



BARRINGTON
UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Welcome to Barrington United Methodist Church!

We are glad that you joined us for worship this morning! At Barrington United Methodist Church we believe that worship is the place where we receive the comfort, hope and strength to sustain us along our journey of faith. You are always welcome and always invited.

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major
Alexander Zintchenko, Organist

by C. Callahan

WELCOME

Pastor David

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gwen Bennett

In this season of Lent, we turn our hearts toward the wilderness.

We come not in fear, but in faith.

In the quiet and in the struggle, God is faithful.

We lift our eyes to the Holy One who sustains us.

The Lord is our refuge and our strength.

Worthy is the Lamb who was tempted, yet without sin.

Come, let us adore the One who meets us in the desert.

We worship the Lord our God, and God alone. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN #89 (UMH)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(Please be seated after hymn.)

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor David

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor David

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Pastor David

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gwen Bennett

When we truly behold the holiness of God, we become aware of the wilderness within us, the places where trust falters and loyalties are divided. Yet the One we adore is also rich in mercy. In confidence and humility, let us confess our sin before God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gwen Bennett

Holy and Sovereign God, you alone are worthy of our worship. Yet we confess that too often, we live as if we were the center of all things. In the wilderness of temptation, we hunger for control and approval, and we bow to the false promises of comfort and power.

Forgive us, O Lord. When we forget who you are, we forget who we are.

Turn our eyes back to you. Strengthen us to worship you alone, not only with our lips, but with our lives. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(A time of silent prayer.)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor David

Hear the good news: The One who made the stars also calls you beloved. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor David

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

* HYMN #2068 (TFWS)

I Love You, Lord
(Please be seated after hymn.)

THE SCRIPTUR READING

Psalm 8: 1-9 (ESV)

Gwen Bennett

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD #269 (UMH)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (Verse 1)

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

SERMON

"A Life Shaped by Praise"

Pastor David Lagos-Fonseca

ANTHEM

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson/Ben Shive

(9:00 AM)

Jenna Hesseln, soloist; Bill Williams, drums; accompanied by Jennifer Whiting, piano
Congregation sings responses - See Screen

(10:30 AM)

Tom Fox, soloist; Chancel Choir; David Rush, drums; Alex Zintchenko, piano
Jennifer Whiting, Interim Director of Music conducting
Congregation sings responses - See Screen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

Gwen Bennett

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 and ever. Amen.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Gwen Bennett

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor David

OFFERTORY

Improvised Meditation

* LENTEN DOXOLOGY

(Old 100th)

Praise God throughout these 40 days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE

Pastor David

Lord, all that we have comes from your gracious hand. In this season of returning, we offer not only our gifts, but our whole selves. Receive these offerings as acts of adoration. May they bear witness that you alone are our treasure, our trust, and our joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #140 (UMH)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* BENEDICTION

Pastor David

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Sharp Minor Op. 11, No. 10
Alexander Zintchenko, Organist

by A. Scriabin

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

We are thankful for our Lay Liturgists who faithfully prepare and lead the Prayers of the People each week. Your thoughtful words and voices enrich our worship. To learn more about this team and ways to get involved, please contact Dennis Rossow at DennisRossow@comcast.net

PLEASE CONTINUE TO OFFER PRAYERS OF HOPE AND HEALING FOR:

THOSE IN SORROW: Joyce Babbitt and Family on the passing of Lanny

The Martin Family on the passing of Adam's grandfather, Joe Labutka

THOSE IN A CARE/REHAB FACILITY: Paul Bergetz, husband of Jane (New Summit Rehab and Healthcare of Arlington Heights)

Sherry Schairer (Chapters Living Barrington), Del Haagen (knee replacement, Schaumburg Rehab facility)

THOSE UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT: George Nikolaou (cousin of Walter VanPuyenbroeck), Theresa and Charlie Brady and their

granddaughter (friends of the Gradts), Al Sauer, Alton Parker (brother of Sydney Whitley), Ken Rossow,

Marge Marlowe (sister of Nancy Jensen), Scott Wilk (brother of Pam Kocian), Tim Ryan (brother of Sean Ryan)

Gerry Deneen (friend of Kenneth Slack), Michele Evans

THOSE RECOVERING AT HOME: Steven VanPuyenbroeck (nephew of Walter VanPuyenbroeck), Christine Oertinger, Phil Pardun

Mike Black, brother of Steve Black

THOSE TO HOLD IN PRAYER: Barbara Finn, Pastor David's mother and his family, Priscilla Akins

Paulette Todd, Rev. Duk Kwon, Anne Courter (hospice care), Lawrence Huff, son of John Todd, Adam (friend of Ashley P.)

Brian Koltia, Ray Maxwell, Pastor Luis Vega

Prayer Requests:

We believe in the power of prayer and have a dedicated prayer team committed to praying your requests.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office, (847) 836-5540,

Paula Gordon (pgordon@barringtonumc.com), or Linda Snyder (jamesmom5082@sbcglobal.net).

You can also visit the church website or use your church app to submit a request.

Please be sure to indicate if you would like your request to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

Flowers for the Altar

Each Sunday there is an opportunity to provide flowers on the altar. If you are interested in providing an arrangement on a Sunday, please contact Paula Gordon either by email - (pgordon@barringtonumc.com), phoning the office - 847-836-5540, ext. 105, scanning the QR Code or by visiting our website barringtonumc.com



A Wesleyan Journey of Prayer | *Wednesdays through March 18*

Classes are at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., in person or online. Use the QR codes to join by Zoom.



This Lent, explore the many forms of prayer—adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication—through scripture, conversation, and meaningful prayer practices. This study connects with the Lenten sermon series and offers space to reflect, learn, and grow in faith together. All are welcome.



Morning Class

Evening Class

“Jesus and Me” Sunday School | Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to JAM, “Jesus and Me,” Sunday School after children’s time during both services. Throughout Lent, our theme is “Jelly Beans.””

Youth Gatherings | Middle and High School students are invited each Sunday for a time of fun, connection, and growing in faith together. Bring your friends, bring your questions, and come ready for games, conversation, and community.

Middle School Youth – Meet in the Youth Room at 9:00 a.m.

High School Youth – Meet in the Youth Room at 10:30 a.m.

Soup “er” Chili Sunday | *Today, from noon – 2:30 p.m.*

All are invited to head down to Fellowship Hall after second worship for a warm bowl of soup or chili and plenty of great fellowship. It’s a wonderful way to share a meal, enjoy conversation, and connect with one another.

Growing Hope Globally We’re grateful to celebrate 24 years of partnership with farmers in the Twin Rivers area and with Trinity Lutheran Church through the Twin Rivers–Barrington Growing Project and Growing Hope Globally. Together, we help farmers respond to climate challenges, conserve water, and access improved seed and marketing resources. Because of your generosity, an estimated 14,500 people are moving toward greater self-sufficiency. Gifts to support Growing Hope Globally can be made at barringtonumc.com/give by selecting Growing Hope Globally from the dropdown menu. Thank you for supporting this life-changing ministry.

Healing Conversations for Those Experiencing Grief

Sunday, March 1, noon – 1 p.m. in the Dining Room

Following the recent workshop on Loss and Mourning, we are pleased to offer a monthly small group experience beginning on March 1. This open group will meet with Mike Pearson, LCSW, in the dining room on the first Sunday of the month. It will be a time to share or just listen in a safe and Christian space. All who are working through grief are welcome to join. All conversations will be covenanted and private to the group.

Stations of the Cross

Share your creative gifts and artistic talents to inspire visitors and our church community during Holy Week, with a unique Stations of the Cross exhibit. We are looking for artists from the BUMC/comunidad cristiana community to create original artwork for Stations of the Cross to be displayed in the BUMC Chapel from Palm Sunday, March 29, through Good Friday, April 3. Works can be expressed in the media of your choice - drawing, painting, fiber arts, sculpture, collage, computer graphics, mixed media, vignette, photography, etc. All ages are welcome to participate and create something new and original for this event. For more information, contact Terrie McComb, tmmccomb@msn.com

Registration for Fall is now open at Noah’s Ark Christian Academy!

Serving children ages 2 through 6, Noah’s Ark offers a nurturing, faith-filled environment where little ones can grow, learn, and thrive. If you’re looking for a caring preschool community for your child, this is a wonderful place to begin. Contact Susan Acosta today to schedule a tour, or visit noahsarkchristianacademy.org to learn more.



Sew Hope. Keep Girls in School. Sewing Event & Collection Drive for Girls4Girls Ghana, Inc.
Saturday, March 7, 12-3 p.m. at Barrington United Methodist Church

Be part of something meaningful!

Join us for a hands-on sewing and service event that helps girls in rural Ghana stay in school by providing reusable sanitary pads.

No sewing experience needed!

Cut fabric, assemble kits, donate supplies—or sew if you’d like. Sewing machines will be available.

Donate & Make a Difference

We are collecting fabric, sewing supplies, and girls’ cotton underwear to support G4G’s mission to reduce poverty and promote education.

Especially needed:

- cotton flannel
- PUL fabric
- Zorb fabric
- thread & snaps
- girls’ cotton underwear (sizes 12-18 / women’s 5-8)

Every donation—big or small—matters.

Come serve. Come sew. Come support girls’ education.

Sign up through the QR code below and help us spread hope, one stitch at a time. For more information, please contact Linda Osikowicz, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there!

We are seeking donations of fabric and supplies, including:

1. Cotton Flannel (machine washed and ironed if possible), 50-100 yards or more (*items can be purchased from Hobby Lobby or other stores*)
2. 1 Mil PUL fabric, 25-50 yards (*purchased from wazoodle.com, search for “ProSoft Waterproof 1 mil ECO-PUL fabric”*)
3. Zorb Silver Fabric, 25-50 yards (*Zorb fabric can be purchased from wazoodle.com, search for “Zorb Original Silver”*)
4. Plastic Snaps and snap pliers set (*items similar to this can be purchased from Amazon*)

5. All-purpose Gutermann Thread -All colors

These supplies can be brought to the church on the day of the event or ordered for delivery to Barrington United Methodist Church. Any contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated!

In addition to sanitary supplies, we are also collecting girls’ cotton underwear. G4G aims to collect over 5,000 pieces of girls’ underwear in 2026 (girls’ size 12-18, or adult female sizes 5-8, preferably 100% cotton). Donations can be brought to the church or ordered for delivery to the church.



GIRLS 4 GIRLS GHANA INC
 dina@g4ghana.org

Scan this QR code to make a financial gift to Girls 4 Girls Ghana Inc.



Zelle

Scan this QR code to let us know how you’ll help Sew Hope.



Scan this QR code to shop wazoodle.com



Donations may also be made through BUMC at barringtonumc.com/give

Sing in our Easter Choir!

Have you ever thought, “Maybe I’ll try choir... someday”? Or perhaps you’ve taken a break and wondered what it would be like to sing again. Easter might be your perfect moment. We’re inviting anyone who enjoys singing—from absolute beginners to seasoned pros—to join our Easter Choir for a short-term musical adventure: just four rehearsals plus Easter Sunday worship. No long-term commitment, just the joy of making music together during the most hopeful season of the Christian year.

Rehearsals: Thursdays, March 12, 19, and 26 — 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room
Saturday, April 4 — 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the Choir Room

Questions? Contact Jennifer Whiting at music@barringtonumc.com.

Let’s make a joyful noise together this Easter!

Eagle Scout Service Project – Trinity Center

Colin Kitzman is completing his Eagle Scout project by replacing the worn, stained, and torn carpet in the nursery and multi-purpose room at Barrington UMC’s Trinity Center in Carpentersville (1647 Ravine Lane). This improvement will help create a fresh, welcoming space for the children, families, and community groups who gather there. If you would like to support his project, donations can be made through the Barrington UMC giving page by selecting “Boy Scout Trinity Project.” Thank you for your support!

Come and celebrate the Power of Women Philanthropists | Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Did you know women are among the most generous givers? With greater personal and financial freedom than ever, what legacy do you want to leave—and are your plans in place to ensure your wishes are honored?

This interactive workshop explores legacy giving, financial freedom, and the spiritual meaning of generosity. Learn about bequests, how to prepare for meetings with an attorney or financial advisor, uncover hidden assets, and access free planning resources. No matter your age, you’ll leave feeling informed and empowered to create a thoughtful plan that reflects your values and care for others.

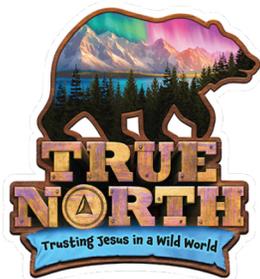
For more information and the Zoom link, contact Linda Osikowicz at Lmosikowicz@comcast.net.

Youth, get ready for March Madness | Sunday, March 15 from 5:00–8:30 p.m.!

Come hang out, vote for your favorite movie and games, and enjoy a night packed with fun, laughter, and friendly competition. We’ll have plenty of food and snacks—just bring yourself and a friend!

It’s going to be a great night together at Barrington UMC—you won’t want to miss it!

Save the date! BUMC’s Exaltation Handbells presents **Resonance on April 16, 2026 at 7 p.m., featuring Forté, an advanced handbell quartet from Colorado Springs, CO.** Enjoy an engaging program of original handbell works, favorite movie themes, Christian music, and classical selections. This is their only Illinois stop on tour! The concert is free, with a freewill offering received. We hope you’ll be part of this special evening of music and fellowship.



True North VBS 2026: Finding Your Way in a World Gone Wild!

June 15–19, 9 a.m. to noon

Join an unforgettable VBS adventure where kids discover that Jesus is our true north. Through music, games, stories, and hands-on fun, children will build a rock-solid foundation as they learn to trust Jesus—their steady guide and unshakeable friend in every season of life.



Register a child



Volunteer to help