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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2025 11:00 AM



GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity



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.

₩ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles

Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | Autumn from The Four Seasons – Antonio Vivaldi Seoyoung Lee Concerto No.3, Mov't. III Organist

We gather to lift up prayers for all people.

For kings and leaders, for neighbors and strangers,
for friends and enemies.

Christ Jesus gave himself as a ransom for all.

So we bring all before the throne of grace.

Come, let us worship God, who hears the prayers of His people.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

₩ Hymn 453 | More Love to Thee, O Christ- MORE LOVE TO THEE

▼ Invitation, Confession, Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal, pg. 12

Musical Offering | *Isn't He* – arr. Mark Hayes.

Seoyoung Lee, Pianist

Ministry Moment | "Amazing Grace" Offering for Wellroot Family Services



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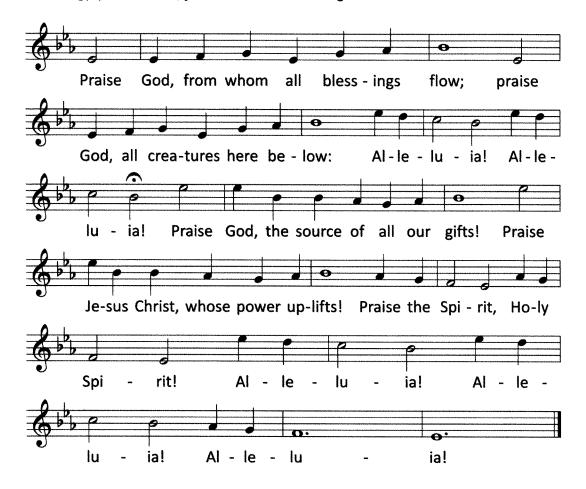


Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | Deep River/Shall We Gather at the River – arr. Lloyd Larson
Stephen McLemore & Katie Jones, Vocalists

▶ Doxology | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — LASST UNS ERFREUEN



₩ Hymn 452 | My Faith Looks Up to Thee - OLIVET



WORD & RESPONSE

■ Scripture | 1 Timothy 2:1-6a

Rev. Terry Tippens Senior Pastor

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all.

New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

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

Sermon | The Scope of Our Prayers

Hymn 156 | I Love to Tell the Story—HANKEY

★ The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal, pgs. 17-18

▼ 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

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is served by intinction: the practice of dipping the bread into the juice before eating. Gluten-free elements are available at the communion rail. For questions regarding membership, contact Rev. 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: Genevieve Taylor Jacob Downey

Audio/Visual Team:
Lynne Ometer
Lee Castleberry
Joseph Lee

Communion Servers:

Lorraine Day Ivy Doss Lynette Hermanski Jeanelle Jordan Elizabeth Marcus Jenny Masterson Joel McLemore Carol Page Sally Southerland

Usher Captains:
David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich



SENDING

₩ Hymn 577 | God of Grace and God of Glory - CWM RHONDDA

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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The Sunday Supplement



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

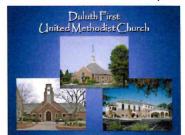
Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

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 Erica Hall Rosemary Hall Shamain Hallett
- Carol Hitchcock Linton Jones ShirleyGrace Madajewski Lynne Ometer
 - Tom Owens Joy Parsons Mike Ramstead Jeff Schulz
 - Clara Truesdell Dale VanPelt Betty Worthington
 - Ministry of Music and Worship Arts staff and Chancel Choir members on their retreat at Lake Junaluska.
 - Beth Patterson & family in the death of her father.
- The victims of the mass shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis.



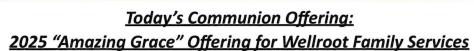


HELP — HOPE — HEALING

Stephen Ministers are here for you when life gets difficult.

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 Flemina at 678-644-9108.





Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward today's communion offering for the 2025 "Amazing Grace" Offering for Wellroot Family Services.

Wellroot Family Services, the leading faith-centered family services organization in Georgia, nurtures the feeling of home for Georgia's most vulnerable children. When you give to Wellroot Family Services, 100% of your gift provides children and families the power to realize their God-given potential.

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Give a gift that nourishes the soul and helps create a safe, loving home. For more information about **Wellroot Family Services**, please visit their website at **wellroot. org**. The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.

Join Us and Invite Your Friends to the "Sunday Fun Day" Block Party: Today!

Join us today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the church's front parking lot for an awesome "Sunday Fun Day" block party. There is something for everyone - hamburgers, hot dogs, inflatables, a DJ, Toofpick the clown, cotton candy, and a lot of fun and fellowship! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite our community to join us for a fun and fellowship-filled event at our church!







Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings in September

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

Our schedule for the month of September is:

- Sunday, September 7th: "Sunday Fun Day" Block Party from 5 to 7 p.m. in the church's front parking lot;
- Sunday, September 14th: Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");

worship, inspirational and relevant messages and life-changing small groups.

- Sunday, September 21st: Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- Sunday, September 28th: 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.

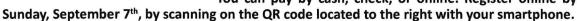
Register by Today, September 7th, for the Youth Fall Retreat on October 24th - 26th

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 24**th, **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



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.



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 10th, is Chicken Piccata, noodles, English peas, broccoli casserole, garlic bread, and dessert. For the kids – chicken tenders and 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.



Operation Christmas Child

We are gearing up for this year's **Operation Christmas Child**, our annual participation in **Samaritans Purse's** mission for God's children around the world. For 2024, **Samaritans Purse** delivered **over 11.9 million shoeboxes** in **over 170 countries and territories**. Since the inception of the program in 1993, **over 232 million shoeboxes** have been delivered to children around the world.

By filling shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and hygiene items, you not only give to children in need the only gift they will likely receive for Christmas, but also help deliver hope, joy and the gospel of Jesus Christ to them and their families.



Many children who receive these shoeboxes gifts will also enroll in **Operation Christmas Child's** 12-lesson discipleship program, *The Greatest Journey*. In 2024, over 5.5 million children participated. This program teaches children about God's amazing love and guides them through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

Empty shoe boxes will be available beginning Sunday, September 14th, in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, in the hallway by Hinton Hall, and outside of room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Inside each box you will find ideas on how to pack a shoebox gift, what not to include, and the adhesive box label.

There is a \$10 processing donation for each shoebox you take and fill. This donation not only covers the processing of the shoebox and shipping, but also supports the in-country ministry training and materials for *The Greatest Journey* activities. Using the adhesive labels allow you to register your shoebox(s), make your donation, and track your shoebox on-line. See more information included in the empty shoebox.

Duluth First UMC will have a special web site for you to use to complete your online shoebox. This year we have increased the goal to 80 online shoeboxes and expanded the timeframe. The web page is active and specific instructions are available for use of the online process. Additional information about filling shoeboxes online can be found in the article located below.

Please return your completed boxes to the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall stage, in Hinton Hall, or outside room F145 **no later than Sunday, November 16**th.

This will be such a worthwhile and fun project for our Sunday School classes, Women's Circles, our Youth Group, and families with their children to undertake. Let's try to better Duluth First UMC's total of 160 boxes we packed last year!

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or call 678-662-2115.

Online Option for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The time has come for this year's **Operation Christmas Child**, our annual participation in **Samaritans Purse's** mission for God's children around the world. As we did last year, there will be physical shoeboxes available to be completed by you, as well as the option to complete shoeboxes online.

If you wish to do your shoebox(s) online, please use the **DFUMC GOAL PAGE**, a special personalized website available for use to complete your online shoebox. The **DFUMC GOAL PAGE** is now active, and the cost of the Build Online Shoebox option is \$30 per online shoebox. These online shoeboxes are delivered to certain locations that need special customs and cultural needs met. With the **DFUMC GOAL PAGE** there are two options this year: build the shoebox yourself by selecting items to be included in the shoebox, or you can select an option where the shoebox is built by **Samaritan's Purse**. This option is a "one and done" approach. You can also include the "*Greatest Journey*" materials to go along with your online shoebox for and additional \$6. Please consider this option.

This year we have increased our goal of online shoeboxes completed through the **DFUMC GOAL PAGE** to **80 shoeboxes**, and we have extended the timeframe **until Friday**, **December 19th**. Specific instruction sheets have been prepared for using the **DFUMC GOAL PAGE** online process and are available at the **Operation Christmas Child** distribution locations around the church. By using the online **DFUMC GOAL PAGE** you will help make sure that every online shoebox from our church is counted toward our goal!

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com, or call 678-662-2115. Thank you for your support of our annual Operation Christmas Child campaign!

Welcome to Our New Food Ministry Manager, Juan Venegas

Please extend a warm welcome to Chef Juan Venegas as our new Food Ministry Manager. Juan has over 25 years of experience in the food service industry. He has experience with churches as well as other types of businesses. He and his wife reside in the Duluth area. Stop by on a Wednesday Night to say hello to Juan and join us for Wednesday Night Dinner!

Wednesday Night Food Drive: September 10th

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 10th we ask you to bring cans of diced tomatoes. 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.



42nd Annual Duluth Fall Festival: September 27th & 28th

Mark your calendars and save the dates for the **42**nd **Annual Duluth Fall Festival** being held Saturday, September 27th, and Sunday, September 28th, in downtown Duluth. Duluth First United Methodist Church and its congregation take an active roll in the **Fall Festival** each year.

The **Fall Festival** kicks off on September 27th with a parade through downtown beginning at 10 a.m. This year's Grand Marshals will be Kathryn Willis and Ann Odum — sisters, long-time members of Duluth First UMC, and long-time residents of Duluth.

On, September 28th the **Duluth 5K Donut Dash** race, a qualifier for the Peachtree Road Race, starts at 8 a.m. The race attracts both the serious competitive racer and the occasional runner/walker, and provides an opportunity for participants of all ages to help this year's race beneficiary, **Wellroot Family Services**, supporting their vision of a world where every child is raised in a loving, compassionate, and nurturing home. For additional information about **Wellroot Family Services**, please visit their website at **www.wellroot.org**. To sign up for the **Duluth Donut Dash**, please go to **www.duluthdonutdash5k.org**.

Join us for **Worship on the Town Green** on September 28th with a community worship service beginning at 10 a.m. at the Duluth Town Green. Duluth First United Methodist Church's Rev. David Burchett will be leading the morning's worship service, with the church's Contemporary Worship Praise Team leading the worship music.

PLEASE NOTE:

please bring it and participate.

- On September 28th, our Contemporary Worship Service will take place beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Duluth Town Green for the **Duluth Fall Festival's Worship on the Town Green** with Rev. David Burchett preaching.
- The 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship services **WILL MEET** in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles preaching.
- Sunday school classes for children and youth will not be held on September 28th.

For additional information about the **Duluth Fall Festival**, please visit **duluthfallfestival.org**.

BSA Troop 419's 9th Annual "Cars for Campouts" Classic Car Show, Cruise In, and BBQ: Saturday, October 4th

BSA Troop 419 will hold their 9th Annual "Cars for Campouts" Fundraiser Car Show, Cruise In, and BBQ on Saturday, October 4th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church's front parking lot. If you have a special vehicle (all years, makes, models) – muscle cars, classics, resto-mods, exotics, bikes, and one-offs – if it rolls,

Preregistration by October 3rd is \$20, and registration on the day of the show is \$25. Register at https://tinyurl.com/cars4campouts-2025. Sixty participant-judged awards will be presented. If you just want to see some cool vehicles, feel free to attend as admission for spectators is free.



CARS FOR CAMPOUTS

Food and beverages will be available. Enjoy great food, hots dogs, BBQ (available on-site or for take home) snacks and beverages.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to carshow@bsatoop419.org, or call Mike Ringham at 770-815-4206. All proceeds from the event help make BSA Troop 419's program one of the best in the council, and with your support, will continue to do so.

<u>Book Club to Discuss "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again":</u> <u>Tuesday, September 22nd</u>

Join us on Monday, September 22nd, as the Book Club discuss Rachel Held Evans' Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again, her book on falling in love with the Bible again. "If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too."

The **Book Club** will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room F-145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at **arawles@duluthumc.org** or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

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

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.



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