



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

## GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles  
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Concerto G major, II. Largo, BWV 973*

Seoyoung Lee  
Organist

✠ Call to Praise

**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.

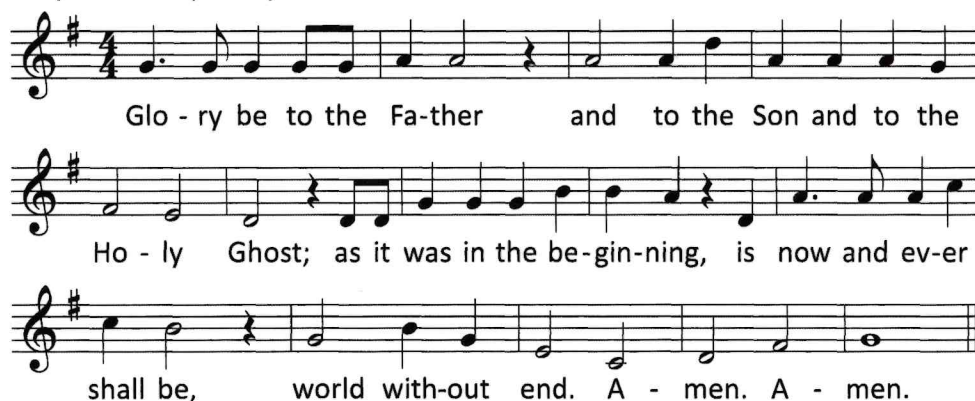
## PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

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

✠ Affirmation of Faith | *United Church of Canada*

Hymnal pg.883

✠ Response 70 | *Glory Be to the Father* – MEINEKE



Anthem | *I Choose Love* – Mark Miller

Cheryl Greene, Sara Brewer, Verena Anders, Vicki McLemore, *vocalists*  
Susan Johnson, *pianist*

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 2025  
11:00 AM



For information about the ministries, mission, and activities of Duluth First United Methodist Church, please visit [duluthumc.org](http://duluthumc.org).



Children of all ages are welcome in worship.

Children's activity sheets & crayons are available at the main entrance to the sanctuary 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. Please see an usher or greeter for assistance.

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering



Your giving is the sole support of the ministries of Duluth First United Methodist Church. For online giving, go to [duluthumc.org/online-giving](http://duluthumc.org/online-giving), or scan the QR code.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another* – Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

✠ Doxology | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise  
Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spi - rit, Ho-ly  
Spi - rit! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## WORD & RESPONSE

Hymn | *Where Children Belong* – RITCHIE

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the  
wor - ship - ping throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and  
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil - dren be - long.

Children's Message

Greg Whitlock

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

<sup>5</sup> 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). <sup>6</sup> The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. <sup>7</sup> You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. <sup>8</sup> But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. <sup>9</sup> Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices <sup>10</sup> and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. <sup>11</sup> 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*

Hymn 189 | *Fairest Lord Jesus* – ST. ELIZABETH

Prayers of the People

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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

## SENDING

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

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**

For questions regarding membership, contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles – [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org) or 770.476.3776, x. 128.

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

**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.**

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

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## **ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

### *Acolyte & Cross Bearer:*

Grace Saxelby  
Sarah Johnson

### *Audio/Visual Team:*

Charlie Greene  
Frank Loose  
Lee Castleberry

### *Usher Captains:*

David Burleson  
Charlie Doerlich

### *Flower Team:*

Jenny Masterson

## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

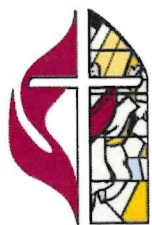
are given today in loving memory of Mary Looney  
by Debbie, Bryan, Katherine, and Sarah Johnson.

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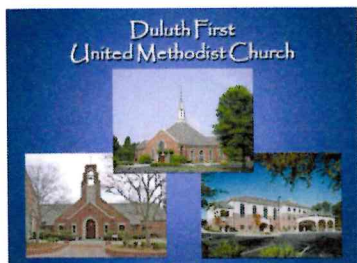
# The Sunday Supplement



**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](http://www.duluthumc.org).

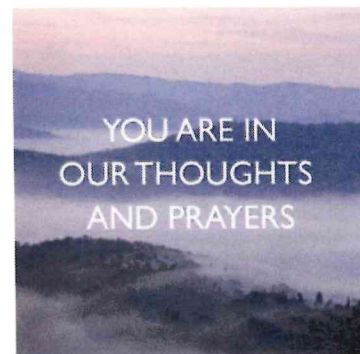
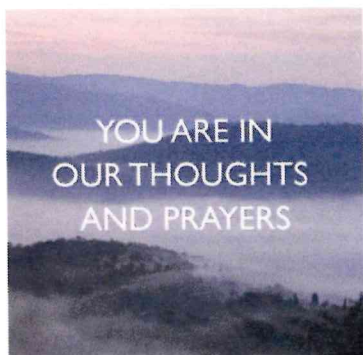


To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

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](mailto: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](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org) or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108 for more information.



## **Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: August 20<sup>th</sup> - 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>:** 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org) or 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

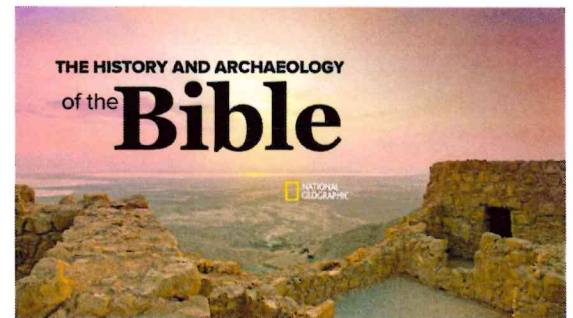
## **"The History and Archaeology of the Bible" Class for Adults: Tuesday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings**

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 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in room F151, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:mscheiwe@duluthumc.org) or call 770-476-3776, ext. 111. We hope you will consider volunteering.



### **Wednesday Night Food Drive: August 20<sup>th</sup>**

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>**

**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 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room F153, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>.



For more information, please visit the **GriefShare** website at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org), or contact Tracy Brinker, Bereavement Coordinator, by e-mail at [tbrinker@duluthumc.org](mailto:tbrinker@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776.

### **Save the Date! Block Party on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars now for Sunday afternoon, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

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 24<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto:pszathmary@duluthumc.org) or call 770-497-1743.