vivaldi/ Bach

Linda Camp



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PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

To request prayers before or during Worship Service,
please ask for cards from the Ushers.



Prayers for those in assisted living/nursing facilities or homebound

Howard G. // Meredith G. // Bill Hoff. // Gary S. // Rani E.

Prayers for God's healing touch-members

Donna H. // Gary S. // Denise H. // Annette H.

Prayers for family and friends of members seeking God's healing

Bill F. father of Sam F. // Kathy, niece of Judy S. //

Rev. Doug. Cousin of Dan and Carol B. // Elizabeth, daughter of Kathleen M.
// Ben & Sue C. former members

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving

Family of Ruth T. // Family of Mary M. //

// Families of victims of school shootings in Minneapolis and Colorado.

Prayers of Peace, Tolerance and Acceptance throughout the world

To make a submission for the All Week Long
please email or drop off in person by **Wednesday** at noon.

SEND YOUR PRAYER REQUEST TO office@fumcpalatine.org

**When requesting prayers for a friend or family member,
please include an address so we can send them a note. Thank you.**

**If you desire a Pastoral visit at the hospital, family members, please notify the
church as chaplains at hospitals no longer inform churches per HIPPA Law.**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Allen Austin, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

- **Children's Sunday School, 9:30a-10:30a**
September 21 Elisha and the Widow September 28 Elisha and the Naaman
- **Youth Group** - Youth group will meet weekly on Sundays in the downstairs Youth Rooms at 11am - 1pm. More details will be updated in the Whatsapp group.
Next-Gen Ministries Youth Group Teacher: Allen Austin;
Volunteers: Gina Hubbard, Mark Woods
- **Confirmation** - As the school year gets underway, it is time to begin a Confirmation class. The class will run alternating weeks on Sunday morning following the church service until 11:30. This will also allow time to join in with the Youth Group. If you know of any 8th or 9th grade students who would like to participate, please contact Gina Hubbard by email: gina.hubbard3@gmail.com

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Palatine Food Pantry** Your generous giving makes a big difference in the lives of the needy, served by the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Our next church wide collection will be Communion **Sunday, October 5, 2025**. No Expired Foods Please. cereal
- **FUMCPI Community Garden.** FUMCP Community Garden -- What a Summer we've seen! God has provided an incredible bounty for our neighbors and food insecure folks at the Palatine Township Food Pantry. The dedicated garden team has dutifully continued to keep the soils moist and the plants healthy, despite the Sun's best effort to dry things out. This, our garden's tenth year, is seeing the best zucchini crop ever and likewise the jalapeno peppers. Tomatoes, green beans, and herbs are in full production which allows us to deliver bags full to the pantry multiple times per week, and tomatillos are starting to reach ripeness now too. What an exciting ministry for the church! If you'd like to be a part of it, just reach out -- all are welcome. Contact Brian Huff @ bg.huff80@gmail.com
- **Meals on Wheels** The United Methodist Men coordinate the delivery of Meals on Wheels for the Palatine township on Tuesdays. If you are interested in participating, contact Gil W. Ph: 847-209-8603

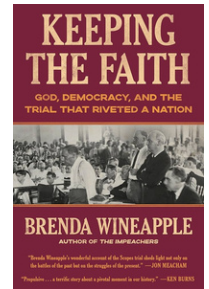
MUSIC

- **Choir** has resumed; rehearsals are Thursday at 7:30p - 9p. All are welcome to join.
- **Special Music** Do you play a musical instrument or enjoy singing? Consider sharing your special talent during worship. Contact camp-townerl@elmhurst.edu
- **Bell Choir** plays in church 4 times a year. If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com



CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Christian Fiction Book Club** meets in Conference Room 1 /Adult Meeting Room. October 9. "The Finder of Forgotten Things" By Sarah Thomas.
- **Higher Grounds (current issues):** Friends: The Higher Grounds (Current Issues) Adult Sunday school class meets on Sundays, 11am-noon, via Zoom and in person in the Adult Meeting Room. We have begun reading Brenda Wineapple's Keeping the Faith: God, Democracy, and the Trial that Riveted a Nation, an account of the landmark "Scopes Monkey Trial" that took place exactly 100 years ago. This will be a 10-week study. Come for fellowship and stimulating discussion! All are welcome. Linda & Rick, ljcraft@att.net
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** The next Teddy Bears Ministry meeting will be on October 21 at 1p at church For questions, contact Mia, miaigyarto@sbcglobal.net.
- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month in the Gathering Place, 11a - 1p. Next meeting is October 15. For more info: UMWPalatine@gmail.com.



SERVING OUR CHURCH

- **Liturgists** are needed for Sunday Service. Please sign up in the commons.
- We are seeking **hosts for refreshments** at fellowship time after the 9:30a service. Sign up form can be found on the table outside the kitchenette door in the commons. Thank you to the groups and individuals who have already hosted.
- **A/V Support** on Sundays 9:15a - 10:45a please contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com if you would like to join the A/V support team.
- **School's back in session** and leaves are turning colors, so that means it's time to start thinking about BETHLEHEM MARKETPLACE. I'm confident that you all have this great tradition of the church in your calendar already but just in case, it's Dec. 6th. Please hold time to help us that day. Meanwhile, we'll start discussing & planning it all at 6:30PM, Monday, September 30th. There is no pre-existing committee for this; so we need a few creative, energetic folks who really want to help bring this event to life for its 34th year here in Palatine. Decisions will be made that evening regarding the crafts we'll offer, menu items we'll serve, leadership roles for various aspects of the program, promotional opportunities, etc. Please consider joining in our planning efforts that evening and helping lead an area of preparation. We're always looking for fresh ideas and all are welcome. Questions: contact Brian Huff at 224-828-8802 or at bg.huff80@gmail.com.

The Above & Beyond Project Sponsorship program continues to be popular here at FUMC Palatine. To date, seventeen sponsorship cards have been pulled and seven of them have already been purchased and received. You may have noticed the new arm chairs around tables in the Commons this morning or new chairs in the Adult meeting room, all thanks to church members who generously sponsored these purchases. We'll soon have a new coffee maker and many other upgrades too.

Currently there are opportunities to donate toward repurposing the downstairs men's restroom into a records & archives storage room, new window treatments for the Wilson St vestibule, painting Fellowship Hall, and more project offerings on the way. If you'd like to join the groundswell of excitement this program is creating by sponsoring any of these items with a special 'above & beyond' contribution, simply fill out a tag from the Commons' poster and drop it in the box there. We'll contact you with further details and keep you apprised of your project's progress. For questions, don't hesitate to contact Brian Huff at bg.huff80@gmail.com or 224-828-8802.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri, Sept 26 - Sun, Sept 28 NIC Youth Fall 2025 Retreat
Sat, Sept 27 - Lake North District Annual Celebration 9a-1p
Mon, Sept 30 - Bethlehem Marketplace Meeting 6:30p
Sat, Oct 4 - Congregation Appreciation Dinner 6p
Sat, Oct 18 - Helping Hands 8:30a-12p
Sun, Oct 19 - Launch of Stewardship Campaign
Thurs, Oct 23 - Community Meal 5:30p
Sat, Nov 1 - Annual Charge Conference 6:30p
Sat, Dec 6 - Bethlehem Marketplace



“Inhale Exhale”

Saturday 27th 9a -1p. Lake North District Annual Celebration hosted by FUMCP/UWFaith
click [here](#) for registration or pick up a registration form in the commons.

NIC Youth Fall 2025 Retreat ‘In Rhythm’

For Middle School and High School Students (6th - 12th grade)
Lutherdale Camp and Conference Center, Elkhorn, WI

[Click here to register](#)

or visit <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=843120&>



Building Use forms & Applications can be downloaded at

[**https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms**](https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms) Submit to [**Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org**](mailto:Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org)

All Saints Day

We will be commemorating the faithful departed on Sunday, Nov, 2. 2025. Members and immediate family of members, who have passed from Nov. 1, 2024 - Oct. 31, 2025, will be honored. If you would like a photo included with their name, please submit **no later than October 20, 2025**. Send photos to **dcurry@fumcpalatine.org**.



Veterans Day

Veterans Day is observed on November 11, to honor all who have served in the United States Armed Forces, both living and deceased, in times of war and peace. If you would like your family member honored for Veterans day, submit **name, date of birth - date of death, rank, branch of service, when served and photos** if you wish. Information and photos please submit **no later than October 28, 2025** to **dcurry@fumcpalatine.org**.



Notary

For many years, the Church office provided Notary service. This service was unavailable during the time of COVID. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Notary service is available again through the office. Both Deborah and Brian are certified by the state of Illinois and can assist you during normal church business hours. Tuesday - Friday 9am - 1:30pm



First United Methodist Church of Palatine Financials
August 2025 – Operations – Budgeted Financial Statement

	August	August YTD
Revenue (Receipts)	\$38,198.55	\$353,356.39
Expenses (Payments)	\$33,047.54	\$234,108.89
Revenue vs. Expense +/-	+\$ 5,151.01	+\$119,247.50
Mortgage	\$ 16,831.00	\$134,648.00
BALANCE +/-	-\$ 11,679.99	-\$ 15,400,50

Thank you for your gifts to the church!