



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

GATHERING

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 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. C. Kay Fuino
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Ivory Palaces* – Arr. Jeremy Yowell

Seoyoung Lee
Organist

✠ Call to Praise

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Six days we labor and do all our work-
but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord our God.**

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,
but God brought you out from there
with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

**We, and the resident alien in our towns,
and all creatures great and small, rest;
giving thanks and praise to God, who has set us free!**

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 98 | *To God Be the Glory* – TO GOD BE THE GLORY

✠ Affirmation of Faith | *The Apostles' Creed*

Hymnal pg.881

✠ 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.



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Anthem | *Ain'ta That Good News* – arr. Mark Patterson

Debbie Patterson, Cheryl Greene, Judy Greene, Vicki McLemore,
Sara Brewer, Diane Near, Jo Ellen McLees, Verena Anders, *Vocalists*
Sara Burns, *Pianist*

Ministry Moment | *Children's Ministry*

Eleanor & Cherie Fuino

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *He Has Done Marvelous Things* – arr. Will Buthod

Chancel Choir
Susan Johnson, *Pianist*

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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino
Associate Pastor

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴ Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *Sabbath*

Hymn 396 | *O Jesus, I Have Promised* – ANGEL’S STORY

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

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.

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolyte & Cross Bearer:
Eleanor Fuino
James Dykes

Audio/Visual Team:
Frank Loose
Bryan Johnson
Joel McLemore

Usher Captains:
David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:
Debbie Bush

SENDING

✠ Hymn 545 | *The Church's One Foundation* – AURELIA

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

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given today to the glory of God
in memory of Bernard Robertson & Dirk DuToit
with love by the Robertson & DuToit families.

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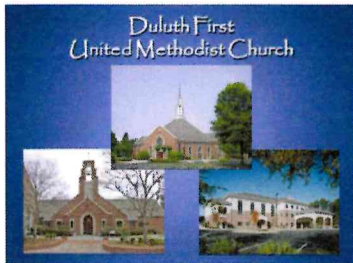
The Sunday Supplement



AUGUST 31, 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



- Kathy Anderson • Reed Balkcom • Doris Brackett
- Sara Brewer • Gen Butterworth • Cynthia Daniel
- Erica Hall • Shamain Hallett • Carol Hitchcock
- Bruce Houston • Linton Jones • Luke Livingston
- ShirleyGrace Madajewski • Dottie Moor • Lynne Ometer
- Joy Parsons • Henry Roerig • Jeff Schulz
- Mary Jo Southerland • Ann Tiberghien • Clara Truesdell
- Dale VanPelt • Easton Wall • Betty Worthington
- Tracy Brinker & family in the death of her uncle.
- Tonie Owens & family in the death of her mother.



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.



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: September 3rd

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, September 3rd, is pulled pork on a bun, corn pudding, Brunswick stew, cole slaw, 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.

Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gathering: August 31st

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. Join us on Sunday, August 31st, for our 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.



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>.

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!

Please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to sign up to bring/donate food items and/or to volunteer at one of the inflatables. Thank you for helping to make our **"Sunday Fun Day" Block Party** a great community-wide event!



Wednesday Night Food Drive: September 3rd

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 September 3rd we ask you to bring boxes of cereal.** 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.



Register Now for Christian Beginnings' 2025-2026 School Year

Register now for **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's** 2025-2026 school year, which begins on Tuesday, September 2nd. 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.

Christian Beginnings

Preschool & Kindergarten



where smiles happen!

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.

Thank You! Our Recent Blood Drive Was a Great Success!

WOW – we had a very successful blood drive on August 13th! **Thirty-six pints of blood were collected**, and as a result of this, we will be able to **provide care for over 100 people!** Thank you to my wonderful volunteers – Pat Brannon and Angie Doerlich. A special "Thank You" to the following people whose blood donations helped save lives: Wendy Armstrong, Matthew Ault, Hope Binklet, Tracy Brinker, Amanda Brown, Rafael Rodriguez Camacaro, Donna Clark, Michael Deans, Portia Dhanasekaran, Kenneth Doss, James Dykes, Sue French, Maureen Gee, Gabrielle Gillespie-Fitzgerald, Charlene Gordon, Richard Gordon, Bob Griffeth, Jim Hall, Andrew Holmes, Nancy Martin, Joel McLemore, Bill McLess, Laurie Moeller, Mike Montgomery, Amir Paziraei, Cynthia Peterson, Karen Phillips, Lindsay Schuiteman, Allen Servedio, Lucas Servedio, Carol Stalcup, Bryan Taylor, Gail Waigand, and Julia Wharton.

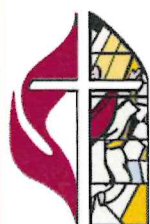


Two donors gave two units of red blood cells during the blood drive using a special automated machine. This process, called apheresis, separates and collects the red cells, then safely returns the remaining blood components and saline to the donor. Power Red donations are particularly beneficial for donors with O+, O-, A-, or B- blood types, which are in high demand. **Mark your calendars and make plans to come save a life on Wednesday, November 12th, from 3 until 7 p.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall at our next blood drive.**

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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