

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 25, 2026
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
UMC, 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.

ENTRANCE

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

Welcome & Announcements

Vicki McLemore, *Liturgist*

✠ Hymn 158 | *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* – SPANISH HYMN

✠ Call to Worship

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim
with confidence:

God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every
side, we can declare with confidence:

God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the
house of God forever.

God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Joel McLemore

Common
English Bible

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone?
The Lord is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything?
I have asked one thing from the Lord—it's all I seek: to live in the Lord's house all the days of my life, seeing the Lord's beauty and constantly adoring his temple.
⁵ Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling during troubling times;
he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent; he will set me up high, safe on a rock.⁶ Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me, and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent—sacrifices with shouts of joy! I will sing and praise the Lord.⁷ Lord, listen to my voice when I cry out—have mercy on me and answer me! ⁸ Come, my heart says, seek God's face. Lord, I do seek your face! ⁹ Please don't hide it from me! Don't push your servant aside angrily—you have been my help! God who saves me, don't neglect me! Don't leave me all alone!

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

Sermon | *Glory Revealed: Carrying the Light*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino
Associate Pastor

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal pg.12

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *DFUMC Library*

Amy Burk

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* – Arr. Roland Martin

Members of the Chancel Choir
Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ 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.



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THANKSGIVING

✠ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer our ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

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

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

Audio/Visual Team:
James Lee
Johnathan Ancell
Ian Toole

Usher Captains:
David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:
Pamela Logan

SENDING

✠ Hymn 152 | *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* – FOREST GREEN

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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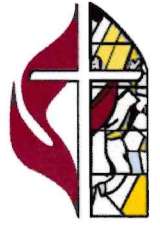
Chancel Flowers

are given today by Dennis and Debbie Patterson
in loving memory of their son, Scott.

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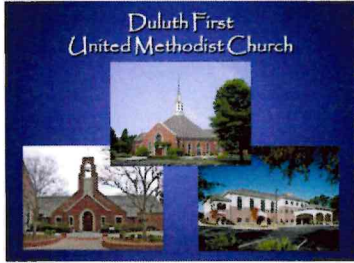
The Sunday Supplement



JANUARY 25, 2026

Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

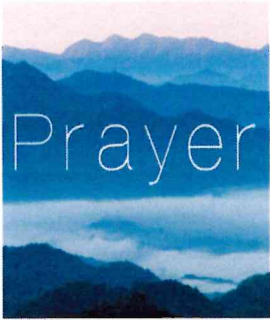
We are glad that you came to worship with us today. The mission of Duluth First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are looking for more information about Duluth First United Methodist Church and its ministries, Bible studies, and other programs and events, please be sure to visit our church's website at www.duluthumc.org.



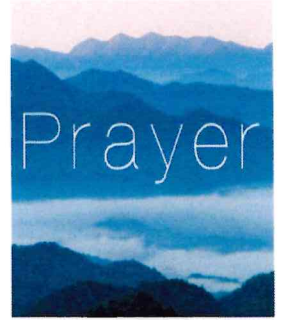
To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

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 • Sue French • Don Greene • Jeff Greene
- Jeanine Gullett • Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett • John Hammons
- Dick Hartlett • Carol Hitchcock • Carol Johnson • Linton Jones
- Stephanie Minschwaner • Dottie Moor • Cheryl Otto
- Jewell Parsons • Henry Pettus • Charlie Pierce • Ethel Sales
- Charlotte Schlubach • Dale VanPelt • Amy Worthington
- Lucie Lee & family in the death of her aunts (her father's sisters).



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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: January 28th

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 28th, is lemon herb catfish, dirty rice, corn-on-the-cob, stewed tomatoes, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – fish sticks 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.

wednesday night
DINNER



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 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 Is Due by Today

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 today - 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 28th

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 28th we ask you to bring spaghetti or pasta.** 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 United Methodist Church at Information Station:

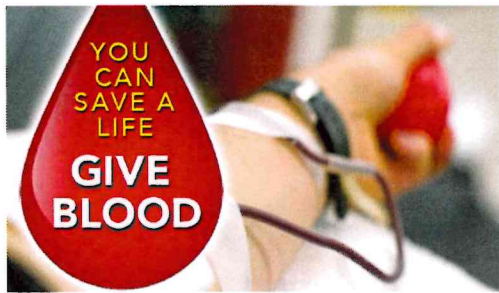
Sundays February 1st and 8th

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 a blood donation 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.

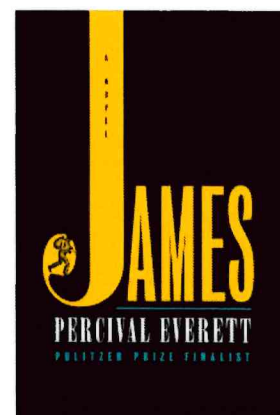
Library Book Club to Discuss "James" by Percival Everett:

Monday, February 9th

The Library Book Club will meet on Monday, February 9th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room F145 (located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center) to discuss the book **James** by Percival Everett with a discussion led by Amy Burk. **James**, a brilliant, action-packed reimagining of **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**, both harrowing and darkly humorous, is told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

When Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he runs away until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck has faked his own death to escape his violent father. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.

Brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations that have made author Percival Everett a literary icon, this brilliant and tender novel radically illuminates Jim's agency, intelligence, and compassion as never before.



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