

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 8, 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  
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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

Keenan Klayman, *Liturgist*

⌘ Call to Worship

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God  
desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does  
God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

**We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be  
to God! Amen.**

⌘ Hymn 384 | *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* – BEECHER

## WORD & RESPONSE

⌘ Scripture | *Isaiah 58:1-12*

Beth Mozely

Common  
English Bible

Shout loudly; don't hold back; raise your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their crime, to the house of Jacob their sins.  
<sup>2</sup> They seek me day after day, desiring knowledge of my ways like a nation that acted  
righteously, that didn't abandon their God. They ask me for righteous judgments,  
wanting to be close to God. <sup>3</sup> "Why do we fast and you don't see; why afflict ourselves  
and you don't notice?" Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want, and oppress all  
your workers. <sup>4</sup> You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast; you hit each other violently  
with your fists. You shouldn't fast as you are doing today if you want to make your voice  
heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is this the kind of fast I choose, a day of self-affliction, of bending one's  
head like a reed and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes? Is this what you call  
a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup> Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked  
restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every  
yoke? <sup>7</sup> Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into  
your house, covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own  
family? <sup>8</sup> Then your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed quickly.  
Your own righteousness will walk before you, and the Lord's glory will be your rear  
guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and God will  
say, "I'm here." If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked  
speech; <sup>10</sup> if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who  
are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the noon.  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched places.  
He will rescue your bones. You will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water that  
won't run dry. <sup>12</sup> They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account; the foundations of  
generations past you will restore. You will be called Mender of Broken Walls, Restorer of  
Livable Streets.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *Glory Revealed: Called to Action*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino  
*Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal pg.12

⌘ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Scouting Ministries*

## Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *God Be in My Head* – John Rutter

Chamber Chorale

¶ 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](mailto: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

## SENDING

⌘ Hymn 420 | *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* – TRENTHAM

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



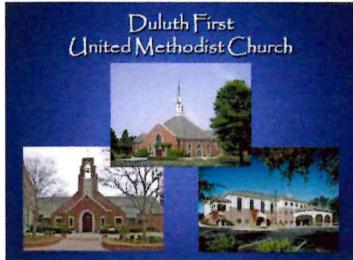
# The Sunday Supplement

FEBRUARY 8, 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
- Jack Brannon
- Lorraine Day
- Ann Fleming
- Sue French
- Jeff Greene
- Jeanine Gullett
- Rosemary Hall
- Shamain Hallett
- John Hammons
- Carol Hitchcock
- Linton Jones
- ShirleyGrace Madajewski
- Stephanie Minschwaner
- Dottie Moor
- Ann Odum
- Charlie Pierce
- Ethel Sales
- Charlotte Schlubach
- Abbie Stein's nephew, Alphie
- Dale VanPelt
- Amy Worthington

• Paulette Hartlett & family in the death of her husband, Dick.  
• Cheryl Otto & family in the death of her husband.  
• Randy Yokeley & family in the death of his brother-in-law.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### HELP — HOPE — HEALING

Stephen Ministers are here for you when life gets difficult.

For more information or to request the support  
and care of a Stephen Minister,  
contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at  
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Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



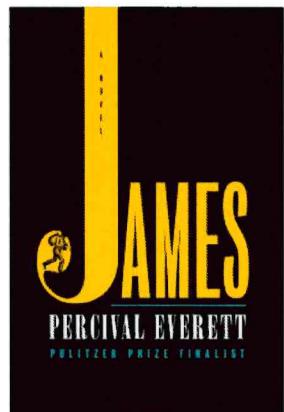
## Library Book Club to Discuss "James" by Percival Everett:

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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## 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 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.

## Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: February 11<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 11<sup>th</sup>, is pulled pork BBQ on a bun, sweet potato fries, baked beans, slaw, and dessert. For the kids – hot dogs and sweet potatoes 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 Food Drive: February 11<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 11<sup>th</sup> we ask you to bring cereal.** 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.



## Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Make plans to join with your family and friends and attend a **FREE** pancake supper on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. There will also be sausage, bacon, coffee, juice, milk, and water.

Supper is **FREE**, but donations are appreciated! Proceeds will benefit Duluth First UMC's **Music & Worship Arts Ministry**.



## Ash Wednesday Service: February 18<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday will be observed on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, with a short service beginning at 6 p.m. in Hinton Hall, located in the Sheldon Family Life Center. During the service ashes will be placed on foreheads as we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within our community of faith.

**PLEASE NOTE: The service will take place during our regular Wednesday evening supper format, so plan to arrive early and receive your food before the service begins.** Dinner is served beginning at 5 p.m. Food service will be stopped while the Ash Wednesday service is taking place. It will resume at the conclusion of the service.

## Greeters Needed for 8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services

We need **YOU** to be a greeter at our brand-new **Welcome Center** located in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room on Sunday mornings. People attend churches where they feel like they are warmly received and welcomed, and we want to be sure every visitor at Duluth First United Methodist Church experiences that!



Greeters are needed for the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. Please sign up to volunteer and be at the new **Welcome Center** one service and one Sunday each month to help us welcome those who have walked through our doors. It's simple and a wonderful way to serve our church!

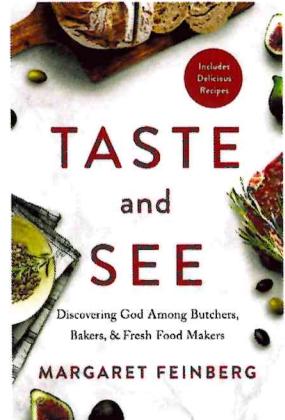
To sign up and/or get more information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org) or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

## "Taste and See" Lenten Study: Begins Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Everyone is invited to participate in Lenten study, based on the book **Taste and See** by Margaret Feinberg, beginning Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The study, led by Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, will meet on Sundays, February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in room F145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

**Taste and See** will be a different type of Lenten study – it will be one about feasting and “discovering God among butchers, bakers, and fresh food makers.” We will discuss where we can find God and that we are all invited to “**Taste and See**” that God is good. We will also sample some of the dishes that the author discusses!

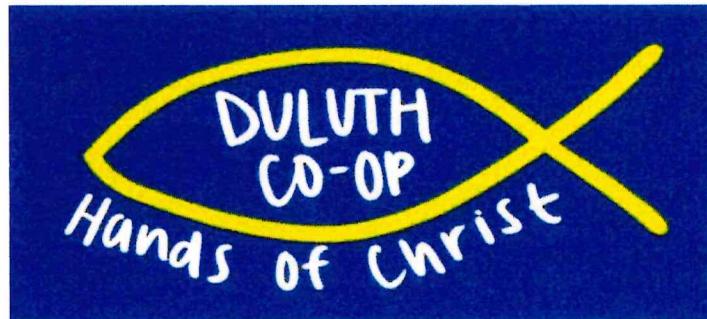
The cost of the class is \$20 is per person to cover the cost of the book and food samples. Childcare will be available by request. To register and for more information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128



## Volunteers Needed During Month of March at Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op

March is Duluth First UMC's month to volunteer at the **Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry**. Duluth First UMC was one of the founding members of **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op**, created more than 30 years ago to help with food insufficiency in the 30096 and 30097 zip codes. Volunteers stock pantry shelves, divide bulk food items into smaller packages, and fill orders. An experienced “captain” for the day guides you.

Choose to work a 2-hour shift from 10 a.m. to noon, or noon to 2 p.m. on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday during the month March. **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op** is located at 3649 Rogers Bridge Road in Duluth. To volunteer please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at [dburchett@duluthumc.org](mailto:dburchett@duluthumc.org).



## 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.

**Ancient Christianities - The First Five Hundred Years:**  
**A New Study Group Begins on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for a new small group class opportunity that will discuss the first five hundred years of Christianity. Beginning Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, this class will meet twice each week for 20 weeks and participants may attend either class. Classes will be held on:

- Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., rooms F153/154, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Sheldon Family Life Center;
- Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m., rooms F145/146, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Sheldon Family Life Center;

The subject matter will be based on **Ancient Christianities: The First Five Hundred Years**, a series of 20 lectures by Paula Fredriksen, Professor of Scripture Emerita at Boston University and Professor Emerita of Comparative Religion at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dr. Fredriksen, and author of numerous books and a widely sought-after speaker, is a worldwide recognized scholar of early Christianity. A former Catholic, Fredriksen converted to Judaism several years ago.

The class, led by Pete Fleming, will consist of 20 fifty-minute lectures by Dr. Fredriksen which will follow her latest book. Participants are not required to purchase the book, but they may wish to. Classes will be augmented with weekly summaries of the material plus optional additional readings and bibliographies.

If you would like to participate in this new study or have questions, please contact Pete Fleming by e-mail at **[lfleming3832@att.net](mailto:lfleming3832@att.net)** or Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at **[arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org)**. Please let them know which day of the week you will most likely be attending the class so that classroom space can be planned for.



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## Human Trafficking Awareness Day: Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

### Human Trafficking Is a Serious Issue

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. **Today, which is also Super Bowl Sunday, the United Women in Faith have asked people to please wear 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: Today, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Today 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** has 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 today, 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).

# Human Trafficking Awareness Day: Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

## Human Trafficking "Did You Know?"

Today - Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> - is Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Did you know that:

- The United States State Department says that there are 27.6 million victims of human trafficking worldwide at any given time.
- Human trafficking is the exploitation of a person's labor by coercion, power or control. Coercion can be done through drugs and/or a love belonging issue.
- If you suspect human trafficking, the best idea is to call the hotline at 888-373-7888 to get advice about what to do. Do not confront the people directly as that could put the victim in more risk.
- In 27 states children can be charged as prostitutes. **The State of Georgia is NOT one of them.** In 19 states sexual trafficking is not considered child abuse, So the victim is criminalized.
- 40% of human traffickers use black women and girls because they think they will get less jail time if the victim is black.
- Many victims of human trafficking deal with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), nightmares and the shame blanket that weighs them down. Most victims say the issue that causes them the most stress is sexual trauma before the age of 13. Victims need to be rewired as their body is the scene of the crime.

**How can we help?** We need to work inward first and deal with our biases. We need to be intentional and educate ourselves and others about human trafficking. We need to have redemptive vision. We need to share our stories. Secrecy is what enables trafficking.



## Human Trafficking

### Reporting and Resources

#### **NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE (24/7 Confidential)**

- 1-888-373-7888
- Text: 233733

#### **YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT (911)**

#### **GEORGIA CARES**

- Georgia Cares is the single point of entry for anyone seeking help for actual or suspected victims under the age of 18 of child sexual exploitation and/or child sex trafficking.
- 24 Hour Hotline: 1-844-8GA-DMST

#### **GA DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & SERVICE (24-Hours, 7 Days a Week)**

- Reports of child abuse and neglect can be made to 1-855-GA CHILD (1-855-422-4453)

#### **NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN**

- The Cyber Tipline: 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)

#### **PREVENT CHILD ABUSE GA (Parenting is hard.**

#### **Let someone help you.)**

- Help Line: 1-800-CHILDREN

#### **OUT OF DARKNESS (GEORGIA)**

- Rescue Line: 404-941-6024 (24/7 hotline—age 18 and older)

#### **TAPESTRI (Serving immigrant and refugee communities in Georgia)**

- For immediate help, call 404-299-2185.

### Information Resources

#### **POLARIS PROJECT**

- <https://polarisproject.org/human-trafficking-recognize-signs>

#### **ECPAT-USA (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking)**

- <https://www.ecpatusa.org>

#### **U.S. OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES — OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

- <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/nhttac>

#### **INTERNATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING INSTITUTE (Center for Civil and Human Rights Museum, Atlanta)**

- <https://www.ihtinstitute.org>
- Leverages the collective efforts of private, public, educational, faith-based, and civic organizations to accelerate local, national and global movements to end the trafficking of persons.