



## Welcome To Worship

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



First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 25, 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 *Fantasia on "Old 100th"* Wilson Linda Camp

WELCOME John Schmelzel

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *His Eye is on the Sparrow* arr. Pepper Choplin Kay Daugherty

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)** Psalm 146 1-4, 6-10 Sue Hobein

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

**People: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

L: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

**P: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—He remains faithful forever.**

L: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**P: The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, The Lord loves the righteous.**

L: The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but He frustrates the ways of the wicked.

**All: The Lord reigns forever. Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)** Sue Hobein

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence that God is our light and salvation. When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence, God is the stronghold of our lives! No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever. Let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock

**\*OPENING HYMN #577** *God of Grace and God of Glory* Led by Chancel Choir

### OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS John Schmelzel

SILENT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION John Schmelzel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (unison)

John Schmelzel

God of all creation, Who called every being into life, Who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity, Who embodies us with dignity, granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world, we ask for Your Spirit to unite us. We ask for Your Spirit to unite us in the face of the conflicts, hatred, and violation of life experienced in so many regions of the earth. We ask for Your Spirit to unite us wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbor, from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures, and faith communities with respect. God of all creation, in Christ, we are reconciled, and so we ask for Your uniting Spirit to help us overcome all our divisions that we may live in peace.

Amen.

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

Here I Am, Lord

D Schutte arr Courtney

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

John Schmelzel

Steadfast Light of our salvation, in a world that trembles with uncertainty and teaches us to fear, You shine with unwavering hope. You call us to seek your face and trust in Your presence more than in our own strength. Receive these gifts, given not out of fear but in joyful confidence that Your love casts out fear and Your grace makes us bold. Use our offerings to build a world where Your light leads, Your justice reigns, and Your people—unafraid—become living testimonies of Your goodness. In the name of Christ, our rock and redeemer, we pray.

Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Isaiah 9:2-3Psalms 27: 1, 4-5Sue Hobein

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

P: Thanks be to God!

**MESSAGE:**

Light Overcomes Fear

**John Schmelzel**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #89**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**Led by Chancel Choir**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*To God Be the Glory Doane*

**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. // 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**

Louise W. friend of Pam & Sam F. // Dick, friend of Keith & Sherill S. // Patrick B, friend of  
Cindy D. // Leslie W. Daughter of late Evelyn W // Karen D. 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.

**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

**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](mailto: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

January 25, 2026

*Sharing the Word and Work of God*  
**A New Vision for The United Methodist Church**

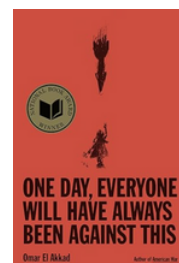
**Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

- **Children's Sunday School, 9:30a-10:30a**  
**January 25, 2026** Crossing the Sea      **February 1** Songs of Joy  
*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, 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-townierl@elmhurst.edu
- **Bell Choir** plays in church 4 times a year. If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com

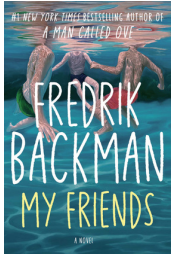


**SERVING OUR CHURCH**

- **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.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Next meeting is on Wednesday, February 18 in the Gathering Place, 11a - 1p [UMWPalatine@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:aschmelzel@yahoo.com)
- **Prayer Circle** Join us by the fireplace during Lent. Sunday mornings 8:30-9a Beginning Feb 22 through April 5, 2026



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### Angel Tree Thank You

We extend our heartfelt thanks to First United Methodist Church of Palatine for its generous participation in our Angel Tree Program. Your congregation's support provided essential holiday assistance to children and families who otherwise may not have experienced the joy of the season.

We sincerely appreciate the leadership and generosity of your church and are grateful for the positive impact you continue to make. Thank you for standing with our families and helping create a season filled with hope and encouragement.

With deep appreciation, FIND/PI Team.

*(see photos on the bulletin board)*



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### 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!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sun, Feb 1** - Communion Sunday 9:30a

**Wed, Feb 4** - Church Council 7p Conference Rm 1/Adult Meeting Room

**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

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- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

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

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

Submit to [Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org](mailto:Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org)

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