



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 30, 2025 • 9:30am • First Sunday of Advent

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 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr Smart
Linda Camp

Welcome

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Music of Preparation *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
arr McDonald Kay Daugherty

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)** Cindy Dingwall
Leader: Christians around the world begin this day to await the Advent of Christ. We join with a joyous and hopeful throng in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and sign of God's love.

People: We gather as a people of Hope.

L: Christian people around the world stand today in breathless anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

P: Our hope springs anew, from an ancient vision.

L: As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for Hope, based not on wishful thinking but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we Hope.

P: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of Hope.

ALL: Amen

Flames of the Spirit, Pg. 11 Roger D. Straw. Pilgrims Press, Cleveland OH, 1985

***Opening Prayer (unison)** Cindy Dingwall
Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of Your Son. Save us from the 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.
Amen. Book of Worship Pg. 254 Ruth C. Duck, U.S.A. 20th Cent.

Advent Candle Lighting HOPE Gina Hubbard
Isaiah 60:2-3
“For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

***Opening Hymn #202** People Look East
Led by Chancel Choir

We Offer Our Prayers and Gifts to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Prayers of the People (unison) Rev. Robert Sathuri
We confess, Surprising God, that our sense of anticipation has been dulled. We have ceased to expect any wonders from Your hand. We do not see the marvels around us in the people and happenings we view as commonplace. We are not alert to Your presence or Your action on our behalf. Wake us up, God, lest sleep be our death. Pardon and redeem us, that we may escape the judgment we are bringing on ourselves. Send Your light that it may shine through us into a needy world. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Flames of the Spirit, Pg. 15 Lavon Bayler. 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

Pledge Consecration

Anthem *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
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
Thank you, God of love, for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all Your children everywhere.
Amen.

Flames of the Spirit, Pg. 20 Lavon Bayler Pilgrims Press, Cleveland OH, 1985

Hearing The Word of God

***Gospel Reading** **Matthew 24:36-44** Cindy Dingwall
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God!
P: Thanks be to God!

Message: “Ready or Not?” Rev. Robert Sathuri

***Closing Hymn #569** *We've a Story to Tell The Nations*

***Benediction**

Ministry Announcements

***Postlude** *From Heaven High to Earth I Come* Zachau
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

**Prayers of Peace, Tolerance and Acceptance throughout the
church, community and world**

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.

**A New Vision for The United Methodist Church.
Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.**

2025 Advent Calendar

Sunday, November 30, 9:30a - 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6, 10a-3p -
Bethlehem Marketplace - Come to Bethlehem and See!

Sunday, December 7, 9:30a - 2nd Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion - Open Table

Sunday December 14, 9:30a - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 21, 9:30a - 4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Cantata

Wednesday, December 24, 9:30p - Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 28, 9:30a - Christmas Carol Singing

Sunday January 4, 2026, 9:30a - Epiphany Sunday



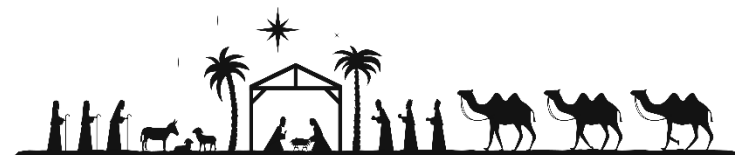
Come to Bethlehem—and see!

Saturday, December 6, 2025

10a - 3p

First United Methodist Church of Palatine
123 N Plum Grove Rd Palatine, IL 60067

- ★ Make children's crafts from Bible-times
- ★ Hear the story of Jesus' birth at our live nativity
- ★ Enjoy lentil soup, flatbread and other savory snacks



Free – All are Welcome!

PEACE
JESUS
Love Joy



November 30, 2025

9:30am

First Sunday of Advent

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
 November 30, 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 1.

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



COME TO BETHLEHEM - AND SEE!

Come to Bethlehem to experience what life was like at the time of Jesus' birth. Meet the townspeople, and hear the stories that bring the nativity to life.

Your help is requested to serve as a towns person, assist with setup and decorations, welcome guests, work in craft booths, be part of the nativity story or help behind the scenes. There's a place for you.

Be part of sharing the true meaning of Christmas with our community. Contact office@fumcpaltine.org if you would like to volunteer.



Come to Bethlehem - and See!

Saturday, December 6
 10a -3p
 A Nativity Experience
A Free Event!

- [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

Office E-mail:

office@fumcpalatine.org

Phone Number: **847 359 1345**

Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9a-1:30p

Monday is Pastor's day off

Pastor's Email:

rsathuri@fumcpalatine.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Children's Sunday School, 9:30a-10:30a**
Allen Austin, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
November 30 *Songs of Joy* **December 7** *In The Wilderness*
- **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):** Friends: The Higher Grounds (Current Issues) Adult Sunday school class meets on Sundays, 11am-noon, via Zoom and in person in the Adult Meeting Room. Brenda Wineapple's Keeping the Faith: God, Democracy, and the Trial that Riveted a Nation Come for fellowship and stimulating discussion! All are welcome. Linda & Rick, ljcraft@att.net
- **Advent Bible Study:** "Voices of Advent" The Bible's 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
- **Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Palatine Township 2025 Thanksgiving Basket Program. Our church collected 22 baskets and 55 grocery gift cards which will assist under-resourced families in our community to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. *If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.* *1 John 3:17-18*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month in the Gathering Place, 11a - 1p. Next meeting is November 19 UMWPalatine@gmail.com.
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** will be on hiatus. Meetings resume on 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
- **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.
 - 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 if you would like to join the A/V support team.
 - Watch this space for another opportunity being put together for Christmastime fellowship for the church family in December. Details are still to be worked out but it may be your chance to enjoy some of Rachel's Inn flatbread and lentil soup while spending some joyful time together. If you'd like to help plan and organize this after-worship get together, please see Sandy or Brian.
 - **FUMCP's Annual Stewardship Drive** will be winding down as the year comes to an end. Please prayerfully consider the many blessings you experience everyday and how you'll honor God, our Provider, through your pledge to the church. That extra dollar you pledge this year may be the one that keeps a ministry in motion and changes someone's life forever by seeing God's Redeeming Grace. TODAY is Commitment Sunday so we'll be collecting all your pledge cards during worship this morning. Our little white church will be ready for your cards. Thank you all.
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FUMCP INCLUSION STATEMENT

We are a historic and communal church that is dedicated to life-changing faith, building Christian community, and serving our neighborhood. Because of this commitment, all are included at our table: all ages, all races, all genders and gender identities, all sexual orientations, all socioeconomic statuses, all nationalities, all ethnicities, all citizenships, and all ability levels. We specifically welcome fully those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning into our church community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, Dec 6 - 10a -3p. Come to Bethlehem - and See! A Nativity Experience

Sun, Dec 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Cantata

Wed, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service 9:30p

Sun, Dec 28 - Next Gen Christmas Event. 11a - 1p.