



## Welcome To Worship

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

First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 18, 2026 • 9:30am

**Before entering worship, please ask for prayer cards from Ushers to make your request.**

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

**Please silence all mobile communication devices.**

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

### GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**PRELUDE**

*Come, Christian Join to Sing*      Hustad

Linda Camp

**WELCOME**

Rev. Robert Sathuri

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*Grace*    DB Towner, arr Ingram

Bell Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

**Psalm 40: 1-11**

Chuck Towner

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

L: The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

P: Many will see and be in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

L: Blessed are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods!

P: O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
None can compare with you!

L: Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be numbered.

P: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; but you have given me an open ear.

L: Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

P: Then I said, "Lo, I come; in the roll of the book it is written of me; I delight to do your will,  
O my God; your law is within my heart."

L: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

P: lo, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

L: I have not hid your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your  
salvation.

P: I have not concealed your steadfast love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

L: O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me,

P: Let your steadfast love and faithfulness ever preserve me!

All: Amen.

UMH p.774-775

### \*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Chuck Towner

Lord of all nations, you hold this fragile world securely in your hands; at the same time you are  
so personal as to live within each believer through your spirit. Meet with us this day. Help us to  
see you in the faces of our sisters and brothers, to hear you in the words of Holy Scripture and to  
be nourished by you at your table. Convince us of your presence as we worship, so that we may  
be inspired to live our lives for your glory and offer Your love to all.

Through Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray.

Amen.

Worship and Song #66, Constance Cherry, Abington Press, Nashville 2011

\*OPENING HYMN # 156

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD**

**SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Rev. Robert Sathuri**

**SILENT PRAYERS**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**Rev. Robert Sathuri**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (unison)**

**Rev. Robert Sathuri**

Renewing God, trusting in your infinite Grace, we confess that we need your healing and your forgiveness. Jesus, for all that is broken in our minds and bodies, we ask your healing. For all that is amiss in our choices and our relationships, we ask for your forgiveness.

Holy Spirit, for all that works against life and blessing in our hearts, and in the world, we open ourselves to your transforming Grace. Heal us, forgive us, and make us new.

Amen.

Worship and Song #93, Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Abington Press, Nashville 2011

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Here I Am Lord DL Schutte, arr Thompson*

**Bell Choir**

**John Foley, Director**

**\*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 OF THANKSGIVING**

**Rev. Robert Sathuri**

Holy God, we give you ourselves, captive and free, shaped by forces beyond our control, yet open to the power of your Spirit. Through us, and our gifts, may others know that when anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, and that the old way ends, and new life begins for everyone.

Amen.

*Worship And Song #111, Brian Wren, Abington Press 2004*

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

### \*GOSPEL READING

John 1: 29-51

Chuck Towner

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

P: Thanks be to God!

### MESSAGE:

"Is Anything Good?"

Rev. Robert Sathuri

### \*CLOSING HYMN # 396

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

### \*BENEDICTION

### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*POSTLUDE

*Magnificat in F*    *Pachelbel*

Linda Camp



### YOUR PRAYERS



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

#### Prayers for those in assisted living and nursing facilities or homebound:

Meredith G. // Annette H. // Bill Hoff. // Gary S. // Bill B.

#### Prayers for God's healing touch-members:

Donna H. // Gary S. // Denise H. // Annette H. // George & Phyllis P. // Cindy D.

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

Derek H. Son of Donna H. Rev. Doug. Cousin of Dan and Carol B. /Elizabeth J, daughter of Kathleen M. / Louise W. friend of Pam & Sam F. / Dick, friend of Keith & Sherill S. / Patrick B, friend of Cindy D. / Marcie N. friend of Linda W. / Leslie W. Daughter of late Evelyn W. Karen D. Friend of Cindy D. / Pam, cousin of Cathy M. / Rich and Barb C. friends of Valissa H. David, friend of John & Nancy S. / Janet O'Leary Newburg, former member

#### Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving:

Family of Howard Gibson

Family of Marion Anderson-Peat

Family of Diane Mannel

Family of Rani Emmanuel

#### Prayers of Peace, Tolerance and Acceptance throughout the church, community and world

*A New Vision for The United Methodist Church.  
Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.*

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](mailto: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.



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All Week Long

January 18, 2026

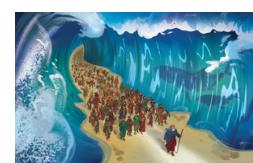
*Sharing the Word and Work of God*  
**A New Vision for The United Methodist Church**

**Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

• **Children's Sunday School, 9:30a-10:30a**

**January 18, 2026** Moses & Pharaoh      **January 25, 2026** Crossing the Sea  
*Allen Austin, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries*



- **Youth Group** - Youth group will meet weekly on Sundays in the downstairs Youth Rooms at 11am - 1pm. Excavating the evidence for Jesus. Details will be updated in the Whatsapp group. Next-Gen Ministries Youth Group **Teacher:** Allen Austin; **Volunteers:** Gina Hubbard

- **Higher Grounds (current issues)** meets in the Adult Conference Room @ 11a, In-person or via Zoom. Join for fellowship and thoughtful discussion as we consider the moral challenges of our time. We'll read Omar El Akkad's One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This. How will we as United Methodist Christians respond to his challenge? Please order your book from your favorite bookseller. Questions? contact Linda and Rick Craft, [ljcraft@att.net](mailto:ljcraft@att.net).



**MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- **Palatine Food Pantry** Your generous giving makes a big difference in the lives of the needy in our community during this difficult economic time. They especially need shampoo & conditioner and toothpaste & tooth brushes. Our next church wide collection will be Communion **Sunday, February 1, 2026**. Please consider regular donations. No Expired Foods Please. Thank you.
- **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
- **Community Garden** Thank you to all who contributed their pumpkins, decorative squashes, and bales of hay for our Community Garden composting effort. Watch this space for more opportunities to help in the Spring.

**MUSIC**

- **Choir** meets on Thursdays from 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](mailto:camp-townerl@elmhurst.edu)
- **Bell Choir** plays in church 4 times a year. If interested in joining, contact John Foley, [jsjae1@gmail.com](mailto:jsjae1@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](mailto:jsjae1@gmail.com) if you would like to join the A/V support team.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Next meeting is on Wednesday January 21 in the Gathering Place, 11a - 1p [UMWPalatine@gmail.com](mailto:UMWPalatine@gmail.com).
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** Meetings resume on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 1:00p
- **Book Club - January 8 A Winter Dream by Richard Paul Evans**  
A Winter dream by Richard Paul Evans Joseph Jacobson is the twelfth of thirteen siblings, all of whom are employed by their father's successful Colorado advertising company. But underneath the success runs a poisonous undercurrent of jealousy; Joseph is his father's favorite and the focus of his brothers' envy and hatred. When the father seems ready to anoint Joseph as his heir, the brothers make their move, forcing Joseph from the company and his Denver home, severing his ties to his parents and ending his relationship with his soon-to-be fianceé. Alone and lonely, Joseph must start a new life. Joseph joins a Chicago advertising agency where his creativity helps him advance high up in the company. He also finds hope for a lasting love with April, a kind woman with a secret. However, all secrets hold consequences, and when Joseph learns the truth about April's past, his world is again turned upside down. Finally, Joseph must confront his own difficult past in order to make his dreams for the future come true 288 pgs.  
**Next Book, February 26, My Friends by Frederick Backman**  
for more information, contact Teri Schmelzel [aschmelzel@yahoo.com](mailto:aschmelzel@yahoo.com)
- **Prayer Circle** Join us by the fireplace during Lent. Sunday mornings 8:30-9a  
Beginning Feb 22, 2026

### Angel Tree Thank You

We extend our heartfelt thanks to First United Methodist Church of Palatine for its generous participation in our Angel Tree Program. Your congregation's support provided essential holiday assistance to children and families who otherwise may not have experienced the joy of the season.

We sincerely appreciate the leadership and generosity of your church and are grateful for the positive impact you continue to make. Thank you for standing with our families and helping create a season filled with hope and encouragement.

With deep appreciation, FIND/PI Team.

*(see photos on the bulletin board)*



### REMINDER

Please pick up your 2026 contribution envelopes. You can find them on the tables outside the Sanctuary. If you need assistance, please ask one of the Ushers. Thank you!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tues, Jan 20** - Teddy Bears @ 1p  
**Wed, Jan 21** - Adaptive Books @ 11a - 1p  
**Wed, Feb 18** - Ash Wednesday Service 7p  
**Sun, Feb 22** - First Sunday of Lent 9:30a  
**Sun, Feb 22** - Lenten Prayer Circle 8:30a

- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

Or visit

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/fumcp>

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<https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms>

Submit to [Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org](mailto:Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org)

Prayer Requests can be sent to  
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