



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 2025
11:00 AM

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



For information about the
ministries, mission, and
activities, 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.

GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Toccata in D Minor, BWV 565* – J.S. Bach

Seoyoung Lee
Organist

✠ Call to Praise

Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens,
God is the Lord of all life.

In God we live and move and have our being.

God requires our faithfulness and our service.

**We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has
touched our lives.**

Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. Amen.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 577 | *God of Grace and God of Glory* – CWM RHONDDA

✠ 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.

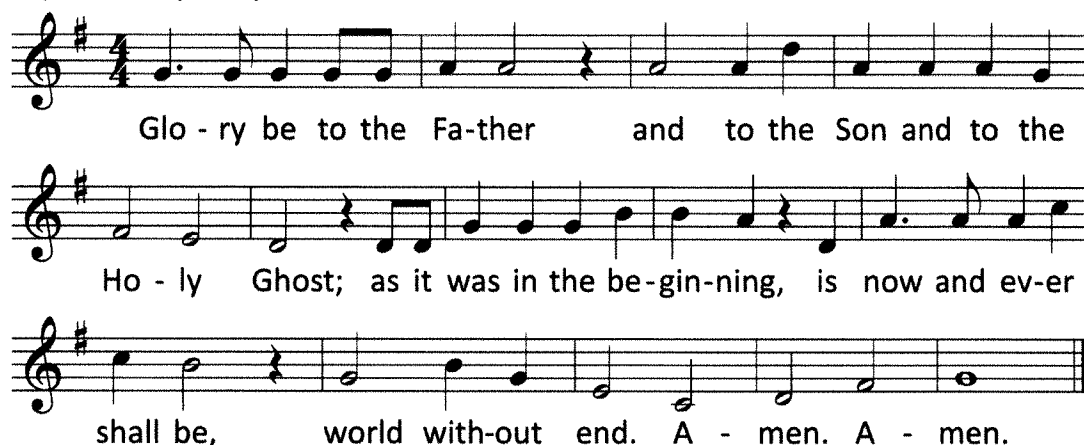
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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



Anthem | *I Then Shall Live* – arr. Lari Goss

Tenor & Bass Choir
Jan Batson, *Pianist*

Ministry Moment | *Grow One Step*

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Saints Bound for Heaven* – arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

Tenor & Bass Choir

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



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WORD & RESPONSE

Hymn | *Where Children Belong* – RITCHIE



Children's Message

Leslie Yokeley

✠ Scripture | Matthew 22:15-22

Rev. Terry Tippens

Senior Pastor

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Jesus in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" ²¹ "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *Who's First?*

Hymn 175 | *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* – ST. AGNES

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:

Jasmine Gordon

Caroline Atkinson

Audio/Visual Team:

Josie Fuino

Lynne Ometer

Bryan Johnson

Usher Captains:

David Burleson

Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:

Pam Logan

SENDING

✠ Hymn 103 | *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise* – ST DENIO

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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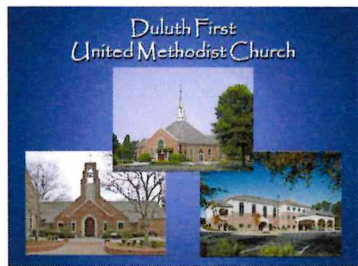
The Sunday Supplement



OCTOBER 26, 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

- Charlie Anderson • Tracy Balkcom • Dale Braynard
- Gen Butterworth • Bill Evans • Rosemary Hall
- Shamain Hallett • Carol Hitchcock • Linton Jones
- 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.

- David Beasley & family in the death of his brother.



STEPHEN MINISTRY



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 or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108 for more information.

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Join Us at Trunk or Treat: Tonight!

Trunk or Treat is tonight in the front parking lot from 5 to 6:30 p.m.! 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 a lot of fun!
- **Passing out candy!** You can decorate your trunk or just come, pop up your trunk and hand out candy.

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!



Stewardship Campaign for 2026 Begins Today

Duluth First UMC's Stewardship Campaign for 2026 begins today. **Estimate of Giving cards** can be found in the pews in the Sanctuary, and on the chairs in Hinton Hall. Please turn in your **2026 Estimate of Giving card** now or on Consecration Sunday, which is November 16th. You can put it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or submit it online by going to the church's website - duluthumc.org - and clicking on the **STEWARDSHIP 2026** tab.

Grow One Step Chart

Many folks have found the **Grow One Step** chart helpful for their giving. Most of us know it's best for us to put God first and to move toward tithing (giving God the first 10% of our income). But we find it hard to get started. That's where the chart comes in.

Over a decade ago, a young couple I know with two school-aged daughters wanted to tithe. They were giving, but they didn't know what percentage of their income they were giving.

The grid side of the enclosed chart showed them that they were giving 2%. They decided to grow one step by giving 3% the next year. That worked, and they kept going – the following year – 4%, then 5%, etc. After eight years they were tithing, giving God 10%. They are happy to be continuing that practice today as their daughters graduate from college.

Rev. Terry Tippens,
Senior Pastor



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 26th: Trunk or Treat** at 5:00 p.m. in the church's front parking lot.



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.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: October 29th

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 29th, is Coq au Vin (chicken braised in red wine), roasted Brussels sprouts, broccoli, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – chicken tenders 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 night
DINNER



Wednesday Night Food Drive: October 29th

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 29th 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.

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:



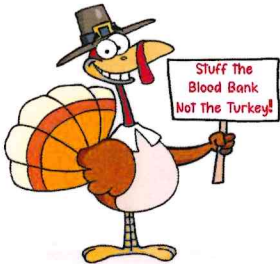
- Chick-fil-A (most requested by students)
- Starbucks

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.

"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser:

Saturday, November 15th, and Sunday, November 16th

Bundle Up for Buffalo, our annual fundraiser to assist the Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY with their winter heating costs, is on Saturday, November 15th, and Sunday, November 16th. If you like to bake, sew, paint, or craft, this is the chance to offer up your creativity for a very worthy cause. The rest of us get to admire your work and do some Christmas shopping!

Please bring the sale items donations to the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 14th, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. You will be assigned a spot to display your creations, and please bring a small tablecloth if you like. Expect the sale items be crowded together, as our sale has grown in the past years.

Bundle Up for Buffalo begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 15th, and closes at 2:00 p.m. It will open on Sunday, November 16th, after the 8:15 a.m. service has ended, will be closed during both 11:00 a.m. services, and will re-open at noon and finish by 1:00. We ask you to please take any of your unsold items home with you, as there is no place to store them at the church once the sale is over, or share them with Sherry Ferguson who has a wonderful place for them at the Holiday Shop for children at Ferguson Elementary School.



All proceeds from **Bundle Up for Buffalo** go to Seneca Street UMC to assist with their winter heating costs. There is a great need for the heat to be kept on in part of the church where 65+ children arrive after school every day. Heat is on from October to April (and often May) in that part of our country. The after-school program provides children with a healthy snack, warm greetings, and volunteers to help them with their homework until their moms get home from work.

Pastor Dee Finch, Pastor Brian Rotach and Cheryl Bird will be coming from Buffalo. If you would like one of them to speak to your Sunday School class on November 16th, please make your request as soon as possible. You can also join the Forum Sunday School Class that day where one of them will speak. For more information, please contact Beth Intondi at 404-408-1657.

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:**

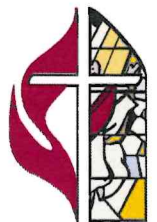
- Using specific instructions, prepared for using the online process, which are available at the shoebox distribution locations around the church.
- Scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet to complete your shoebox online.
- Going to the church's website - **duluthumc.org** - 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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GROW ONE STEP each year until you're giving 10% to God

1. Find where you are on the chart (your income and your giving).
2. Move one block to the right to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you, in order to grow one step each year until you are tithing.

Yearly Giving

Yearly Household Income	Lower Giving Range			Middle Giving Range			Upper Giving Range			Tithe	
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	
\$15,000	150.00	300.00	450.00	600.00	750.00	900.00	1,050.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	1,500.00	
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\$1,000,000	10,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00	70,000.00	80,000.00	90,000.00	100,000.00	

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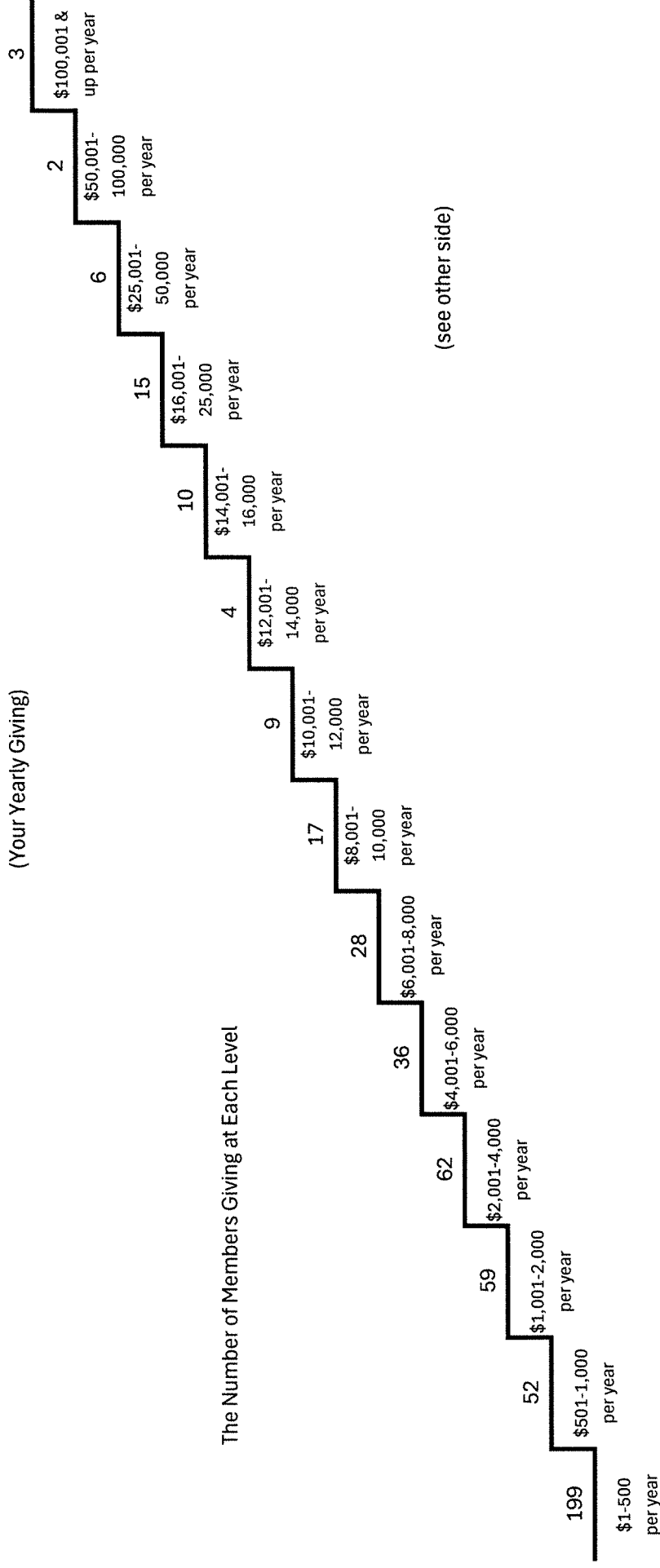
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Our Congregation's Giving Patterns
(includes ALL giving to the church)

Find where you are on this chart
(Your Yearly Giving)



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