



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

First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 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 *This Little Light of Mine* arr Hayes Linda Camp & Kay Daugherty

WELCOME UWFaith

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Here In This Place / Gather Us In* Haugen Chancel Choir
arr D Hannibal

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)** UWFaith

Leader: People of God, why are you here?

People: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

L: People of God, who do you worship?

P: We worship God, Who loves us and teaches us to love.

L: People of God, how do you worship?

P: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

L: People of God, come, let us worship God, Whose glory surrounds us!

P: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

All: Amen

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

God of compassion and justice, the worship You choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor.

Then Your light shall break forth like the dawn and Your healing shall spring up quickly.

So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship You not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives. Glory and honor be to You, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Written by Rev. Iona MacLean, First Presbyterian Church, Pictou, Nova Scotia, in Change is Happening

***OPENING HYMN #572** *Pass It On* **Led by Chancel Choir**

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS Cindy Dingwall

SILENT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Cindy Dingwall

God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with Your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Cindy Dingwall

PRAYER IN MEMORY OF OUR SISTERS

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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 and in person. Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

ANTHEM*The Little Light In My Soul*

D Hannibal

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 (UNISON)**

Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect Your mercy and our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray.

Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:13-14

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

P: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE:

"Be Salty, Stay Lit"

Sandy Neumann

*CLOSING HYMN #585

This Little Light of Mine

Led by Chancel Choir

*BENEDICTION

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*POSTLUDE

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus arr Colvin

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. // Kim V.

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. // Scott E. 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 8, 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**

February 8 In The Wilderness **February 15** Ten Commandments
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 shampoo & conditioner and toothpaste & tooth brushes. 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

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



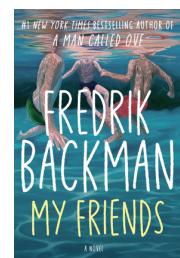
SERVING OUR CHURCH

- **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.

A/V Training will Take place on Tues, Feb 3, 2026 at 4:30p in the Sanctuary. All Are Welcome!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Next meeting is on Wednesday, February 18 in the Gathering Place, 11a - 1p
UMWPalatine@gmail.com.
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** Meetings resume on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 1:00p
- **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



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

Feb 8 - United Women of Faith.

Feb 15 - Pastor George David (former associate pastor at FUMC – Palatine).

Feb 18 - Pastor Scott McClellan (Ash Wednesday).

Feb 22 - Mark Woods.

March 1 - Pastor Victor Melad, District Superintendent.

March 8 - Denise Harrison/John Schmelzel.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, Feb 17 - Teddy Bears 1p

Wed, Feb 18 - 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

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

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

	December	December YTD
Revenue (Receipts)	\$41,414.95	\$510,042.87
Expenses (Payments)	\$39,297.42	\$366,139.18
Revenue vs. Expense +/-	+\$ 2,117.53	+\$143,903.69
Mortgage	\$ 16,831.00	\$201,972.00
BALANCE +/-	-\$ 14,713.47	-\$ 58,068.31

Thank you for your gifts to the church!

- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

Or visit

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

Building Use forms & Applications can be downloaded at

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

Submit to Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org

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