



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

First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois
First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 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.**



LENT
Fast, Pray, Give.

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Pastorale Bach

Linda Camp

WELCOME

Mark Woods

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Nearer, My God, To Thee arr. Marianne Kim

Linda Camp and Kay Daugherty

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Wes Hannibal

L: Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst and temptation.

P: We follow, trusting in God's mercy.

L: We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety and misuse of power for selfish gain.

P: We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

L: We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

P: We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

L: We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

P: We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025

***OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Wes Hannibal

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Wes Hannibal

Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ, You know the tests and trials we face.

Journey with us through this wilderness. Come to us with ministers of healing and visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to You in faith, believing the Good News of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD**SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS**

L: Lord in your mercy,

P: hear our prayer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**Mark Woods**

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to You our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. The places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for You, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing Your will:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in You.

When we are tempted to use the gifts You give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in You.

When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people's faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in You.

When we are tempted to use bribery to influence and control people:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in You.

When we are tempted to manipulate You, O God, to satisfy our own needs:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in You.

Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**Mark Woods**

Merciful God, save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**Mark Woods**

As the apostle Paul wrote:

"...if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

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 and in person. Please remember to sign the attendance pads

OFFERTORY INVITATION**Mark Woods**

Turning to the God who has shown us mercy that we do not deserve, showered us with grace that we cannot earn, and blessed us with gifts appropriate to our calling, let us show our thankfulness through our offerings.

ANTHEM*Raise Your Hands* H. Sorenson**Chancel Choir**

Diane Hannibal, 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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)*Mark Woods**

Surprising God of Mercy, You meet us in wilderness places and walk beside us through trial and temptation. Even when we feel alone, Your grace is never far, Your presence never absent. In this moment of giving, we offer not just our resources, but our trust that You are already at work, shaping us through challenge, strengthening us through sacrifice, and surrounding us with unseen angels. Use these gifts to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and light where there is despair. May what we give reflect our desire to walk more closely with You, even in the hard places.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD***GOSPEL READING****Matthew 4:1-11****Wes Hannibal**

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

P: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE:**"The Hiding Place"****Mark Woods****CLOSING PRAYER****Mark Woods**

Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #365**Grace Greater Than Our Sin*****Led by Chancel Choir*****BENEDICTION****Mark Woods**

Go, now, in the comfort and blessing of God's mercy, trusting that wherever you go, God's steadfast love surrounds you, sustains you, and supports you for the journey ahead. Amen.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS***POSTLUDE*****Prelude on "Old 124th" (Turn Back, O Man)*****Willan****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:

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

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

Leslie W. daughter of late Evelyn W // Sharon O'K. friend of Cindy D.

Patrick B. friend of Cindy D. // Pam, cousin of Cathy M. // David, friend of John & Nancy S. Kathy, niece of Judy S. // Debbie, cousin of Judy S. // James B. son-in-law of Cliff B.

Prayers for God's Help & Blessings

Lambert & wife, Symballine, on returning to the U.S.A

Prayers of Thanksgiving to God

Denise H.

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving:

Family of Howard Gibson

Family of Marion Anderson-Peat

Family of Rani Emmanuel

The Drost Family, father of Katie Pederson

The Gieseler Family on the passing of Meredith

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**

**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

February 22, 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**

February 22 10 Commandments **March 1** With the Elders
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.



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 canned fruit, paper towels and toilet paper. Our next church wide collection will be Communion Sunday, **March 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

- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 18. 11a -1p, Gathering Place (lower level)

- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 1:00p, Gathering Place (lower level)

SERVING OUR CHURCH

- **Liturgists** are needed for Sunday Service. Please sign up in the commons.
- **Seeking hosts** for refreshment 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.

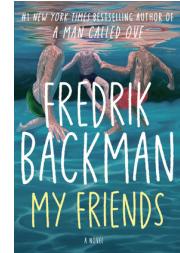
MUSIC

- **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
- **Bell Choir** plays in church 4 times a year. If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com



CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Book Club - Next Book, My Friends by Frederick Backman February 26 7p**, a novel about four teenagers who form a powerful bond during a summer on a pier, a friendship that later impacts a stranger's life 25 years later, exploring themes of art, friendship, and finding connection. For more information, contact: Teri Schmelzel aschmelzel@yahoo.com
- **Prayer Circle** Join us by the fireplace during Lent. Sunday mornings 8:30-9a beginning Feb 22 through April 5, 2026 - **Starting this Sunday, Feb 22!**
- **NIC UMM Annual Meeting** Sat, March 7 - 8:30a -11a, Crystal Lake: First UMC Please RSVP to the church by March 4 via email info@firstchurchcl.org or call (815) 459-0785 to let them know how many men from your church will be there for breakfast. Be sure to note this is for the United Methodist Men's event.



Pastor Robert will be traveling in India and is expected to return to the U.S. around March 5 or 6.

Feb 22 - Mark Woods.

March 1 - Rev. Victor Melad, District Superintendent.

March 8 - Denise Harrison/John Schmelzel.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, Feb 22 - First Sunday of Lent 9:30a

Sun, Feb 22 - Lenten Prayer Circle 8:30a

Sat, March 7 - NIC UMM Annual Meeting - 8:30a -11a

Sun, March 8 - Daylight Savings - Clocks go forward 1 hour.

Tues, March 17 - Teddy Bears 1p

Wed, March 18 - Adaptive Books 11a - 1p

Sun, Mar 29 - Palm Sunday 9:30a

Thurs, Apr 2 - Maundy Thursday 7p

Fri, Apr 3 - Good Friday 7p

Sun, Apr 5 - Easter Sunday 9:30a

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

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