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 Advent

November 29, 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 *Prelude on "Hyfrydol " Manz* **Linda Camp**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Robert Sathuri

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

Bringing the light of God to the People of God **Acolytes**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING ***Hope*** **The Harrison Family**

"The First Candle, which we light today, is the candle of Hope. Isaiah 20:31 says, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint." Hope looks to God and waits on Him with a firm expectation that He will fulfill His promises to us. The promise will be fulfilled at a time of God's choosing, so let us be ready to receive the Light.

People: We look forward with hope to the coming of the light of Jesus. Diane Hannibal, 2024

Choral Advent Response: Led By Chancel Choir

O, Jesus, we await Your coming, Light of Heaven, Morning Star. Bring us Hope for a broken world and heal our hurting hearts. Jesus, Come to us, our Emmanuel. Jesus, come to us. Jesus come.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Wes Hannibal**

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock! You Who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!
In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up Your might, and come to save us!

People: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine,
that we may be saved!

L: O Lord God of hosts,
how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

P: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

L: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; and our enemies laugh among themselves.

P: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine,
that we may be saved!

All: Amen. United Methodist Hymnal Pg. 801. UM Publishing House, U.S.A, 1989

***OPENING PRAYER Wes Hannibal**

O Shepherd of Israel, You open our lips; our mouths give You praise. You shepherd Your flock, gathering us from our wanderings, assembling us in Christ's name to learn of Your will. Your covenant names us, Your law guides us. The prophets attest to Your promise that we shall not be forsaken. With great expectation we watch for Your unfolding plan of salvation. Be present with us and guide us toward the truth in Christ's name**.**

Response: Amen. When We Gather Pg. 139 James G Kirk, Geneva Press, Louisville KY, 2001

***OPENING HYMN UMH #246** *Joy To The World*
Led by Chancel Choir

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

***GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37 Wes Hannibal**

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

P: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: *"Are We Preparing for the Signs of The Signs?"*
Rev. Robert Sathuri

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS Rev. Robert Sathuri

L: Lord In Your Mercy **P: Thanks be to God!**

Prayers for those in assisted living and nursing facilities or homebound

Annette H. // Bill Hoffbeck. // Gary S. //

Prayers for God's healing touch-members

Gary S. // Annette H. // Cliff B. // Carolyn M. // Cindy D. // Carol B.

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

Olivia H. granddaughter of Marie H. // My friends Sharon and Wally O'K, friends of Cindy D.

Prayers for God's Help & Blessings

Prayers of Thanksgiving for God's Gifts & Blessings

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving

Family of Barbara Kearns // Family of Leslie Swedo // Family of John Stires // Sathuri Family

Prayers for those who are suffering

SILENT PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Ever present God, You taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in Him, that when He shall appear, we may not be ashamed;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen. Book of Worship #254 Church of Scotland, 20th Cent., ALT.

THE LORDS 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

Annual pledge cards may be brought forth and deposited into the little white church at this time

Ushers pass the offering plates in the pews and place them on the altar. Please remember to sign attendance pads

ANTHEM *Prepare! D. Hannibal/D. 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.

PLEDGES DEDICATION & OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Robert Sathuri

God of unchanging truth, Your promise is eternal, Your benevolent care spans the ages. We come with our gifts to be molded in accordance with Your purposes. We offer ourselves to be shaped by Your will. Fill us with wisdom, and make us vessels of Your truth. Make all that we do an outpouring of Your goodness, spreading compassion on the afflicted and care to all who may be in need. We consecrate our offerings, gifts and tithes, and dedicate our lives to Christ our Savior.

Response: Amen. When We Gather Pg. 140 James G Kirk, Geneva Press, Louisville KY, 2001

***CLOSING HYMN #717** *Battle Hymn of The Republic V 1 & 4*
Led by Chancel Choir

Taking the Light of God into the World **Acolytes**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying arr. Manz*
Linda Camp



Important Reminders:

- ***Order Your Poinsettias***

Please join us in filling the church and sanctuary with beautiful red, 6-inch poinsettia plants. Deadline for placing an order is Tuesday, December 1, 2026 at noon. Poinsettias can be taken home after Christmas Eve service. Order online by visiting www.fumcp.org or use the QR code.
Please, only submit a paper form if you are NOT ordering online

- ***Angel Tree*** **gifts benefit families in need in partnership with the Edgebrook Community Center. Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. Tags will be available on the tree beginning November 22, 2026. Gifts will be due on December 13, 2026. For more information, contact Marsha Bundt or Doris Lima.**

Angel Tree

- **Bethlehem Marketplace - Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5, 2026. It takes the whole church to help make it happen. We need many, many more helpers to make this event possible; please sign up to volunteer. Ask friends & relatives to help too. Questions? See Brian Huff**

Sign up online to volunteer!
Go to Fumcp.org or scan the QR code.

2026 Advent Calendar

Sunday, November 29, 9:30AM
1st Sunday of Advent - Hope

Saturday, December 5, 10a-3PM
Bethlehem Marketplace

Sunday, December 6, 9:30AM
2nd Sunday of Advent – Peace
Holy Communion - Open Table

Sunday, December 13, 9:30AM
3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy

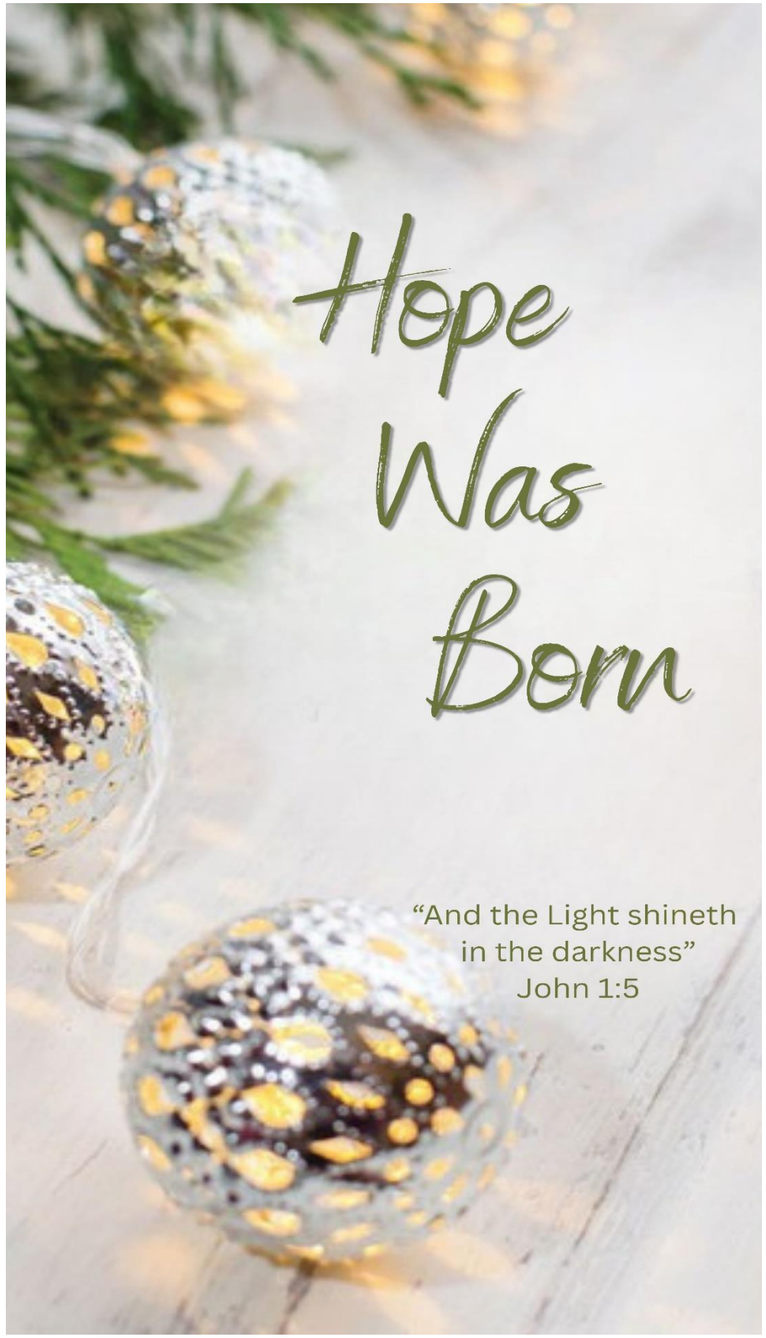
Sunday, December 20, 9:30AM
4th Sunday of Advent - Love
Christmas Cantata "A Shaker Christmas"

Thursday, December 24, 9:30PM
Christmas Eve Service - Christ
Holy Communion - Open Table

Sunday, December 27, 9:30AM
Christmas Carol Singing

Sunday, January 3, 2026, 9:30AM
Epiphany Sunday
Holy Communion - Open Table





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All Week Long

November 29 , 2026

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Palatine Food Pantry** Our next church wide collection will be on **Communion Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026.** Please consider regular donations. **No Expired Foods Please**. Thank you.
- **Meals on Wheels** If you are interested in delivering meals, contact Gil W. Ph: 847-209-8603
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - Will not meet in December. See you in January 2027!
- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Will not meet in December. See you in January 2027!
- **Prayer Blankets** Gayla Swansen (847-705-8659) to receive kits or for more information.
- **Love Packages** drop off Bibles and other Christian materials outside the church office.

- **Bethlehem Marketplace - It's not too late! Today is the last day to sign up to help with Bethlehem Marketplace. We still need many more volunteers- won't you help?** Ask friends & relatives to help too.
  Questions? --See Brian Huff
  Sign up online to volunteer! Go to Fumcp.org or scan the QR code.

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.
- **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.
- **Church Library** ***is open for meditation, prayer and study.***

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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MUSIC

- **Chancel Choir** rehearses on Thursday, 7:30p. New members are welcome! Come join us for inspiration, fun and song.
  We are working on our ***Christmas Cantata***, if you would like to participate, please join us on Thurdays at 7:30p.
  Contact Diane Hannibal for more information at musiclady16@comcast.net.
- **Bell Choir** If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com

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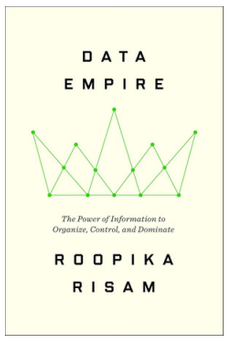
CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Christian Fiction Book Club,** Next book coming soon!
- **The UMM** group hosts Golf, Pizza & Prayer every Tuesday.
  For more information contact Gil W. at donnagilw@comcast.net
- **Advent Study** led by Pastor Robert - "*What Do You Want For Christmas?*"
  by James W Moore. Next date is Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at 7pm

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Sunday School** The combined Children and Youth Sunday School class for 1st through 12th grades will meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Pre-K care is available upon request. Confirmation preparation will be offered for students 11 years and up starting October 4th. Please contact nextgen.fumcp@gmail.com for more information"



- **Higher Grounds Adult Sunday School** class (Current Issues) continues its study of the impact of AI (Artificial Intelligence) on our social, political, economic, and spiritual lives. We will begin discussing Data Empire: The Power of Information to Organize, Control, and Dominate, by Roopika Risam, Sunday, Nov. 22, in the Adult Conference room and/or via Zoom at 11am. " A book that promises not just to show how empires have collected and weaponized data over the ages, but also how we can resist...an easy must-read."--NPR. Come join us for lively discussion and fellowship!
  Please order your copy through your favorite bookseller. Linda & Rick Craft, ljcraft@att.net.

The Growth and Outreach committee is introducing a new role for our Worship services today - the Worship Facilitator. This person will be serving with the Pastor in the Chancel, and is there to assist the Pastor both before and during the service.
Before the service, the Worship Facilitator will check with all the groups who are a part of the service, such as ushers, acolytes, musicians, and A/V operators, as well as others who might be participating in special events (such as baptisms, guest speakers, etc), to promote a smooth flow during the service. The Worship Facilitator will also help the Pastor gather and schedule announcements and prayer requests.
During the service, the Worship Facilitator will assist with liturgy, announcements, hymns, and anything else that might need special attention.
Mia Igyarto is our first Worship Facilitator, and we ask that you welcome her to this new role! If you have questions or comments regarding this change, please see Mia or anyone on the Growth & Outreach committee. We look forward to this making a positive influence on our Sunday morning worship services.

Congratulations to Mark Woods and Ann Clark who have completed training for Ceritified Lay Servant and have been approved by Church Council and our DS, to serve our church.
Duties include: leading worship as liturgist, leading announcements, delivering the message, serving communion as well as assist with Bible studies, prayer groups and committee work.
We appreciate their continued commitment to serve God.

Building Use forms are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** activities within the church.
If you are raising money for internal or external causes/events,
please fill out a fundraising form.
Applications can be downloaded at FUMCP.org under the "home" tab
https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms
Submit to **Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org**

Prayer Requests can be sent to unitedcaringministries@gmail.com or call/text 224-573-8401

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