

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 25,  
2026  
11:00 AM



## GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles  
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Ash Grove with Bach's Italian Concerto* – Arr. Jeremy Yowell

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ 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.**

✠ 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](http://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.

## PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

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

✠ 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.**

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

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

Members of the Chancel Choir

Seoyung Lee, *Organist*

Ministry Moment | *DFUMC Library*

Amy Burk

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving



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For online giving, go to [duluthumc.org/online-giving](http://duluthumc.org/online-giving), or scan the QR code.



Offertory | *I Believe this is Jesus* – arr. Victor Johnson

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!

## WORD & RESPONSE

Hymn | *Where Children Belong* – RITCHIE

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the  
wor - ship - ping throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and  
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

✖ Hymn 521 | *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* - SOJOURNER

## ✖ Scripture | John 1:29-42

Rev. Terry Tippens  
Senior PastorNew Revised  
Standard Version,  
Updated Edition

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” <sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

Sermon | *Invite. God Will Do the Rest*Hymn 475 | *Come Down, O Love Divine* – DOWN AMPNEY

## Prayers of the People

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship &amp; 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  
Sarah Johnson

*Audio/Visual Team:*

James Lee  
Frank Loose  
Lee Castleberry

*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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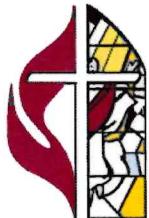
## Chancel Flowers

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

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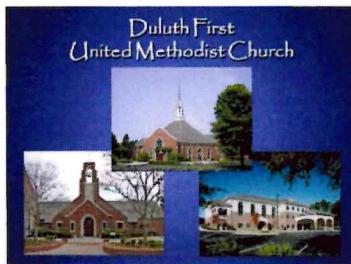
# The Sunday Supplement

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](http://www.duluthumc.org).

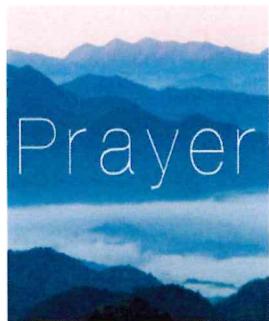
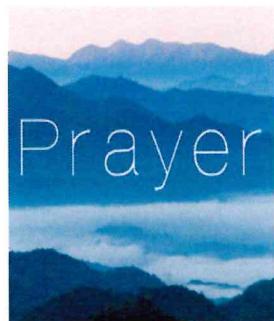


To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

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](mailto: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   • 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).



### **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](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org) or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108 for more information.

### Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: January 28<sup>th</sup>

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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



## Youth Spring Retreat - Spiritual Life Retreat is March 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>: 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 13<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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:

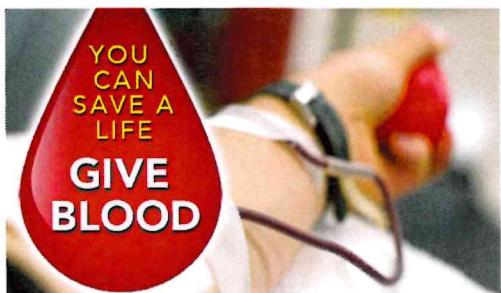
### Sundays February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org).



### Donate Blood at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>



**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, buy chocolates, and help put an end to human trafficking! For additional information about **Street Grace**, please visit their website at [www.streetgrace.org](http://www.streetgrace.org).

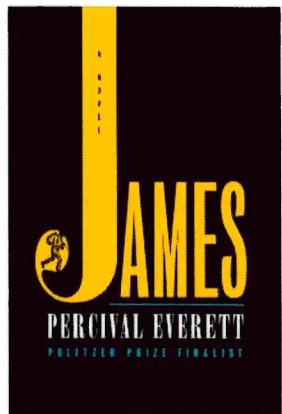


**Library Book Club to Discuss "James" by Percival Everett:**  
**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Library Book Club will meet on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room F145 (located on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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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