



October 19, 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.



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/ Laity Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Ivy Doss

Attendance Registration, Announcements

✠ Call to Worship

What does the Lord require of you?

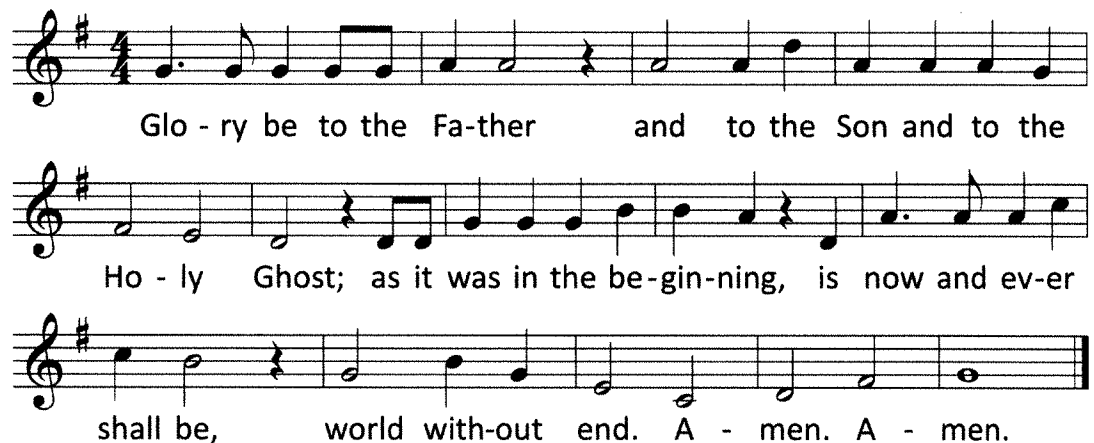
Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

✠ Hymn 92 | *For the Beauty of the Earth* – DIX

✠ Affirmation of Faith | *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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



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Ministry Moment | *Youth Fall Retreat*

Receiving God's Tithes & Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Fairest Lord Jesus* – Lloyd Larson

Hand Bell Choir
Jonathan Ancell, *Director*

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Luke 3:15-18

Clara Truesdell

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

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

Sermon | *Being Number Two*

Michael Fulford

Musical Offering | *I Will Arise* – Robert J. Hughes

Hand Bell Choir

Prayers of the People

The people respond: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

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

For questions regarding membership, contact Rev. Dr. Anna Kate 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

Audio/Visual Team:

Joseph Lee
Johnathan Ancell
Ian Toole

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:

James Dykes

✠ Hymn 89 | *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* – HYMN TO JOY

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.

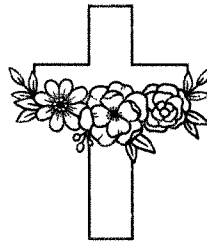
✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

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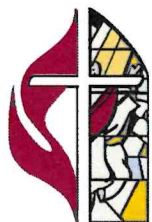
CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given today to the glory of God
in loving memory of Mike Gullet by his mother, Jeanine Gullett.



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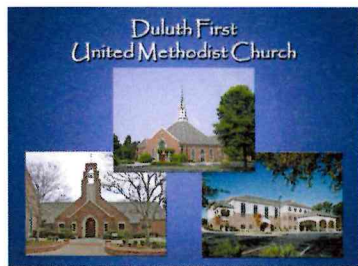
The Sunday Supplement



OCTOBER 19, 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



- Tracy Balkcom • Cynthia Ballin • Jack Brannon
- Dale Braynard • Sara Brewer • Beth Bunten • Gen Butterworth
- Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett • Carol Hitchcock • Linton Jones
- Lynne Ometter • Clara Truesdell • Dale VanPelt • Easton Wall



- Our church's youth and adult volunteers participating in the **Rooted Retreat** (North Georgia UMC Conference's Fall Retreat) hosted by Glisson Camp and Retreat Center on October 24th - 26th.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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 Fleming at 678-644-9108.



Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings

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 (unless otherwise noted). **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 October is:

- **Sunday, October 19th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, October 26th:** Trunk or Treat at 5:00 p.m. in the church's front parking lot.

**SUNDAY NIGHT
GATHERING**

SUNDAY NIGHTS
5:30PM-7:30PM
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.

Book Club to Discuss "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline: Monday, October 20th

The **Book Club** invites you to join them on Monday, October 20th, as they discuss **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. **Orphan Train** is a captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask.

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 any questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: October 22nd

Our **Food Ministry** staff, along with our amazing **Dinner Belles and Beaus** volunteers, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. **The menu for Wednesday, October 22nd, is pot roast with gravy, oven roasted potatoes, fresh carrots, peas, rolls, and dessert.**

For the kids - hamburgers 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.



Join Us at Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26th

Trunk or Treat is next Sunday, October 26th, in the front parking lot from 5 to 6:30 p.m.! We still need trunks, candy, and volunteers. AND we need you to come and enjoy time together! We will have candy, games, and pizza available for purchase.

Trunk or Treat is an excellent opportunity to invite your friends, family, and neighbors and bring them to Duluth First United Methodist Church for fun, food, and, of course, going trunk to trunk collecting candy. This is such a great way to share your love of church community with others!

Everyone is invited to participate by:

- **Attending! Come have fun!**
- **Passing out candy! You can decorate your trunk or just come, pop up your trunk and hand out candy.** You can sign up by scanning the QR code located to the right or by putting your name and e-mail address/contact information on one of the blank cars on one of our **Trunk or Treat** boards, located in Veterans Memorial Gathering Room and outside the main entrance to Hinton Hall.
- **Volunteering to help set up, break down, and help refill trunks with candy.** You can scan the QR code or contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org.
- **Donating bags of candy.** You can put your donated candy in one of the **Trunk or Treat Candy Totes** located in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, in the Atrium, and outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall.



Set-up time begins at 4:30 p.m. and trick-or-treating begins at 5:00 p.m. We hope to have lots of fun and lots of decorated trunks! Thank you for your support!



"Coffee Corner" for Parents of Preschoolers: Tuesday, October 21st



Parents of preschoolers are invited to join us at the **"Coffee Corner"** on Tuesday, October 21st, at 9:30 a.m. Come connect with other parents at our casual meet-up on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Being a parent is tough, and we all deserve to drink coffee while it is still hot!

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

Wednesday Night Food Drive: October 22nd

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 October 22nd we ask you to 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.

Gift Cards Needed for Care Packages for College Students: Through Sunday, November 2nd

Hello Duluth First UMC Family! We are collecting gift card donations for the care packages we will send out to our college students. As finals week is quickly approaching, we want to show our love and care for our college students by sending them care packages for them to enjoy during their finals week!



If you would like to donate a gift card, please purchase any of the gift cards listed below with the amount of \$25 per card and drop them off in Rev. Min Lee's office (Director of Youth Ministries), located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, by **Sunday, November 2nd**. Gift cards needed are:

- Chick-fil-A (most requested by students)
- Starbucks

Also, if you have a college student (or if you are the college student) who is a member of Duluth First UMC, we ask you scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to fill out the contact information form and update the student's mailing address.



Should you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org. Thank you for your support of our college students!

Blood Drive at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 12th:

Give Thanks—Give Blood—Give Life

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 12th, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment to make a blood donation:

- Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code **dufumc**;
- Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767);
- Contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, be a "walk-in" on Blood Drive Day.

Free A1C testing, a test commonly used to screen for diabetes and pre-diabetes, will be offered to those who donate blood. Each donor will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice and will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. Please go to RedCrossBlood.org/Harvest for more details.

Crafts, Pieces of Art, and Baked Goods Needed for

"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser: November 15th & 16th

Crafters, potters, artists, and bakers of all kinds – your talents will be needed in November! It is time to be thinking about our annual missions fundraiser, **Bundle Up for Buffalo**, on Saturday, November 15th, and Sunday, November 16th. All proceeds from the **Bundle Up for Buffalo** fundraiser help our sister church, Seneca Street United Methodist Church in Buffalo, NY, keep the heat on their facility during the winter months which fall from October 2025 through April 2026. This helps provide a safe, warm, after-school location for neighborhood children to go to.

You have been so faithful in prayer for this "pocket of poverty" in the North for many years. Please consider what you can make, and something that others would enjoy purchasing. Thank you for your support.

Operation Christmas Child

Six weeks are remaining in 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 online option to complete shoeboxes. Empty shoeboxes are available in the Narthex, the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, outside Hinton Hall, and outside of room F145 on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Completed shoeboxes are to be returned **by Sunday, November 16th**, and can be returned to these same locations.

The cost of the **Build On-Line Shoebox** option is \$30, and these shoeboxes are delivered to certain locations with special custom and cultural needs. This year we have increased the goal and expanded the timeframe, and are currently at 14% of this year's goal of 80 online shoeboxes. **The DFUMC Goal Page is active and you can complete an online shoebox by:**

- Using specific instructions, prepared for using the online process, which are available at the shoebox distribution locations around the church.
- Scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet to complete your shoebox online.
- Going to the church's website - duluthumc.org - clicking on the **MINISTRIES** tab and then clicking on the **MISSIONS** tab, where you will find information about **Operation Christmas Child**.



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



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