



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 26, 2025

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord rules; he is exalted over all the nations.

Magnify the Lord our God! Bow low at his footstool!

The Lord established what is fair, just, and righteous.

Magnify the Lord our God. Bow low at his holy mountain!

from Psalm 99

*HYMN

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

UMH #662

*OPENING PRAYER

Like those who sat at Jesus' feet to hear as he brought good news to the poor, we come, gracious God, searching for a solid rock on which to stand. Enable us to rejoice once again in the one who proclaimed release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Startle us once again with the immediacy of his declaration, "Today Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Let today be the day, O God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

Bind Us Together

TFWS #2226

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

“Today”

Pastor Rick Carlson

INVITATION TO GIVING

In the freedom and contentment that comes from abiding in Christ, let us return thanks to God for our many blessings as we gather today's offering.

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**

Fill My Cup, Lord

W&S #3093

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

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

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters Jan Livengood, Sue Beichne, and Sonja Hunter

Liturgist Tom Miller

Media Dane Granholm, Laura Suskin

Pastor Pastor Rick Carlson

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

Share Some Love with Kids!

Our Sunday School class will assemble care bags for children in mid-February. Please scan the QR code to see the list of items needed. Donations should be brought to the church by February 9. If winter weather has you staying in, no worries! You can shop online and have your items delivered directly to the church or arrange a pickup with Marcia. Call or text her at 331-276-7979 for more information.



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.

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!

Mission Collection: Help Wrap 1,000 Shoe Boxes!

We need your help to gather supplies for an exciting mission project. We are collecting Christmas wrapping paper (partial rolls or sheets), scotch tape, and hats for kids ages 6 to 13. Take this opportunity to clean out your wrapping paper stash and join in the effort to bring joy to children in need.

All are welcome to help with wrapping the boxes, and your contributions will make a big difference. The collection deadline is February 14. You can drop off items at church or contact Marcia Buchs at 331-276-7979 to arrange a pickup. Let's come together to make this project a success!



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

Visit [youtube.com/@fumcdundee](https://www.youtube.com/@fumcdundee) to view our past services.

Scan the QR code to view our YouTube channel.