



## Welcome To Worship

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



First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois  
Communion Sunday • March 1, 2026 • 9:30am

**Before entering worship, kindly 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** *He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions* Dunlop **Linda Camp**  
**Welcome** Ann E. Clark, Rev. Victor O Melad, Jr.

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

**Music of Preparation** Linda Camp and Kay Daugherty

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Ann E. Clark

Leader: As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again,  
Christ invites us to become a new creation.

**People: Christ calls us out of darkness into His marvelous light,  
and we are saved.**

L: From where will our help come?

**P: Our help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.**

L: Who is our Keeper?

**P: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.**

**All: Come let us worship our God, Who is our Savior, our Helper and  
Keeper! Amen.**

\*Opening Prayer (unison) Ann E. Clark

God our helper, our shade, our protector, You are able to give life to the  
dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in Your power  
to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky  
paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at  
last to Your kingdom promised in Christ, in Whom we pray, Amen.

\*Opening Hymn #714 I Know Whom I have Believed

## Presentation of Our Prayers to God

### Sharing of Prayer Concerns

L: Lord in Your mercy,

P: Hear our Prayer

### Silent Prayers

#### Prayers of Confession

Rev. Victor O Melad, Jr.

Gracious God, we come before You in need of forgiveness and grace. You  
call us to trust in You completely, but we do not. We are timid and  
fearful as we follow Your lead. We justify our actions and words, though  
we know they are not what You require. We struggle to understand the  
new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us,  
we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that You  
have included us by grace in the family of faith in Christ's name we pray.  
Amen.

#### Prayer of Intercession

Rev. Victor O Melad, Jr.

**Cares Chorus (sung)** *Please see overhead screen*

### Offertory Invitation

*Ushers pass the offering plates in the pews and place them on the altar.*

*Please remember to sign attendance pads*

#### Anthem

*There is A Balm in Gilead* W. L. Dawson

**Chancel Choir**

**Diane Hannibal, Director**

\*Doxology (sung) #95 UM Hymnal or see overhead screen

\*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Rev. Victor O Melad, Jr.

Loving Jesus, the Exalted One, we joyfully celebrate our unlimited trust  
in Your faithful promises. We pray that all people will someday sound a  
cacophony of hallelujahs as they truly accept Your steadfast love. May  
these gifts that we gladly lay upon Your altar, enable ministries that  
support this chorus of praise. We pray with praise and thanksgiving in  
our hearts. Amen.

### Hearing The Word of God

\*Old Testament Reading

Psalm 121

Ann E. Clark

\*Gospel Reading

John 3: 1-17

Ann E. Clark

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Message:

"Need Help?"

Rev. Victor O Melad, Jr.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Rev. Victor O Melad, Jr.

Gracious God, we dedicate to You not only these gifts, but also ourselves in deep gratitude--for Your call on our lives, Your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for Your own good purposes. In Christ we pray, Amen.

***Celebration of Holy Communion***

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

*All are invited, at the direction of ushers, to come forward and receive communion. You may kneel or stand to receive. Gluten-Free bread is available. If you are unable to come forward, please indicate to an usher you would like to receive communion in your pew.*

***Consecration of the bread and the cup.***

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray;

**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.**

***Sharing the Bread and the Cup***

**While Sharing the Bread and Cup,**

**please sing the first and last verses of the Communion Songs**

**#285- *To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord***

**#292- *What Wondrous Love is This***

**#294- *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed***

**#297- *Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

**#298- *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

\*Closing Hymn #99 "My Tribute" (sing twice)

\*Benediction

Rev. Victor O Melad, Jr.

Announcements

\*Postlude

*Fugue in E Minor* Bach

Linda Camp



I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth. he Lord will keep you from all  
evil; he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from  
this time on and forevermore.

Psalms 121: 1-2, 7-8

*Second Sunday in Lent*

March 1, 2026  
Communion Sunday



## **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**

Sharon O'K. friend of Cindy D.

Patrick B. friend of Cindy D.

David, friend of John & Nancy 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:**

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](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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# LENT



**Fast, Pray, Repent, Give, Serve.**



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All Week Long

March 1, 2026

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

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

- **Children's Sunday School, 9:30a-10:30a**  
**March 1** *With the Elders*      **March 8** *At the Synagogue*  
 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.

**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** - Wednesday, March 18. 11a -1p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - 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

- **Prayer Circle** Join us by the fireplace during Lent. Sunday mornings 8:30-9a beginning Feb 22 through April 5, 2026 - **Next Meeting, March 1!**
- **Garden Update:** Thank you to all who graciously made a donation to the community garden and took a sunflower head for your backyard feathered friends. Those monies will buy the seeds we'll need to get going again in a few short weeks. If you're interested in participating in this great community outreach -- feeding our neighbors -- reach out to Brian Huff anytime at 224-828-8802. We'd love to have you join us!
- **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](mailto: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.



### Easter Flowers

Bring the beauty of the season to the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Flowers available this year for \$13 each include white lilies and yellow or purple kalanchoes. Kalanchoes have been substituted for begonias after serious issues at the greenhouse resulted in a complete crop loss of their begonias. The kalanchoes are easy to maintain and provide long lasting color. These 6-inch potted plants will be similar in size to previous begonias. **Orders must be submitted no later than March 10, 2026**



Flowers may be taken home after our Easter Service on April 5.

scan the QR code or order at [Fumcp.org](http://Fumcp.org)

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/firstumcpalatine/2091512>

Or fill out a paper form located by the bulletin board.



### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALATINE FINANCIALS JANUARY 2026 – OPERATIONS – BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REVENUE (RECEIPTS)	\$35,110.02	EXPENSES (PAYMENTS)	\$34,643.19
REVENUE VS. EXPENSE	+/- +\$ 466.83	MORTGAGE	\$16,831.00
BALANCE	+/- -\$ 16,364.17	<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO THE CHURCH!</b>	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun, March 1** - Lenten Prayer Circle 8:30a
- Sat, March 7** - NIC UMM Annual Meeting - 8:30a -11a
- Sun, March 8** - Dayling 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

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

**March 1** - Rev. Victor Melad, District Superintendent.

**March 8** - Denise Harrison/John Schmelzel.

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

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Building Use forms & Applications can be downloaded at

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

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

Prayer Requests can be sent to  
[office@fumcpalatine.org](mailto:office@fumcpalatine.org)

Monday is Pastor's day off

Pastor's Email:

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