



First United
Methodist Church
WEST DUNDEE

318 West Main St., West Dundee, IL 60118

Welcome!

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by * Please join in speaking the words in bold.

Sunday, January 12, 2025

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, you heavenly beings; praise God's glory and power. Bow down before the Holy One when he appears.

The voice of the Lord is heard in all its might and majesty. It thunders over the seas and makes the mountains leap like calves.

The voice of the Lord makes the lightning flash; it strips the leaves from the trees and makes the desert shake.

Everyone in the Temple of the Lord shouts, "Glory to God!" The Lord is king forever. He gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

from Psalm 29

*HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH #139

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you have called us by name. Give us the courage and strength to answer confidently. Open our hearts to experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us that we may claim our own identity as your beloved ones. We pray in the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH #334

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-22

This is the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"When Doves Cry"

Pastor Rick Carlson

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God ye creatures here below
Alleluiah! Alleluiah!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit!
Alleluiah! Alleluiah! Alleluiah!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

UMH #500

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a time of sharing in the Fireside Room.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters	Linda Malm, Jan Livengood, and Sonja Hunter
Liturgist	Sue Gould
Media	Dane Granholm, Laura Suskin
Pastor	Pastor Rick Carlson

For pastoral care, please contact Pastor Rick at 630-564-0413

Adult Education Forum

Our Sunday Morning Adult Faith Forum returns this Sunday, January 5. This forum is a welcoming space for open dialogue, reflection, and a deeper understanding of how our faith shapes our lives. We'd love for you to be part of the conversation as we grow together in community. All adults are urged to attend.

Special Music

Do you or someone you know have a musical talent to share? We're coordinating music for our worship services and would love for you to be a part of it! Please reach out to Marcia or call/text 331-276-7979.

Game Day

Every other Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

In January, we will meet on January 15

In February, we will meet on February 5 and February 19

Come and relive the fun! Long-time members may remember the great times we had playing card games, board games, and dominoes. Let's bring those good memories back! Join us for Game Day on Wednesday afternoons in the Fireside Room. There will be snacks and plenty of fun—everyone is welcome!



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