

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026  
8:30 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  
UMC, please visit  
[duluthumc.org](http://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*

¶ 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.**

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

# WORD & RESPONSE

✖ Scripture | Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Ethel Sales

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 | *Homeless Offering*



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support of the  
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online-giving,  
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code with your  
mobile device.

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.**



# 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 – [rawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:rawles@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:*

Daniel Lee  
Johnathan Ancell  
Joel McLemore

### *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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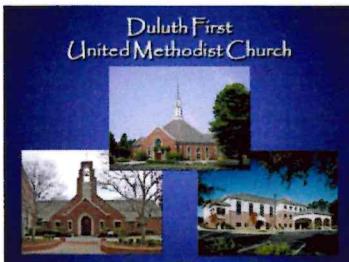
# The Sunday Supplement

FEBRUARY 1, 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
- Ann Fleming   • Sue French   • 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
- Charlie Pierce   • Ethel Sales   • Charlotte Schlubach   • Dale VanPelt   • Amy Worthington
- Shirley Guy & family in the death of her brother.
- Shirley Knox & family in the death of her cousin.
- Lucie Lee & family in the death of her aunts (her father's sisters).
- The family of Henry Pettus in his death.



## **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.

## This Morning's Communion Offering: Homeless Offering

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward this morning's communion offering, the Homeless Offering through the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Housing and Homeless Council distributes all Homeless Offering gifts as grants to churches and ministries that provide services and housing to poor and homeless persons through our Conference. The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.

**Learn More about Duluth First United Methodist Church at Information Station:**

**Sunday Mornings - Today and February 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 Sunday mornings, today and February 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).

## Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for February

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.

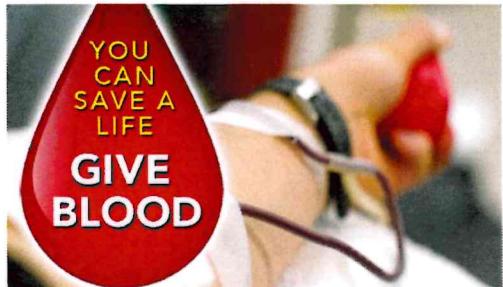
Our schedule for the month of February is:

- **Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:** Super Bowl Party at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</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.

## 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.

## Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: February 4<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, February 4<sup>th</sup>, is **Chicken Alfredo, penne pasta, broccoli, zucchini, garlic breadsticks, and dessert**. For the kids – the same. 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 Food Drive: February 4<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 February 4<sup>th</sup> we ask you to bring macaroni and cheese.** 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.



## Register Now for the Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten 2026-2027 School Year

Registration for Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's 2026-2027 school year is open and spots will go fast! We are an award-winning program that nurtures students learning in a loving, Christian environment. If you are interested in registering your little one or you would like to set up a tour, please contact Pat Szathmary by e-mail at [pszathmary@duluthumc.org](mailto:pszathmary@duluthumc.org) or call 770-497-1743.

### Celebrating Black History Month

February is **Black History Month**, a time to celebrate the unique contributions of African Americans to the American history. Whatever your heritage or background, black history is part of everyone's history.



The General Commission on Religion and Race has compiled 29 suggestions to help United Methodists celebrate **Black History Month** during this year. Some ways to celebrate may include educating yourself on black history or the various African American Methodist movements. You might also support local

African American businesses/charities or participate in local advocacy. You can also explore black literature, film and music that convey the unique voices and experiences of the culture.

Please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to learn more about how you can participate in **Black History Month**.



### Human Trafficking Is a Serious Issue: Please Wear Blue Next Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Human trafficking is a serious problem worldwide. Often, we think it is not here in the United States, but trafficking is in all 50 states and right here in our own community. Human trafficking comes in many forms. It can be coerced labor such as hotel workers, farm workers or restaurant workers, as well as sexual exploitation. It can affect persons at any age. Sometimes sexual exploitation occurs with a family member or a known trusted person.



If you suspect something, the best idea is to call the hotline to get advice about what to do. Do not confront the people directly as that could put the victim at risk. The hotline phone number is 888-373-7888.

The State of Georgia has passed many laws that make sexual trafficking more difficult for the traffickers, and releasing the victim from prostitution charges, plus helping the victims to rehabilitate.

Many organizations in our community are working to put an end to human trafficking, and to help rescue victims. For example, **Street Grace** works to protect children and youth from sexual exploitation and **Wellspring Living**'s mission is transforming lives of those at risk or victimized by sexual exploitation.

Anytime there is a big event, whether it be sport related, concerts or conventions, human trafficking increases. It's time to put a **STOP** to human trafficking. **So, when you join us for our worship services next Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, which is also Super Bowl Sunday, the United Women in Faith are asking you to please wear something BLUE which is the international color of Human Trafficking Awareness.**

### 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! Brooke Ruffin from **Street Grace** will be in the Fellowship Hall to answer any questions. For additional information about **Street Grace**, please visit their website at [www.streetgrace.org](http://www.streetgrace.org).

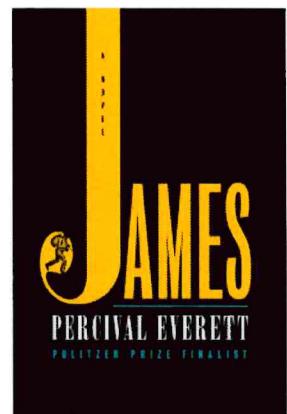
## Library Book Club to Discuss "James" by Percival Everett:

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

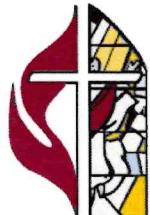
The Library Book Club will meet on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room F145 (located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center) to discuss the book James by Percival Everett with a discussion led by Amy Burk. James, a brilliant, action-packed reimagining 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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