



Welcome To Worship

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



First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois
Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 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 *Pastoral Symphony* Handel Linda Camp

WELCOME Rev. Robert Sathuri

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Like A River Glorious* arr Shackley Linda Camp & Kay Daugherty

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)** Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Keith Snyder

Leader: For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

P: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

L: a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up;

P: a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;

L: a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

P: a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away;

L: a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

P: a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

ALL: What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, He has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)** Keith Snyder

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior, Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting.

Amen. UM Hymnal 253, The Book of Common Prayer (Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-22)

***OPENING HYMN #178** Hope of The World (all verses) Led by Chancel Choir
{Please use the hymnals}

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Robert Sathuri

SILENT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (unison)

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Just and righteous God, we tremble before Your all-knowing awareness of us. You have blessed us with abundance we have not counted, and riches we have not fully appreciated. Our gratitude is found wanting before Your judgment. Our attention to the needs of the poor and oppressed is less than You desire. Forgive us, God, for misplaced anger and callous disregard of the ways we trample others. We seek redemption from oppression and violence to embrace new life in Christ.

Amen.

Taught by Love, pg. 30. Lavon Bayler. United Church Press, Cleveland, OH 1998.

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.
Please remember to sign the attendance pads*

ANTHEM

John, The Baptist arr 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**

Rev. Robert Sathuri

Source of eternal renewal, we come before You full of new life. We hear Christ's call to follow and seek to obey. We yearn to be faithful as His baptized believers. Accept these offerings as signs of our commitment and use us to lead others to repentance. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Who calls us His own.

Amen.

When We Gather Pg. 150

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

***GOSPEL READINGS** John 1:1-18 and Matthew 3: 13-17 **Keith Snyder**
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God!
P: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: “Incarnation or Re-Incarnation?” **Rev. Robert Sathuri**

***CLOSING HYMN #420** Breathe on Me, Breath of God (all verses) **Led by Chancel Choir**
 {Please use the hymnals}

***BENEDICTION**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

***POSTLUDE** *On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry* arr *Cherwien* **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. // Leslie W. Daughter of late Evelyn W // Lynn Green. sister of Elaine Bontempo. // Karen D. Friend of Cindy D. // Pam, cousin of Cathy M. // David, friend of John & Nancy S.

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving:

Family of Howard Gibson

Family of Marion Anderson-Peat

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



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All Week Long

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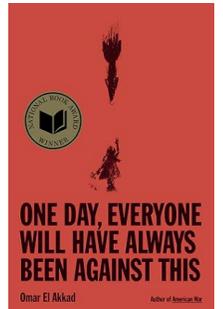
Sharing the Word and Work of God

A New Vision for The United Methodist Church

Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Next meeting is on Wednesday January 21 in the Gathering Place, 11a - 1p UMWPalatine@gmail.com.
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** Meetings resume on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 1:00 PM.
- **Higher Grounds** meets in the Adult Conference Room @ 11a, In-person or via Zoom. Join the Higher Grounds Adult class (current issues) 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.



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.

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, February 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
- **Community Garden** Thank you to all who contributed their pumpkins, decorative squashes, and bales of hay for our Community Garden composting effort. Watch this space for more opportunities to help in the Spring.

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Children's Sunday School, 9:30a-10:30a**
1.11.2026 The Baby in the Basket & The Burning Bush
1.18.2026 Moses & Pharoah
1.25.2026 Crossing the Sea
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):** The Higher Grounds (Current Issues) Adult Sunday school class meets on Sundays, 11am-noon, via Zoom and in person in the Adult Meeting Room. All are welcome. Linda & Rick, ljcraft@att.net

REMINDER

Please pick up your 2026 contribution envelopes. You can find them on the tables outside the Sanctuary. If you need assistance, please ask one of the Ushers. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues, Jan 20** - Teddy Bears @ 1:00p
- Sun, Jan 21** - Adaptive Books @ 11a - 1p
- Wed, Feb 18** - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00p
- Sun, Feb 22** - First Sunday of Lent 9:30a

- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

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