



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

GATHERING

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025
11:00 AM



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

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Ministry Moment | *Childcare Corner*

Linda Wettlaufer

Voluntary | *Prelude in Classic Style* – Gordon Young

Seoyoung Lee
Organist

✠ Call to Praise

We are all created in God's image,
redeemed by Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit.

We are all invited to feast at God's banquet table.

We are welcomed into God's eternal kingdom, with all the peoples' of the earth.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 131 | *We Gather Together* - KREMSER

✠ Affirmation of Faith | *United Church of Canada*

Hymnal pg.883

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

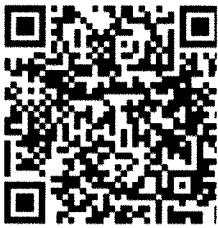
Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er
shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

Anthem | *Down to the River to Pray* – arr. Curry Sheldon

Tim & Diane Near, Debbie Patterson, Verena Anders, Judy Greene, *vocalists*
Susan Johnson, *pianist*



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



Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Day by Day* – Martin How

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-come 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.

✠ Scripture | Hebrews 13:1-8

Rev. Terry Tippens
Senior Pastor

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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

Sermon | *Jesus Christ--the Same*

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 152 | *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* – FOREST GREEN

For questions regarding membership, contact
Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles –
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.

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.

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolyte & Cross Bearer:

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Robert Fuino
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David Burleson
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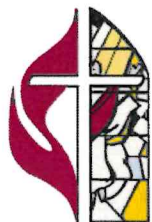
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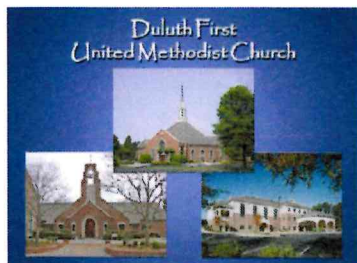
The Sunday Supplement



AUGUST 24, 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 • Gen Butterworth
- Cynthia Daniel • Erica Hall • Shamain Hallett • Bruce Houston
- Linton Jones • Luke Livingston • ShirleyGrace Madajewski
- Dottie Moor • Lynne Ometer • Joy Parsons
- Dennis Patterson • Mike Ramstead • Henry Roerig
- Jeff Schulz • Mary Jo Southerland • Ann Tiberghien
- Clara Truesdell • Dale Van Pelt • Easton Wall • Betty Worthington



Want someone to talk to? Stephen Ministers are there for you.

For more information or to request the support and care of a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



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

Join us on Sunday, September 7th, from 5 to 7 p.m. for an awesome "Sunday Fun Day" 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.



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 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 11:00 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.

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

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: August 27th

Our Food Ministry staff, along with the amazing Dinner Belles and Beaus, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. **The menu for Wednesday, August 27th, is baked ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, turnip greens, corn muffins, and dessert. For the kids – hot dogs and French fries.**

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.

Wednesday Evenings at Duluth First UMC: Something for Everyone!

Make plans to join us on Wednesday evenings at Duluth First United Methodist Church for activities for everyone:

- **Wednesday Night Dinners:** 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- **Book Bunch for kids (ages 3 – 4):** 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the Louise McDaniel Memorial Library, 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- **DuluthKids (ages Kindergarten through 5th grade):** 5:45 to 7 p.m. in the Children's (C and D wings) classrooms;
- **Youth Bible Study (grades 6 – 12):** 6 to 7 p.m., room F149, 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- **Parent Connection Group:** 6 to 7 p.m., room F207, 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- **"The History and Archaeology of the Bible" Class for Adults:** 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.
- **Happy Sacks:** 6 to 6:30 p.m., room F152, 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- **Yarn Art Ministry:** 6 to 7 p.m., room F205, 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- **Handbell Ensemble rehearsals:** 6 to 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary;
- **Chancel Choir rehearsals:** 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Don Lee Music Suite.

Please visit the church's website - duluthumc.org - for additional information.

Wednesday Night Food Drive: August 27th

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 27th we ask that you bring canned vegetables (mixed, carrots, etc..).** 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.



Seeking Volunteers for Altar Guild, Sacristans (Communion Servers), and Liturgists at the 8:30 Service



If you have a great eye for detail, enjoy caring for the Sanctuary, a talent for speaking, or enjoy serving at worship, please consider joining one of these teams: Altar Guild, Sacristans (communion servers), and Liturgists. These volunteer positions do not take very much time and training is provided. Please contact Verena Lucía Anders, Director of Music and Worship Arts, by e-mail at vanders@duluthumc.org to volunteer or for more information.

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.

Register by September 7th for the Youth Fall Retreat on October 24th – 26th

We are 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, on **Friday, October 24th, through Sunday, October 26th**. It will be an incredible weekend with powerful worship experiences, dedicated youth group time, fun activities, and food and lodging at Glisson Camp and Retreat Center. We are looking forward to a meaningful and fun fall retreat together!



The cost is \$195 per student, and we want every student to be able to attend, so scholarships are available if needed. You can pay by cash, check, or online. Register online by

Sunday, September 7th, by scanning on the QR code located to the right with your smartphone.



If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org. For additional information about the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center, please visit their website at <https://glisson.org>.

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.

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.



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