



Welcome To Worship

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

First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worldwide Communion Sunday October 4, 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.**

Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

Gathering in the Presence of God

Prelude

Bread of the World arr. Cherwien

Linda Camp

Welcome

Rev. Robert Sathuri

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Music of Preparation

To God be the Glory arr. Mark Hayes

Linda Camp and Kay Daugherty

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

Psalm 106:1-5

Wes Hannibal

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: O give thanks to the Lord Who is good; Whose steadfast love endures for ever!

L: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or show forth all God's praise?

P: Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

L: Remember me, O Lord, when You show favor to Your people; help me when You deliver them,

P: that I may see the prosperity of Your chosen ones,

that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation,

that I may glory with Your heritage.

All: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Amen.

The United Methodist Hymnal Pg. 829 The UM Publishing House, Nashville, TN 1989

***Opening Prayer**

Wes Hannibal

Gracious God, O Wisdom on High, by You the meek are guided in judgement, and light rises up in darkness for the godly. Grant us, in all doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what You would have us do, that we may be saved from all false choices, and that in Your light we may see light, and in Your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Book of Worship #525. The Book of Common Prayer. USA. 20th Cent. ALT.

***Opening Hymn UMH #519**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Led by Chancel Choir

Hearing The Word of God

Old Testament Reading

Esther 4:11-17

Wes Hannibal

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Message:

Esther: For What Times?

Rev. Robert Sathuri

Offering Our Prayers to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Rev. Robert Sathuri

L: Lord in Your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

Prayers for those in assisted living and nursing facilities or homebound

Annette H. // Bill Hoff. // Gary S. //

Prayers for God’s healing touch-members

Donna H. // Gary S. // Annette H. // John S. // Leslie S. // Cliff B.

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

James B. son-in-law of Cliff B. // Joel, nephew of Robert & Teresa S. //

Patty & Joel K. friends of Scott R. // James S. friend of Mark W.

Pam, cousin of Cathy M. // Ken, Friend of Cathy M. // Judy B, friend of Cathy M. //

Joe, family member of Sherrill and Keith S. // Carolyn O’D, friend of Cindy D.

Prayers for God’s Help & Blessings

Lambert & wife, Symballine are blessed with a beautiful daughter, Gianna Chasiah Ophelia.

Prayers of Thanksgiving to God For God’s Gifts and Blessings

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving

Family of Jarmela Speta // Family of Bill Baumann //

Scott, Sue and Norm Repplinger in the loss of their brother/son Mark // Family of Barbara Kearns.

Family of Carl Klotz, Family of Mark and Debbie W. //

Prayers of strength & courage for those who are suffering due to natural disasters around the world

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

Silent Prayers

Prayers Of The People (unison)

Rev. Robert Sathuri

O Eternal God, in Whose appointment our life stands, and Who committed our work to us, we commit our cares to You. We thank You that we are Your children, and that You have assured us that, while we are intent upon Your will, You will listen to our needs. Fill us with that compassion for others’ troubles which comes from forgetfulness of our own; with the charity of those who know their own unworthiness; and with the glad hope of the children of eternity. And to You, Jesus Christ, the Beginning and the End, Lord of the living, Refuge of the dying, be thanks and praise for ever.

Amen. Book of Worship Pg. 512. James Martineau, England, 19th 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

Offertory Invitation

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

Anthem	<i>The Table of Peace</i>	Hannibal/Furman arr Nordmeyer	Chancel Choir
			Diane Hannibal, Director

***Doxology (sung) and Presentation of Gifts**

***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.***

Rev. Robert Sathuri

Amen.

Worship & Song, #106 Herb Mather. Abingdon Press. Nashville, TN. 2011

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.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

#617 | Come with Joy

This is My Song (V 1 & 3)

Led by Chancel Choir

Ministry Opportunities

*Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory arr. Cherwien

Linda Camp



Please let us know if we can use last names during prayer time.



- If you require a pastoral visitation or phone call or have a prayer request that you would like for the All Week Long, please contact office@fumcpalatine.org. When requesting prayers for a friend or family member, please include an address so we can send them a card/note.
- You may also send prayer requests and requests for a Stephen Minister and other care ministries to unitedcaringministries@gmail.com or call/text 224-573-8401

Sermon Series A few Heroes and Heroines in the old

October 11 Malachi: Return on Investment **Scripture:** Malachi 3:1-12

October 25 Jeremiah: Whose house? **Scripture:** Jeremiah 18:1-10

Upcoming Events

Wed, October 7: Journey with Jonah Bible Study @ 7p

Sun, October 11: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, October 11: Patriotism & Peace Concert at FUMCP 123 N Plum Grove Rd. Palatine. 3p, FUMC Palatine & Immanuel Lutheran Choirs, Free to attend. Refreshments following.

Tues, October 13: Church Council meeting @ 7:00 p – Open meeting

Wed, October 14: Journey with Jonah Bible Study 7p

Fri, October 16th 10am-4pm and Sat, October 17th 9am-3pm: UWFaith & Foxglove Cottage
Fall and Christmas Charity Sale.

Sun, October 18: Laity Sunday Worship 9:30a

Tues, October 20: Teddy Bears @ 1pm

Wed, October 21: Adaptive books @ 11a-1p

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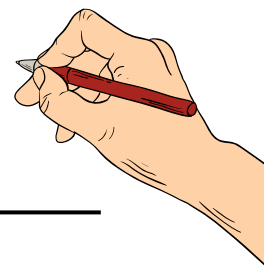
Sun, October 25: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Wed, October 28: Journey with Jonah Bible Study 7p

Sun, November 15: 2026 Annual Charge Conference @ 7p - *Save the date!*

PLEASE NOTE:

THE CHURCH OFFICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR CLARITY AND SPACE LIMITATIONS.



Bill Baumann Service Details

Bill Baumann will receive a military honors service at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery, 20953 W Hoff Rd, Elwood, IL 60421 on Wednesday October 7, 2026 @ 12:45p. After the service, please join the family for lunch at Aurelios Pizza of Addison, 1455 W Lake St.



A New Vision for The United Methodist Church

Love Boldly: We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life.

(Matthew 22:37-39 | John 13:34-35)

Serve Joyfully: With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy.

(Psalm 100:1 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 13:14-15 | 1 Peter 4:10)

Lead Courageously: Following Jesus' example, we resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

(Joshua 1:9 | Ephesians 6:10)

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

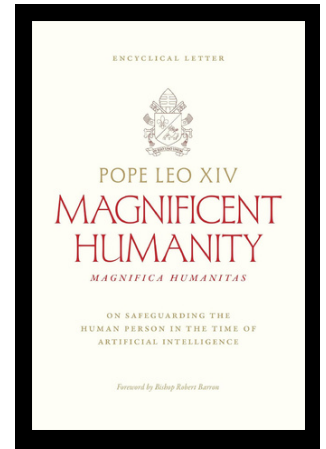
- **Palatine Food Pantry** Our next church wide collection will be on **Communion Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026**. Please consider regular donations. **No Expired Foods Please**. Thank you.
- **Meals on Wheels** If you are interested in delivering meals, contact Gil W. Ph: 847-209-8603
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - Tues, October 20, 2026, 1:00p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Wed, October 21, 11a-1p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **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.
- **FUMCP's Community Garden** All are welcome, bring your friends! No gardening experience is necessary. See/call Brian Huff @ 224-828-8802 for more information.
- **Bless Local Families in Need with a Thanksgiving Dinner**
The Palatine Township Thanksgiving Basket Program assists under-resourced families in our community by providing them with the ingredients to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal. They are seeking donations in the form of non-perishable food items and/or \$25 grocery store gift cards. Sign-up sheets & food basket shopping lists are in the Commons. Last day to sign up is October 25, a little earlier this year. Baskets & gift cards are to be dropped at church on Sunday, November 1, 2026 Questions? Contact Teri or John Schmelzel at aschmelzel@yahoo.com.

MUSIC

- **Chancel Choir** rehearses on Thursday, 7:30p. New members are welcome! Come join us for inspiration, fun and song.
Guest musicians and vocalist are always welcome to share their talents.
Contact Diane Hannibal for more information at music lady16@comcast.net.
- **Bell Choir** If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **"In AI We Trust?"** The Higher Grounds (Current Issues) Adult Sunday school class has chosen as our opening text, Pope Leo XIV's encyclical, *Magnificent Humanity: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence* (2026). Adult Conference Room. Class is in person or via Zoom. Come join us for stimulating discussion and warm fellowship, as we begin our 33rd year learning together! Bring your coffee and goodies. Coordinators, Linda & Rick Craft 847-702-8163 or ljcraft@att.net.



- **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"
- **Confirmation Students and All Youth** are invited to a half day Retreat on Sunday October 18th, leaving from church at 11 and returning at 5. Activities include lunch, hiking/games, a service project, prayer and reflection. The retreat will be at the IL Turner Camp. Transportation provided, parents welcome.
More info: NextGen.fumcp@gmail.com

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Christian Fiction Book Club**, Our upcoming book is "There are Rivers In the Sky" by Elif Shafak on October 1, 2026 @ 7pm.
- **Above & Beyond Program:** a collection of projects for our church which need your support are posted in the Commons area. Questions, contact Brian Huff @ 224-828-8802 or bg.huff80@gmail.com. Thank you all for giving above and beyond!
- **Save the Date for the UWFaith & Foxglove Cottage Fall and Christmas Charity Sale.** Hundreds of brand new home decorations and lovely gifts will be sold "by the bag"! All proceeds will go to local and international Christian charities.
Mark your calendars for October 16th 10am-4pm and October 17th 9am-3pm
- **The UMM** group hosts Golf, Pizza & Prayer every Tuesday.
For more information contact Gil W. at donnagilw@comcast.net

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.**

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

- **All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026.** Please send us the names of your loved ones who have passed from November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026. Indicate if they are a family member, the date they passed and if they were members of the church. Send information to dcurry@fumcpalatine.org.

Introduction of Growth & Outreach Task Force

Church leadership recognizes the importance of continuing to grow and strengthen our local church community. Growing our membership will strengthen our church community, support our financial well-being, and, most importantly, welcome more people into our church family and create more opportunities for people to experience and grow in their relationship with Christ. Together, we can build on our strong foundation and look forward to a vibrant and growing future for FUMCP.

So the FUMCP Church Council recently commissioned a Growth & Outreach Task Force to identify and evaluate opportunities to improve the overall FUMCP experience for all constituents including members, building users and visitors. This Task Force will examine the worship experience, general administration, church communications, community engagements and mission opportunities, as well as other aspects of the church. The Task Force will research best practices at other churches. Their findings and ideas for updates or course corrections will be overseen by the Church Council and appropriately authorized for implementation. Some initiatives will bear fruit and some may not. Bishop Dan Schwerin has encouraged all churches in the Northern Illinois Conference to try small experiments in all these areas.

This means you may see changes in the church which we hope improve the FUMCP experience for all. Be ready to share how you feel about various aspects of our church. Be ready to answer the call to serve as able in some of the future initiatives coming in the weeks and months ahead. Improvements and increased appeal of our church can only succeed if we all pitch in with our gifts of mindfulness, energy, presence, resources and prayers. We believe that with God all things are possible!

Growth & Outreach Task Force: Marsha Bundt, John Foley, Robert Hadcock, Brian Huff, Sandy Neumann, Mark Woods, and Pastor Robert Sathuri.

Thank you,

Bruce Jefferson
Chair, FUMCP Church Council

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

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

- **[Click Here for Online Giving](#)**

Or visit fumcp.org or go directly to

<https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/a03e4c6c-c290-44c6-8186-31e01bc8c77a>

PASTOR'S CORNER – FAITH & REFLECTION

Greetings Palatine First UM Church Family. As we enter a new “Season of Hope” as prayerfully stated by our Bishop Dan Schwerin at the 2026 Annual Conference. Over the summer I have been prompted by God’s Word to do a sermon series about a few Heroines and Heros of our Faith from The Old Testament Scriptures.



I will be forever grateful that I read Preacher and Prayer by Edward McKendree Bounds (1835-1913) early in my ministry. Though named after a prominent American Methodist Bishop, he is known to history as E.M. Bounds. He was a Methodist preacher, born in Missouri, served as the associate editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, and died in Georgia. He was a chaplain during the Civil War. Preacher and Prayer was a short book published by the Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1907. I try to re-read this short book regularly. I can never read it too often. Some colleagues say it is antidote to burn-out. I am glad that early in my ministry I encountered these words, “The sermon cannot rise in its life-giving forces above the man. Dead men give out dead sermons, and dead sermons kill...The preaching man or woman is to be the praying person...The real sermon is made in the closet. The man – God’s man or woman – is made in the closet...A prepared heart is much better than a prepared sermon. A prepared heart will make a prepared sermon” (Preacher and Prayer).

A sermon is God’s truth coming through human personality. God must fashion the personality of the preacher. This is holiness of heart and life for the preacher. Working for God is never a substitute for spending time with God. The preacher must have a prayer closet, know how to enter the secret place, underneath the wings of the Almighty, spend time alone with God. The question is: How much time have you been in prayer to listen to today’s sermon? As we journey along, may we open our hearts, minds and lives to the working of The Holy Spirit. Will “Hope” shape our faith? Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert N. Sathuri".

Pastor Robert Sathuri