

SECOND SUNDAY IN  
**LENT**

March 1, 2026  
8:30am



✘ 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](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

Keenan Klayman, *Liturgist*

✘ Call to Worship

Come, all who thirst for something more—  
who long for peace, for purpose, for the presence of God.

**We're here, dry and weary, searching for living water.**

God is not far off. God is here—faithful and full of love.

God's love is better than life itself.

**So we will lift our voices, raise our hands, open our hearts.**

**We remember how God has helped us—  
and we hold on, because God holds us.**

Come, let us worship the God who satisfies our deepest hunger  
and meets us even in the wilderness.

**We come with longing, we come with praise — we come to worship!**

✘ Hymn 138 | *The King of Love V.1-2* — ST COLUMBA

# WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Matthew 4:3-4

The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.*"

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

Sermon | *Into an Encounter in the Wilderness*

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

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

**Holy God, we come confessing at times we have failed to seek you.  
Our pride and feelings of self-sufficiency have blocked us from humbly  
acknowledging our need. Our arrogance and desire for independence has been a  
stumbling-block to recognizing your presence as your whispered words of presence  
are lost in the roar of a shouting world.**

**We acknowledge, O Lord that you are indeed the source of our being –  
You provide blessing through your presence,  
You lift us from moments of desolation,  
You calm us in moments of concern,  
You search for us and call us back when we are lost.**

**Hear us, O Lord, and renew within us  
A heart that longs for your word,  
A spirit that is open to your call.  
(*A period of silence*)**

Sojourners and wanderers, know that the God who speaks to us in the tempest and the silence, who brings forth life from barren lands and causes the desert to bloom, hears our cries and meets us with grace and mercy. You have been forgiven and are called by name.

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* – Arr. James Stevens  
Mark Wettlaufer, *Clarinetist*, Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*



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✠ Doxology | *Praise God Throughout These Forty Days* – HAMBURG

Praise God through - out these for - ty\_\_ days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did\_\_ raise.  
And praise the Spir - it\_\_ who im - parts  
God's love in Christ in - to our\_\_ hearts.

## THANKSGIVING

✠ Invitation to Communion

✠ 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.**

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.

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

# SENDING

✠ Hymn 393 | *Spirit of the Living God*– LIVING GOD

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

## ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### *Audio/Visual Team:*

Tabitha Lee  
Joel McLemore  
Ian Toole

### *Usher Captains:*

David Burleson  
Charlie Doerlich

**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



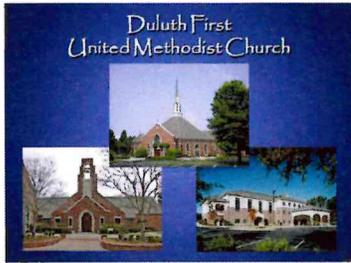
# The Sunday Supplement



MARCH 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



- Jack Brannon • Lorraine Day
- Ivy Doss' mother, Linda Dekle • Ann Fleming
- Jeanine Gullett • Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett
- John Hammons • Glenda King • Jean Lowry
- Stephanie Minschwaner • Jessica Parrish's mother, Judy Lockerman
- Susan Paschal • Ethel Sales • Bill Swisher
- Dale VanPelt • Christy Wolfe's father, Gus Dozier
- Jeremy Bevels & Matt Goodman & family in the death of Jeremy's mother.
- Owen & Abby Houck & family in the death of Owen's grandmother.



## **Want someone to talk to?**

**Stephen Ministers are there for you.**

*For more information or to request the support and care of a Stephen Minister, 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.*



## **This Morning's Communion Offering: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward this morning's communion offering, the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Offering**. As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the **United Methodist Committee on Relief** assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. **UMCOR** comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable.



The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church. For more information about **UMCOR**, please visit their website at [umcmission.org/umcor](http://umcmission.org/umcor).

## Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for March

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 March is:

- **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:** Board Game Night at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:** No Sunday Night Gathering;
- **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, March 29<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.

## Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: March 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, March 4<sup>th</sup>, is fish and grits, greens, corn, hushpuppies, and dessert. For the kids – popcorn shrimp 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. Menus are subject to change.

## Wednesday Night Food Drive: March 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 March 4<sup>th</sup> we ask you to bring peanut butter and jelly.** 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.



## **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).

## **Road Runners Visiting Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville: Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

The **Road Runners** invite you to join them as they re-launch on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, and travel to Cartersville to visit the Booth Western Art Museum. The group will leave the church's front parking lot at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$35 per person and includes entry into the museum and transportation via a 15-person van (please see notes below). The cost of lunch will be on your own.



### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- **In order to attend you must be able to get in and out of a 15-passenger van and be healthy enough to travel several hours by car.**
- **We must have a minimum of 12 people to sign up in order to rent a van, otherwise travel will be via caravan.**

To register please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet, or contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org). **All registrations must be received by Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.**



## **Easter Egg Hunt for Children of All Ages: Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Children of all ages are invited to join a special Easter Egg Hunt event being held at the church on **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, promptly at 11:30 a.m.** We will meet in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to bring your own Easter basket.

## **Donations of Supplies Needed for Easter Egg Hunt**

Donations of small prizes, plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt on March 28<sup>th</sup> will be collected **through Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please leave your donated items in the wagons located in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall and on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Thank you for your support!

## **Volunteer Opportunities to Partner with Coleman Middle School**

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve our community? If so, there are a few upcoming volunteer opportunities at Coleman Middle School, and we'd love for you to join us! Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Lunch Duty for Teachers:** A team of volunteers is needed on the days when duty-free lunch is offered to teachers, between 11:20 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Walk-N-Talk Celebrations:** Volunteers assist staff with snack sales (keeping the students in line, handing the snacks to students who have paid, etc.). The next Walk-N-Talk days are Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week in May:** Volunteers are needed to monitor the cafeteria so teachers can have duty-free lunch on 2 days during the week of Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.



If you're interested in serving or would like more details, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org). Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

## Help Needed for Easter Lunch for Families in Need: Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, our church's **Missions Ministry** and **Children's Ministry** will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter lunch** for families of Rainbow Village and those families served by the Duluth Care Team of Duluth High School, Collins Hill Care Team of Collins Hill High School, and Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op. **The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch.** We need your help in creating a special, memory-filled day for these families.

### Help is needed for the Easter lunch in the following areas:

- Setting up, cleaning and resetting Hinton Hall;
- Serving food and drinks;
- Bringing in foods, deserts, and drinks;
- Greeters and hospitality folks.

Scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to sign-up to volunteer for the Easter lunch, or to sign up to bring food for the lunch. You can volunteer for however much time you can, or you can join us for the entire event. Additional information will be made available as we continue our preparations for an awesome day of celebration and fellowship with our community.

If you would like to volunteer, bring food, or have any questions or would like to head up a team, please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at [dburchett@duluthumc.org](mailto:dburchett@duluthumc.org). Thank you for your support!



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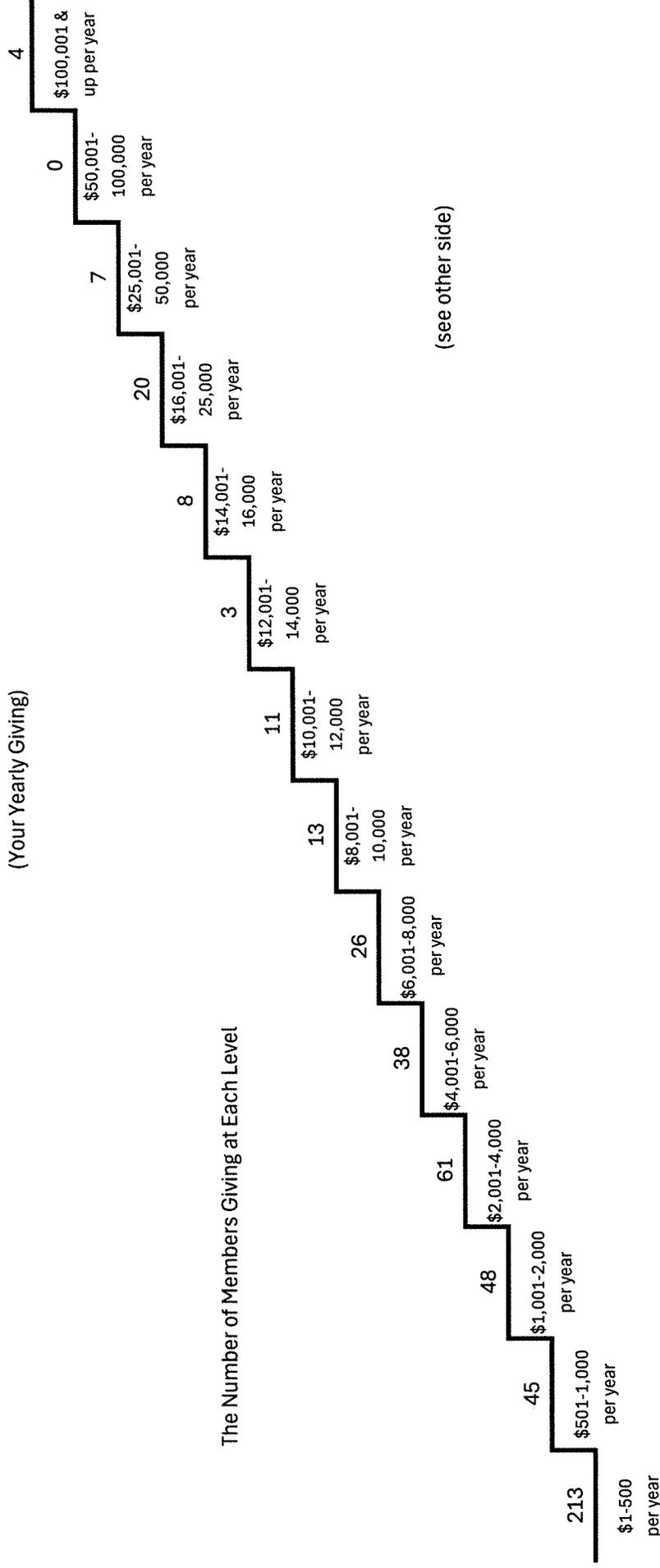
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# GROW ONE STEP each year until you're giving 10% to God

Winter 2026

Our Congregation's Giving Patterns  
(includes ALL giving to the church)

Find where you are on this chart  
(Your Yearly Giving)



Duluth First United Methodist Church

# GROW ONE STEP each year until you're giving 10% to God

1. Find where you are on the chart (your income and your giving).
2. Move one block to the right to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you, in order to grow one step each year until you are tithing.

## Yearly Giving

Yearly Household Income	Lower Giving Range			Middle Giving Range			Upper Giving Range			Tithe	
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	
\$15,000	150.00	300.00	450.00	600.00	750.00	900.00	1,050.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	1,500.00	
\$20,000	200.00	400.00	600.00	800.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,400.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	
\$40,000	400.00	800.00	1,200.00	1,600.00	2,000.00	2,400.00	2,800.00	3,200.00	3,600.00	4,000.00	
\$60,000	600.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	2,400.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	4,200.00	4,800.00	5,400.00	6,000.00	
\$80,000	800.00	1,600.00	2,400.00	3,200.00	4,000.00	4,800.00	5,600.00	6,400.00	7,200.00	8,000.00	
\$100,000	1,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00	8,000.00	9,000.00	10,000.00	
\$120,000	1,200.00	2,400.00	3,600.00	4,800.00	6,000.00	7,200.00	8,400.00	9,600.00	10,800.00	12,000.00	
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\$500,000	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00	30,000.00	35,000.00	40,000.00	45,000.00	50,000.00	
\$800,000	8,000.00	16,000.00	24,000.00	32,000.00	40,000.00	48,000.00	56,000.00	64,000.00	72,000.00	80,000.00	
\$1,000,000	10,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00	70,000.00	80,000.00	90,000.00	100,000.00	

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