



Welcome To Worship

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



First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany • February 23, 2025 • 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 *Children of the Heavenly Father arr. Hustad* Linda Camp

Welcome & Announcements Mark Woods

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Special Music *I'll Fly Away arr. Mark Hayes* Kay Daugherty

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)** Sandra Neumann

Leader: Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?

People: Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

L: Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." But what is mercy?

P: To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

L: Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive?

P: By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

L: Let us worship God, Who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

P: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024

***New Testament Gospel Reading** *Luke 6:27-38* Sandra Neumann

***Opening Prayer (unison)** Sandra Neumann

Holy Jesus, You call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not. You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us. We want the easy way, but You have given us the hard path. Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You, to allow ourselves at times to stumble, to live in the hard way so that we might fully experience Your love, grace, and peace in this world, by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others. In Your name, we pray.

Amen.

Rev. Mindi

***Opening Hymn #140** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Led by Chancel Choir

We Offer Our Prayers and Gifts to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns Mark Woods

L: Lord in Your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

Silent Prayers

Prayer of Intercession

Prayers of the People (unison) Mark Woods

Dear God, we are so conditioned to respond in kind. We are so worried that when the reckoning comes, we will find ourselves left with the short end of the stick. And not without reason. The powerful take and take and lie and lie and oppress and oppress, seemingly without consequence. Teach us to love with skill. Teach us to love with precision. Teach us to love with abandon, trusting that when we step into the ocean of Your abundant love, we will receive the blessings of Your abundant life.

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.

Offertory Invitation

Ushers pass the offering plates in the pews and place them on the altar.

Thank you to all who give online.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads

Anthem

The Greatest Commandment Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir
Jenny Gafron, Director

Presentation of Offertory Gifts

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

Mark Woods

Merciful God, Who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to Your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting Your boundless grace in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Based on Luke 6:27-28

Hearing The Word of God

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Sandra Neumann

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Message:

"Do To Others"

Mark Woods

Closing Prayer

Mark Woods

Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Closing Hymn #534**

Be Still, My Soul

Led by Chancel Choir

***Benediction**

Mark Woods

Beloved, go from this place ready to listen. Listen for the opportunities to extend mercy. Notice the moments to forgive instead of condemn. Watch for the person who needs help without any strings attached. For the blessing of the Triune God goes with you, pouring out mercy and compassion on you so that you may share mercy and compassion with everyone you meet.

Amen.

***Postlude**

Agincourt Hymn Dunstable

Linda Camp



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All Week Long

Sharing the Word and Work of God

February 23, 2025

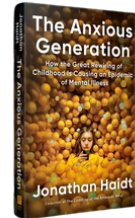
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Children's Sunday School**, 9:30a-10:30a





February 23	The Golden Rule	Quin K
March 2	The Two Houses	Bob H
March 9	Man in the Synagogue	Sandy N
March 16	Jesus & the Children	Sandy N
March 23	Last Supper	Bob H
March 30	In the Garden	Dawn A

- **Higher Grounds** Sundays, 11a - 12:30p - Conference Room 1/Adult Meeting Room
 Jonathan Haidt's *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness* (2024) All are welcome!
 Linda & Rick Craft, Class Coordinators ljcraft@att.net





- **Join Bishop Dan Schwerin** for a Zoom Bible study Feb. 24, 6:30p to 8:00p
www.umcnic.org/calendar/bible-study-with-the-bishop
- **Youth Group** Sundays, 6p - 8p - Downstairs Youth Rooms; light meal or snack provided
 Next-Gen Ministries Youth Group Teacher: Allen Austin; Volunteers: Gina Hubbard, Mark Woods
 February and March Study: *The Gospel: Foundational Teaching* Join us as we explore the books of the Gospel and its application to our lives today! Upcoming Events: 2/23 - Youth Group Family Dinner.


MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Palatine Food Pantry** is in need of supplies. Special collection will take place the first Sunday of every month. Collection baskets are located outside the sanctuary. In addition to canned goods and food supplies, they are asking for toilet paper and paper towels. Thank you. 
 Additional supplies can be dropped off at any time at the outside drop box. *No Expired Foods Please.*
- **Rogers Park Soup Kitchen** - The youth group will be once again serving at the Rogers Park Community Feast on Sunday, March 2. Along with helping out, they always appreciate any supplies that we can bring. Please consider bringing any of the following items to the office before noon on March 2nd. Thank you!
 Individually packaged sweets, such as granola bars, trail mix fixings,
 Dawn dishwashing liquid, large bottles of bleach, spray cleaner with bleach. 
- **FUMCP** donated to UMCOR and Midwest Distribution Center for fire relief in California
- **UWF** donated to Methodist Mission in LA for fire relief
- **Partners for our Communities (POC)** is working with those displaced from the recent local fires. The immediate need is financial donations to help people pay new rent and recover their lives.
www.poc.news/donate/
- **Trinity First United Methodist Church** *Mi Casa a Su Casa* program is searching for good or great condition beds for two families in need. If you are able to help our neighbors, please contact SuCasaMP@gmail.com.

MUSIC

- **Choir** meets for rehearsals every Thursday, 7:30p - 9p; sings on Sunday during the 9:30a service. For more information contact Jenny Gafron, jgafron3@gmail.com 
- **Bell Choir** plays in church 4 times a year. If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com 

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Christian Fiction Book Club** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7p in Conference Room 1 /Adult Meeting Room. Our current study book is "Virgil Wander" by Leif Enger. Bookmarks with the 2025 selections through October are on the information table in the lobby.
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** The next Teddy Bears Ministry meeting will be on March 18 at 1p at church. For questions, contact Mia, miaigyarto@sbcglobal.net. 
- **Helping Hands** Saturday, March 15, 8:30a - 12p - Come join us to do some work at the church and then join the Palatine St. Patrick's Day Parade later that day!

We are a historic and communal church that is dedicated to life-changing faith, building a 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.



GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

YOUR PRAYERS

To request prayers before or during Worship Service, please ask for cards from the Ushers.



**Howard G. | Meredith G.
Hal G. | Bill H. | Gary S.**

Prayers for all the elderly who are homebound, in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

- Prayers of comfort and peace for Pablo Acosta and family, his mother passed away on February 1 in Cuba.
- Colleen R. requesting prayers of healing, patience and comfort for Scott R. as he continues to recover.
- Prayers and comfort for Colleen R. for the recent passing of her father. Prayers of strength as they make plans for her mother's care.
- Deb H. thanks everyone for their prayers. Her test results were good.
- Prayers of courage and peace for those affected and displaced by wars around the world.
- Prayers for peace and acceptance around the United States.
- Prayers for the people around the world affected by natural disasters.

SEND YOUR PRAYER REQUEST TO office@fumcpalatine.org

Submissions for the All Week Long must be emailed or dropped off in person by Wednesday at noon.

Please let the church know of any updates to prayers so that we can continue to keep them current. Prayers will automatically be removed after 3 weeks if not updated.
Thank you.

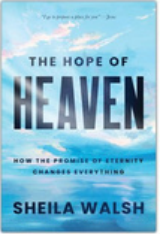
Kindly Note: Due to HIPAA and Privacy, last names will not be mentioned during prayer time. Thank you for your cooperation as we are on www i.e, World Wide Web.

If you desire a Pastoral visit at the hospital, family members, please notify the church as chaplains at hospitals no longer inform churches per HIPPA Law.



LENTEN ACTIVITIES

- **All Church Potluck** on 'Fat Tuesday' March 4, at 6p bring a dish to pass, beverages provided.
- **Lenten Prayer Breakfasts** Saturdays, March 8 thru April 19 , 9a -10a. Please join us for food, fellowship, prayer and developing goals for the ministry at FUMCP.
- **Lenten Study with Pastor Robert** 'The Hope of Heaven', Pastor Robert will be leading a Lenten study on Wednesday evenings at 7p on March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9. Please sign up in the commons.



SERVING OUR CHURCH

- **Liturgists** are needed for Sunday Service. Please sign up in the commons.
- We are seeking **sponsors 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.
- **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.

Building Use forms & Applications can be downloaded at <https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms> Submit to Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org

- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

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

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