



January 11, 2026
11:00 AM

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



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ministries, mission, and
activities of Duluth First
United Methodist Church,
please visit duluthumc.org.



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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.

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Pre-K are invited to go to
Childcare Corner, near the
Gathering Room.



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for assistance.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Call to Praise

The voice of God resounds upon the water.
The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.
The Son of God is named, "Beloved."
And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"
Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.
Let us worship God in holy splendor.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 605 | *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* – BEACH SPRING

Sacrament of Holy Baptism | *Nico Wes Courtney*

Hymnal, pg. 39

Nico, Nico, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.

Nico, Nico, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.

Ministry Moment | *The Charlene Kay Fuino Foundation Elementary School in Liberia*

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Take Me to the Water* – arr. David Cherwien

Chancel Choir

✠ Doxology 94 | *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!



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WORD & RESPONSE

Hymn | *Where Children Belong* – RITCHIE



Children's Message

Beth Patterson

✠ Scripture | Matthew 4:1-11

Rev. Terry Tippens
Senior Pastor

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. **2** He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. **3** The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." **4** But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " **5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " **7** Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, **9** and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Sermon | *How Did Jesus Resist?*

The United Methodist Church recognizes one baptism. The reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant reminds us of the promises made, personally or on our behalf, at the time of our baptism.

Those desiring to be baptized are invited to come forward during the final hymn, after the invitation to Christian discipleship and 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:

John Smith
Jacob Downey

Pianist:

Susan Johnson

Audio/Visual Team:

Tabitha Lee
Joel McLemore
Lynne Ometer
Bryan Johnson

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich


Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

See insert


Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING


✠ Hymn | *Baptized in Water*



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ, our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ, our King; born of one Fa - ther, we are his



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.
 giv - en, thank-ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.
 chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.

WORDS: Michael Seward (Rom. 6:3-5)

MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody

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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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Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Introduction

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth. Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together,
wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church
as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty,
in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
and in the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.

Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows.

Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try.

We try to block the flow,

we redirect the winds of the Spirit,

or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound,

and we forget its power.

We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

*All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to come to one of the stations.
Remember that you are baptized, and rejoice!*



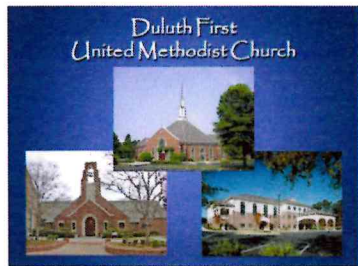
The Sunday Supplement



JANUARY 11, 2026

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 • Tracy Balkcom • Jack Brannon • Larry Buntin
- Lorraine Day • Dianne Gilbreath • Don Greene • Rosemary Hall
- Shamain Hallett • Carol Hitchcock • Carol Johnson • Linton Jones
- Dottie Moor • Cheryl Otto • Charlie Pierce • Lin Ramstead
- Ethel Sales • Charlotte Schlubach • Clara Truesdell
- Dale VanPelt • Amy Worthington
- Tracy Brinker & family in the death of her father.
- The family of Bruce Houston in his death.
- Tammy Sherrill & family in the death of her father.



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: January 14th

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, January 14th, is pot roast, roasted potatoes, carrot medley, sautéed spinach, 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, and 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 Gatherings for January

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 January is:

- **Sunday, January 11th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, January 18th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, January 25th:** 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.



Library Book Club to Discuss "Ashes" by Sharon Gloger Friedman: Monday, January 12th

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, January 12th, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss the book **Ashes** by Sharon Gloger Friedman. Sharon will be here in person to discuss her book **Ashes**, the story of a Jewish family flees persecution in Russia to New York, where their daughter works at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory and becomes involved in the workers' rights movement.



Wednesday Evening Activities at Duluth First UMC for All Ages

Join us on Wednesday evenings for the following evening activities at Duluth First UMC:

- **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 Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall;
- **Youth Bible Study (grades 6 – 12):** 6 to 7 p.m. in 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, 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- **Yarn Art Ministry:** 6 to 7 p.m. in room F205, 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- **Happy Sacks:** 6 to 6:15 p.m. in room F152, 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- **Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal:** 6 to 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary;
- **GriefShare Support Group:** 6:30 to 8 p.m. in room F153, 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- **Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Don Lee Music Suite.

Wednesday Night Food Drive: January 14th

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 January 14th 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.



"Women Studying Together" Thursday Morning Bible Study

Women Studying Together, our Thursday morning Bible study open to all women, meets from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor Sheldon Family Life Center. This is a discussion group which includes women at different stages of life. Various themes of the Bible are addressed, sometimes going straight through a particular book, and other times a selection of Biblical references. A variety of resource materials are used for different perspectives and to encourage growth.

We are currently studying selections from the book of Job. This 4–5-week study will include the following topics for discussion:

- Assumptions about Prosperity and Success;
- Being a Friend to the Hurting;
- Talking to God — Challenging or Asking?
- "Too Wonderful for Me".

The objective of **Women Studying Together** is that our time together is encouraging and supportive of growth as individual disciples and as a community of believers. As we study, we ask questions, search for answers, share our stories, laugh and pray together. Discussions are led by Jenny Masterson. Bring your Bible (any translation) and join us. If you would like additional information, please contact Jenny Masterson by e-mail at jennybobm@comcast.net or call 678-591-0800.



Learn More about Duluth First UMC at Information Station: Sundays February 1st and 8th

Are you new to Duluth First UMC as a guest or new member? Have you wondered about the United Methodist Church and our church's history? Are you looking for groups to get involved in? Join us for **Information Station** on Sundays, February 1st and 8th, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, located on the 3rd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. We will drink coffee, talk about the church, and discuss ways you can get involved!

For additional information or to RSVP, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org.



Donate Blood at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, February 4th

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. All blood types are needed now to help save lives. Spring into action and give patients a fighting chance by donating blood.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4th, in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating blood as winter weather across the country is causing a decline in donations. With more severe weather predicted, blood donors (especially type O) are needed to give to prevent a shortage. Patients need your help now! To schedule an appointment:

- 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.



United Women in Faith Are Raising Funds to Help Put an End to Human Trafficking:

Sunday, February 8th

On Sunday, February 8th, the **United Women in Faith** will be selling chocolate candies and goodies just in time for Valentine's Day. All the proceeds will go to **Street Grace**, an organization that **fights human trafficking**. Founded in 2008, **Street Grace** been chasing one ambitious vision - **ending the sexual exploitation of children**. Thanks to the help of their generous partners and supporters, they are making serious progress.

Street Grace works on four areas to make changes:

- **PREVENTION** to help all of us recognize and stop exploitation before it starts;
- **PROTECTION** to make survival sustainable;
- **PURSUIT** to help law enforcement identify predators, protect victims and prevent future crimes;
- **POLICY** which makes safety the standard, shapes laws, training and systems that protect children long before a crisis begins.



So won't you say **YES** because change begins with you! Come to the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 8th, buy chocolates, and help put an end to human trafficking! For additional information about **Street Grace**, please visit their website at www.streetgrace.org.



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