

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025
8:30 AM

✠ Rise in body or in spirit.
The congregation speaks
/ sings the text in **bold**
type



For information about the
ministries, mission, and
activities of Duluth First
United Methodist Church,
please visit
duluthumc.org.



Children are welcome in
worship!

Children's activity sheets
& crayons are available at
the main entrance to help
guide them in active
participation of worship.

Children newborn
through Pre-K are invited
to go to Childcare Corner,
near the Gathering Room.



Listening devices are
available during all
worship services. See an
usher or
greeter for assistance.



ENTRANCE

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee
Organist

Welcome & Announcements

Keenan Klayman
Liturgist

✠ Call to Worship

God of all, you have brought unity through your Son Jesus Christ:
help all who profess his name to show in their lives,
in their worship, that oneness which springs from the truth as it is
found in Jesus,
and fill your church with the desire both to seek and find that unity
throughout the world; in his name. Amen.

✠ Hymn 548 | *In Christ there Is No East or West* - McKEE

WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Colossians 3:1-11

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino
Associate Pastor

Common
English
Bible

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. ² Think about the things above and not things on earth. ³ You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. ⁷ You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. ⁸ But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. ⁹ Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices ¹⁰ and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. ¹¹ In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

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

Sermon | *Set Your Mind*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal pg. 12

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Youth Sunday School & Wed. Night Bible Study*

Emily Anne Klayman

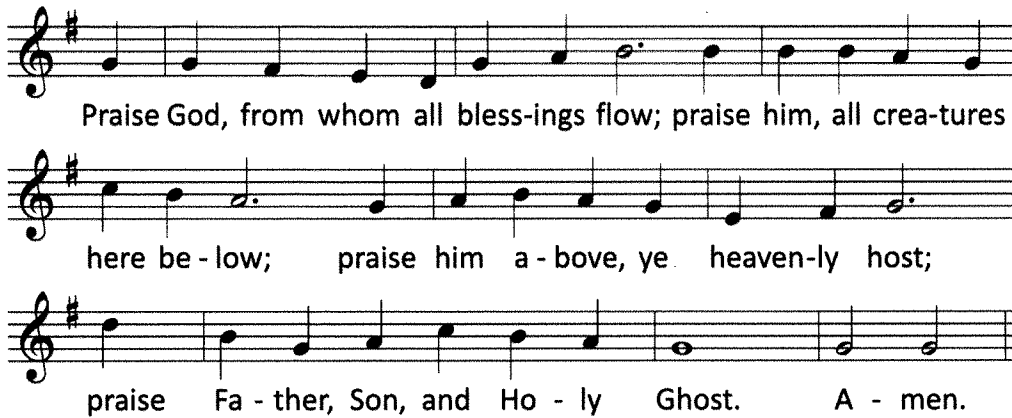
Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *I Choose Love* – Mark Miller

Cheryl Greene, Sara Brewer, Vicki McLemore, Verena Anders
Vocalists

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Doxology | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – OLD 100TH



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THANKSGIVING

✠ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...

And so...

...in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **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.

Breaking the Bread, Receiving the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

For questions regarding membership, contact
Rev. Dr. Anna Kate Rawles
– arawles@duluthumc.org
or 770.476.3776, x. 128.

SENDING

✠ Hymn 547 | O Church of God, United – ELLACOMBE

Those who wish to join the church today are invited to come forward as we sing the final hymn.

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Audio/Visual Team:

Charlie Greene
Lynn Ometer
Joel McLemore

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:

Jenny Masterson

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

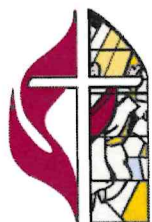
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CHANCEL FLOWERS

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by Debbie, Bryan, Katherine, and Sarah Johnson.

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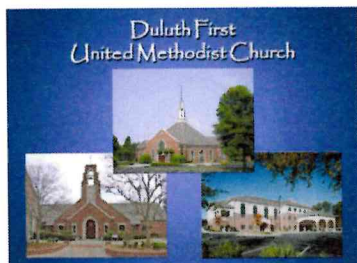
The Sunday Supplement



AUGUST 17, 2025

Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

We are glad that you came to worship with us today. The mission of Duluth First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are looking for more information about Duluth First United Methodist Church and its ministries, Bible studies, and other programs and events, please be sure to visit our church's website at www.duluthumc.org.

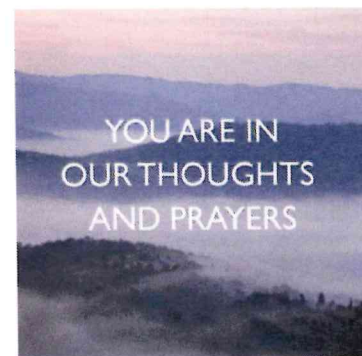
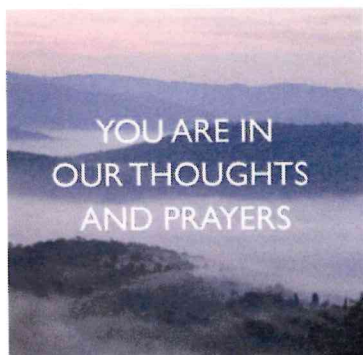


To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

If you have any questions regarding membership or you are visiting and would like additional information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

Prayer Concerns

- Reed Balkcom • Doris Brackett • Sara Brewer
 - Cynthia Daniel • Erica Hall • Shamain Hallett
 - Bruce Houston • Linton Jones • Luke Livingston
 - Shirley Grace Madajewski • Dottie Moor • Lynne Ometer
 - Joy Parsons • Dennis Patterson • Mike Ramstead
 - Henry Roerig • Jeff Schulz • Mary Jo Southerland
 - Pat Szathmary • Ann Tiberghien • Easton Wall
- The family of Sam Chambers in his death.
 - The family of Doris Langston in her death.



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION.

Duluth First UMC Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one emotional care and support to those in our church and community who are hurting.

Contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108 for more information.



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: August 20th - Taco Night!

The Dinner Belles and Beaus prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. **Wednesday, August 20th, is Taco Night. The menu is tacos with a choice of beef or chicken, flour tortillas, a choice of black or refried beans, yellow rice, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, sour cream, guacamole, and dessert. For the kids – the same.**

Dinner service hours are 5 to 6:30 p.m., with to-go boxes available from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

The prices for Wednesday Night Dinners are:

- \$10.00 for adults (including seniors and from 11 years up);
- \$7.00 for children 10 years and younger;
- \$30.00 for family meals (nuclear family members only – husband, wife, their children under 18 years);
- \$7.00 for salad bar only, which includes the salad bar, a choice of baked potato or sweet potato, dessert and a drink.

Credit/debit card payments, as well as cash and checks, are accepted.

Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings in August

Students in the 6th through 12th grades are invited to join us on Sunday nights for **Sunday Night Gatherings** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank"), located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. **Sunday Night Gatherings** include great dinners, fun games, amazing worship, inspirational and relevant messages and life-changing small groups.



Our schedule for the month of August is:

- **Sunday, August 17th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 24th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 31st:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank").

Please visit the **Youth Ministry's** website at <https://dfumcstudents.org> for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.

Simply Something: A New Weekly Discussion Opportunity of All Things Theological, Biblical, Social, Methodist, or About Life in Today's World: Tuesday Mornings

Have you ever had a topic that you simply wanted to talk about with others at church but there doesn't seem to be a class or group to focus on that one thing? Then **Simply Something** is just the place to be. Join Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles and Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, for **Simply Something**, a weekly discussion place to bring up all things theological, biblical, social, Methodist, or simply on your mind about life in today's world.

Each week at **Simply Something** will begin with prayer and a short devotion, followed by discussion about a variety of topics chosen by the group. Join us with your list of topics to plan for our future time together. Bring your coffee, tea or water, and your open mind to learn from each other.

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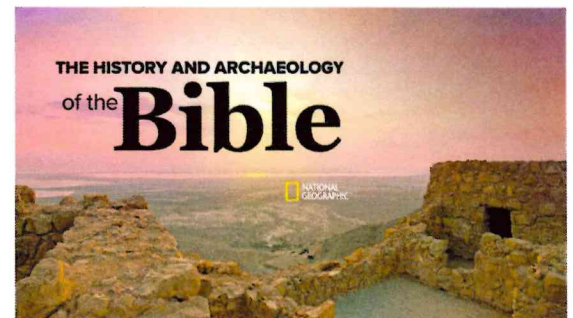
"The History and Archaeology of the Bible" Class for Adults: Tuesday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings

A new class for adults, **"The History and Archaeology of the Bible,"** is being led by Pete Fleming and is offered twice each week for 24 weeks:

- 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in room F154, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in room F151, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

Choose the one that best suits your schedule.

The course will include a video each week produced by National Geographic and featuring lecturer Jean-Pierre Ishbouts, a professor in the Social Sciences PhD program of Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, California, and an archaeologist, author, screenwriter, director, and producer of works addressing various historical periods, particularly the time period of Jesus and that of Renaissance and post-Renaissance art. During the course, he will visit many of the places mentioned in the Bible.



Participants will be encouraged, but not required, to purchase the book **Who Wrote the Bible** by Richard Friedman. It can be purchased online at **Thrift Books** for under \$10.00. Pete will present excerpts from this and other books and articles each week. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact Pete by e-mail at lfleming3832@att.net or call 678-575-3761.

Wednesday Night Dinner Teams Are Looking for Volunteers

The **Wednesday Night Dinner** teams are looking for volunteers – our **Dinner Belles and Beaus** – to help. No special experience or skill is necessary – just a willingness to serve, make some new friends, and have fun! Each team volunteers only once a month and on the night that you volunteer you get a free meal! We hope you will consider joining us for some good food and good fellowship.



If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Marilyn Scheiwe, Event Coordinator, by e-mail at mscheiwe@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 111. We hope you will consider volunteering.

Wednesday Night Food Drive: August 20th

The **Wednesday Night Food Drive** at Duluth First UMC for the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op** is our weekly mission project, combined with the many Wednesday evening activities offered at the church. **On August 20th we ask that you bring canned fruit.** A table for donated items will be located outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall.

Join us for a delicious dinner and fellowship in Hinton Hall, pick up a to-go dinner for your family, join us for any of our Wednesday evening activities, and drop off food items to help other families in need. We thank you for your support.

GriefShare Support Group Meetings Begin Wednesday, August 27th

GriefShare Support Group, led by the church's **Stephen Ministers**, will walk alongside you through the loss of a loved one. **GriefShare** is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week session, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Our next session of **GriefShare Support Group** classes will start on Wednesday, August 27th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room F153, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Gain access to valuable resources to help you through your grief. **GriefShare** also offers **Bereavement Candlelight Services** the Monday before Thanksgiving, and a "**Surviving the Holidays**" class on Wednesday, November 19th.



For more information, please visit the **GriefShare** website at griefshare.org, or contact Tracy Brinker, Bereavement Coordinator, by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776.

Save the Date! Block Party on Sunday, September 7th

Mark your calendars now for Sunday afternoon, September 7th, from 5 to 7 p.m. for an awesome block party coming your way. There will be something for everyone - hamburgers, hot dogs, inflatables, a DJ, Toofpick the clown, cotton candy, and a lot of fun and fellowship! What a wonderful opportunity to invite our community to join us in a wonderful afternoon! Additional information will be made available closer to the date of the event.



Save the Date! Youth Fall Retreat is October 24th - 26th

The **Youth Ministry** is excited to be participating in the **Rooted Retreat** (North Georgia UMC Conference Retreat) hosted by Glisson Camp and Retreat Center for our Youth Fall Retreat! **Please mark your calendars for Friday, October 24th, through Sunday, October 26th.** There will be powerful worship experiences, dedicated youth group time, fun activities, and food and lodging at Glisson Camp and Retreat Center. Additional information and registration for the retreat will be available soon.



Register Now for Christian Beginnings' 2025-2026 School Year

Register now for **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's** 2025-2026 school year. Offered Monday through Friday during the school year from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years, **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten** provides a loving Christian atmosphere for the growth and nurture of each child. They will have fun and make friends while attending our accredited, award-winning school.

Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten has won the "**Best of Gwinnett**" award for 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, as well as the "**Gwinnett Daily Post Reader's Choice**" award in 2019.

If you would like more information regarding **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten**, or you would like to set up a tour, please contact Pat Szathmary by e-mail at pszathmary@duluthumc.org or call 770-497-1743.

Family Promise of Gwinnett's Annual "Night Without a Bed" Fundraiser

Family Promise of Gwinnett's annual "Night Without a Bed" Fundraiser is underway. Over the last four years you have helped raise over \$49,000 to help Family Promise of Gwinnett in their mission to end family homelessness in Gwinnett County. Once again, Rev. David Burchett will be participating in this fundraiser during the month of August.



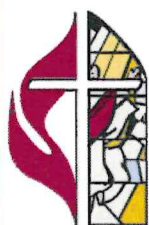
You can give by scanning the QR code located to the right, as well as on the Missions Ministry bulletin boards. You can also leave a check in the offering plate made to Duluth First UMC with Family Promise in the memo line. Please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at dburchett@duluthumc.org for more information.

Visit Our Church Library

Stop by and check out all of the new titles in The Louise McDaniel Memorial Church Library for late Summer and early Fall reading:

- **All My Knotted Up Life: A Memoir** by Beth Moore (Nonfiction);
- **Moses: In the Footsteps of a Reluctant Prophet** by Adam Hamilton (Nonfiction);
- **Theo of Golden** by Allen Levi (Fiction).

The library is located on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If the church is open, the library is open. If you have any questions, please contact our amazing library volunteers by e-mail at library@duluthumc.org.



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