



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, February 16, 2025

PRELUDE

Denise Calderon, *flute*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are they who reject the ways of evildoers, who refuse to follow the path of wickedness.

Blessed are they who take delight in the Lord. They are like trees planted by streams of water which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

The wicked are like chaff that the wind drives away.

They will not stand in the judgment, nor evildoers in the congregation of the righteous.

From Psalm 1

*HYMN

Everlasting God

W&S #3021

*OPENING PRAYER

We honor you, gracious God, in prayers and praises, for we are a grateful people, eager to know your ways. Fill us with the assurance of your love. Remind us of the forgiveness that is ours for the asking, and put us on the path of righteousness through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

Open Our Eyes

TFWS #2086

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Maria Loraine Buchs, *trumpet*

MESSAGE

“Leveling with the Crowd ”

Pastor Rick Carlson

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Blessed God, we examine our lives and take stock of what we treasure, what we value, and what we hold on to. Above all are your saving love, renewed life and the presence of the Holy Spirit. From the rest we return a portion gladly to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

Days of Elijah

W&S #3186

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

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

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters	Carol Buvel, Mark Lauber, and Sonja Hunter
Liturgist	Matt Tracy
Media	Dane Granholm, Laura Suskin
Pastor	Pastor Rick Carlson

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

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.

Adult Education Forum

You're invited to join our weekly Adult Education Forum, where we explore meaningful questions about our faith, values, and beliefs. This is a welcoming space for open dialogue, reflection, and 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. We meet in the library from 8:45 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings prior to worship. All adults are urged to attend.

All-Church Potluck

Join us for a delicious All-Church Potluck on Sunday, February 23, right after the service! The main entrée will be provided—just bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to invite a friend! Sign up on the bulletin board. For more information, see Shari Travez or Marcia Buchs. We look forward to sharing a meal and fellowship together!

Game Day

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



Our services are livestreamed on YouTube each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Visit youtube.com/@fumcdundee to view our past services.

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