



# Welcome To Worship

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



First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

® Second Sunday of Advent & Holy Communion

December 7, 2025 • 9:30am

Before entering worship, kindly ask for prayer cards from Usher 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 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Larson  
Linda Camp

WELCOME Rev. Robert Sathuri

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MUSIC OF PREPARATION O How Joyfully arr. Barry  
Linda Camp & Kay Daugherty

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Ann E Clark  
Leader: The season of Advent continues. Four thousand years of waiting for the Messiah, commemorated by the lighting of four candles.

People: We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God’s love.

L: We are a people of Hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin.

P: Hope lives in us and abide with us.

L: Today we will light the candle of Peace.

P: This light, too, must brave great darkness.

L: In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the earth stands under threat of total annihilation, we light a fire called Peace.

P: Peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but Peace that is the fullness of blessing for all- that is the Peace for which we dare to hope.

L: The Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.

P: In the name of that Child born so long ago, we light the candle of Peace.

L: In following Christ’s teachings, we nurture our hope for Peace even today.

All: Amen. Flames of the Spirit, Pg. 11 Mary Sue Gast Pilgrims Press, Cleveland, OH. 1985

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Ann E Clark  
O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let Your herald’s urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of Your kingdom. Before the advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.  
Amen. Book of Worship Pg. 252 Sacramentary, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Cent.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Peace Mark 1:4  
Rose Alornyegbor, Gifty and Divine

“So, John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.”  
We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, The Prince of Peace. Your way is sure and leads to Salvation. May this Light give us Peace and guide us to the promise of eternal life.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

\*OPENING HYMN UMH #617 I Come With Joy  
Led by Chancel Choir

## OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS Rev. Robert Sathuri  
SILENT PRAYERS  
PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (unison) Rev. Robert Sathuri  
God of light, Who shines in deepest darkness, we hear You calling us out of hopelessness into hope. But we are frightened by Your call. We are afraid of taking chances; we are afraid of following Your Light, because it leads us into the places where You need us. We don’t want to see how Your people hurt. We don’t want to see your Light shining in the eyes of our neighbor. Yet we know that in those places Your grace shines; help us seek Your Light. Guide us in Your way, that we might be Your children of the day. Through the Light of the World, we pray.  
Amen. Flames of the Spirit, Pg. 15-16 Sandra E. Graham Pilgrims Press, Cleveland, OH. 1985

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 and place them on the altar.  
Please remember to sign attendance pads

ANTHEM The Longing Arbough arr Nolan  
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.

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Robert Sathuri  
What a joy to give! What a delight to join our efforts to Your purposes, amazing God! You inspire us to oppose wickedness, to stand up for the oppressed, to work for harmony among all Your children. Lead us, together, to Your Holy mountain, where all are valued and no one is excluded. May our offerings spread the knowledge of Your ways across this earth, widening the circle of inclusion to embrace all Your children, in Jesus’ name.  
Amen Taught by Love Pg. 7 Lavon Bayler. United Church Press, Cleveland OH, 1988

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

**\*OLD TESTAMENT READING**      Isaiah 11:1-10      Ann E Clark

**\*GOSPEL READING**      Matthew 3:1-12

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE:**      “Proclaim What?”      **Rev. Robert Sathuri**

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please follow on page 15 of the United Methodist Hymnal:  
The Great Thanksgiving

*All are invited to come forward and receive communion at  
the direction of the ushers.  
Gluten-Free bread is available.*

*Please indicate to an usher if you would like to receive  
communion in your pew.*

*Consecration of the Bread and the Cup.*

*Sharing the Bread and the Cup*

**Please sing the first and last verses  
of the Communion songs**

#204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

#209 Blessed Be the God of Israel

#196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#203 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

#213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

**\*CLOSING HYMN #211**      O Come, O Come, Emmanuel V 1, 4  
Led by Chancel Choir

**\*BENEDICTION**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*POSTLUDE**      Comfort Ye My People arr Manz      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. // Rani E. // 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. // Kurt, friend of Deb H. // Leslie W. Daughter of late Evelyn W // Lynn Green. sister of Elaine Bontempo. // Karen D. Friend of Cindy D.

**Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving**

Family of Howard Gibson

**A Special Thank You**

Denise and I want to thank the congregation, and especially the Meals Ministry for your prayers and the meals that were prepared and delivered. Denise is still in considerable pain and has her first follow-up with the surgeon this week – Brian H.

**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.

Thanks to all who made Come to Bethlehem and  
See! A wonderful time to bring the message of  
Christ Birth!

PEACE Hope  
JESUS  
Love Joy



**December 7, 2025**

**9:30am**

**Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Communion**

First United Methodist Church Palatine is a  
life-changing Christian Community sharing the love of  
Christ with our neighbors and the world.

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All Week Long

December 7, 2025

Sharing the Word and Work of God

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### POINSETTIAS

Please join us in filling the church and sanctuary with beautiful red, 6-inch poinsettia plants.

**Deadline for placing an order is Monday, December 8.**

Poinsettias can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. Paper forms can be found by the bulletin board or order online using **This Link** or the QR code. Early orders ensure availability and help us prepare for the Christmas season. Please, only submit a paper form if you are NOT ordering online. Thank you.



### ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree gifts benefit families in need in partnership with the Edgebrook Community Center. Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. Please consider taking a tag from the tree. Donations towards Car Seats are also appreciated! ***Please note: Gifts are due back by December 7, 2025.*** Thank You! Questions? Contact Peg Schroth m.schroth@comcast.net



Angel Tree

**DUE Today**

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Will not meet in December. Next meeting is on Wednesday January 21 in the Gathering Place, 11a - 1p [UMWPalatine@gmail.com](mailto:UMWPalatine@gmail.com).
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** will be on hiatus. Meetings resume on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.
- **Next Gen Christmas Event.** Sunday, December 28 11a-1p. Multi-age Sunday School, Youth Group and Young Adults! Come for lunch, pack winter go kits for Journeys. Share your faith with friends.

### 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](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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Children's Sunday School, 9:30a-10:30a**  
Allen Austin, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries  
**December 7** *In The Wilderness*      **December 14** *Ten Commandments*
- **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):** The Higher Grounds (Current Issues) Adult Sunday school class meets on Sundays, 11am-noon, via Zoom and in person in the Adult Meeting Room. All are welcome. Linda & Rick, ljcraft@att.net
- **Advent Bible Study:** “Voices of Advent” The Bibles insight for a Season of Hope by Matthew L. Skinner will be led by Pastor Robert Sathuri on Wednesdays November 19. Dec 3, 10, 17 at 6:30pm. Study guides will be provided. Sign up in the commons.

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. Our next church wide collection will be Communion **Sunday, December 7, 2025**. 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun, Dec 14** - Third Sunday of Advent 9:30a
- Sun, Dec 21** - Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Cantata 9:30a
- Wed, Dec 24** - Christmas Eve Service 9:30P
- Sun, Dec 28** - Next Gen Christmas Event. 11a - 1p.

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

	October	October YTD
Revenue (Receipts)	\$33,575.34	\$431,873.44
Expenses (Payments)	<u>\$35,452.11</u>	<u>\$297,567.33</u>
Revenue vs. Expense +/-	<u>-\$ 1,876.77</u>	<u>+\$134,306.11</u>
Mortgage	<u>\$ 16,831.00</u>	<u>\$168,310.00</u>
BALANCE +/-	-\$ 18,707.77	-\$ 34,003.89

Thank you for your gifts to the church!

- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

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