

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 18,
2026
11:00 AM



GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Prelude on Ellacombe* – Neil Harmon

Sylvia Brock, Organist

✠ Call to Worship

Children of God, who has God called you to be?

A light to all the nations!

When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 617 | *I Come with Joy* – DOVE OF PEACE

✠ Affirmation of Faith | *The Apostle's 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.

✠ 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 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.

✠ Response 70 | Glory Be to the Father – MEINEKE

Anthem | *Jesus, the Light of the World* – George Elderkin

Pat & Larry Burden, Jo Ellen and Bill McLees

Sara Burns, *Pianist*

Ministry Moment | *Church Communications*

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Amazing Grace* – arr. Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

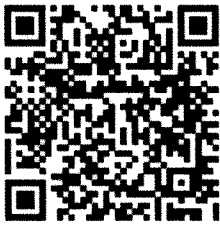
Susan Johnson, *Pianist*

✠ Doxology 94 | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Your giving is the sole support of the ministries of Duluth First UMC.

For online giving, go to duluthumc.org/online-giving, or scan the QR code.



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!

WORD & RESPONSE

Hymn | *Where Children Belong* – RITCHIE



Children's Message

Sarah Klayman

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

✠ Scripture | Romans 5:1-11

Rev. Terry Tippens
Senior Pastor

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

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

Sermon | *The Reward is Joy*

Hymn 111 | *How Can We Name a Love* – TERRA BEATA

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
Charlie Greene

Audio/Visual Team:
Joseph Lee
Frank Loose
Bryan Johnson

Usher Captains:
David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

SENDING

✠ 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

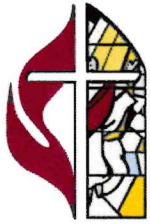
✠ Postlude

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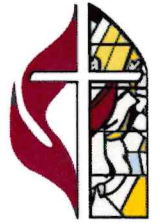
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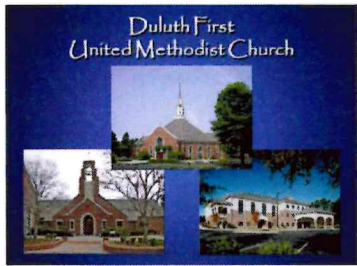
The Sunday Supplement



JANUARY 18, 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 Bunten • Lorraine Day
- Sue French • Don Greene • Jeff Greene • Jeanine Gullett • Rosemary Hall
- Shamain Hallett • Carol Hitchcock • Carol Johnson • Linton Jones
- Stephanie Minschwaner • Dottie Moor • Cheryl Otto • Henry Pettus • Charlie Pierce
- Ethel Sales • Charlotte Schlubach • Dale VanPelt • Amy Worthington



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.



Church Offices Closed in Observance of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday: January 19th

The church offices will be closed on Monday, January 19th, in observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 20th.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: January 21st

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 21st, is smothered pork chops, rice, collards, candied carrots, cornbread, 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, 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 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.



Youth Spring Retreat - Spiritual Life Retreat is March 13th - 15th:

Registration Due by Sunday, January 25th

We are excited to participate in the **Spiritual Life Retreat (SLR)**, a **North Georgia UMC Conference Retreat**, hosted by the **Glisson Camp and Retreat Center**, for our Youth Spring Retreat! It will be an incredible weekend with a guest speaker, a band leading worship, and small groups to dig deeper into the message and understand how God is providing support and direction on the spiritual journey. Each year, there is a different "theme" that guides these worship and small-group times.

Another unique design of the **Spiritual Life Retreat** is that students from different churches are placed in small groups and journey together all weekend long. It provides a great opportunity for students to get to know and build relationships with students from other churches.

The dates for the **Spiritual Life Retreat** are Friday, March 13th, through Sunday, March 15th, at the **Glisson Camp and Retreat Center** in Dahlonega. The cost is \$195 per student (You can pay in cash, check, or online). We want every student to be able to attend—scholarships are available if needed.

Please register for the **Spiritual Life Retreat** by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet **by Sunday, January 25th**. If you have 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>.



Wednesday Night Food Drive: January 21st

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 21st we ask you to bring tuna fish.** 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.



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.

Thank You from "Bundle Up for Buffalo 2025"

To the good people of Duluth First United Methodist Church,

Each year as I attempt to write this letter to you, I am struck at how my words fail to convey my feeling of gratefulness. Nevertheless, I will try again.

I visited Buffalo early in December and experienced the bitter below-zero-windchill of this city. For those who can rent a portion of a house, the heat is often not adequate. For those living in cars, the heat depends on the ability to pay for gasoline. For those on the street, Seneca Street United Methodist Church provides a place where one can walk into a Christ-centered place, get warm, get fed, and even take a shower. YOU make that happen. Through your generous giving during and after the **Bundle Up for Buffalo** fundraiser this past November, some of the poorest in our country can stretch out on a pew and get warm for a while. YOU fulfill Christ's directive through your humility and generous spirit.

Almost seventy children are coming to SenecaStreet UMC every day after school. Volunteers are at the church ready with snacks and ready to help with homework. Because moms may not get home until later, a warm meal is provided so children are not hungry at night. Even if the power goes out in the Seneca-Babcock neighborhood of South Buffalo, a generator will kick on now. What a blessing is this heat you provided!

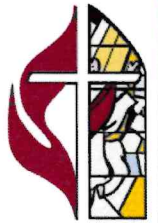
I am already starting to plan for **Bundle Up for Buffalo 2026**. Thank you for your selfless generosity, your ongoing prayers, and your many gifts. God bless you and yours as you continue to serve Him throughout the upcoming year.

Many thanks for all of your support!

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Connect With Us!

Through the our ministries' websites and social media pages, you can connect with Duluth First United Methodist Church, find out more about a ministry or ministries that might interest you, and learn about upcoming events and opportunities to meet others and make new friends. Social media can be a place to share our faith while also finding like-minded persons who encourage us in our lives.



Visit our church's website - duluthumc.org - to learn about the many ministries and activities/events that Duluth First UMC has to offer. The easiest way to view all of the ministry websites and social media pages Duluth First UMC has to offer, and to connect with the ones that interest you, is to go to the church's website - duluthumc.org - and click on the **CONNECT WITH US PAGE** to view your options and make selections.

Be sure to connect with us socially by **LIKING** us on our church's Facebook page and **FOLLOWING** us on our Instagram page. You can view past worship services and other church-related videos on the **RESOURCES** page on the church's website - duluthumc.org - and/or by **SUBSCRIBING** to the Duluth First UMC Worship YouTube page.

Duluth First UMC Websites and Social Media Pages

GENERAL AND WORSHIP

- Duluth First United Methodist Church webpage: duluthumc.org
- Duluth First United Methodist Church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DuluthFirstUMC
- Duluth First United Methodist Church Instagram page: www.instagram.com/duluthfirstumc
- Duluth First UMC Worship YouTube page: www.youtube.com/channel/UCIrOLtKUfKwsSj5IsJbq-ZQ
- Duluth First UMC Contemporary Worship Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DuluthFirstUMCContemporaryWorship
- Music & Worship Arts Ministry Instagram page: www.instagram.com/dfumcmusicworship
- The United Methodist Church website: www.umc.org
- The United Methodist Church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/unitedmethodistchurch
- The United Methodist Instagram page: www.instagram.com/unitedmethodistchurch

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- Children's Ministry website: dfumckids.com
- Children's Ministry Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DFUMCKids
- Children's Ministry Instagram page: www.instagram.com/dfumckids
- Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ChristianBeginnings
- Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten Instagram page: www.instagram.com/cbkids

STUDENT MINISTRY

- Student Ministry website: dfumcstudents.org
- Student Ministry Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/1087451718369330
- Student Ministry Instagram page: www.instagram.com/dfumcstudents
- Student Ministry YouTube page: www.youtube.com/channel/UCa-34oKWJVCszBz3NpkDHDA

YOUNG ADULTS

- Young Adults Instagram page: www.instagram.com/dfumc.youngadult

Are You Getting E-Mails from Duluth First UMC?

Are you currently getting e-mails from Duluth First UMC? **Yes - thank you**, as e-mails are an excellent way of keeping up to date with what is going on with the many ministries in our church. **No?** If you would like to be added to the churchwide e-mail list, please contact Ken Willi, Director of Communications, by e-mail at kwilli@duluthumc.org and he will get your e-mail address added to the churchwide list.

Have you changed your e-mail address lately? Please contact Ken with your current e-mail address so that we have your most current information onhand. We will not share your e-mail address to any groups outside of the church.





Church Communications **at Duluth First United Methodist Church**

Church communications are what helps to keep our church community “on the same page” when it comes to knowing what is happening at Duluth First UMC. They include weekly sermons and services, but also include things like newsletters, social media posts, e-mail announcements, donation pages, and more.

An effective church communication strategy isn’t just about sending e-mails or posting announcements — it’s about ensuring the right message reaches the right people at the right time. A strong church communication strategy keeps our church members feeling connected. It keeps members engaged, ensures church website communication works, and establishes strong church announcement methods.

Church internal communication keeps staff and members informed and engaged, while church outreach communications invite newcomers and the broader community into our church mission. Striking a balance between digital ministry marketing (social media and e-mail) and traditional methods (weekly and monthly newsletters, and yes, even the church bulletins), it ensures our messages doesn’t get lost in the noise.

Your generous giving to the church helps our ministries to provide effective methods of communication to our members and those in the community, helping to:

- Pay the monthly hosting fees for the various church websites;
- Pay the monthly fees for our mass e-mail service (Constant Contact) which is used by many of our ministries;
- Paying the annual fees for graphic design creation applications (such as Canva) which helps our ministries to create exciting and engaging graphics for use in our social media posts, mass e-mails, and general advertising;
- Purchase outdoor banners promoting churchwide events to our community.

Thank you for your generous and continued financial support of the Communications Ministry and all other ministries and programs at Duluth First United Methodist Church. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Willi, Director of Communications, by e-mail at kwilli@duluthumc.org.

