



March 8, 2026
11:00 AM

✠ Rise in body or in spirit.
The congregation speaks / sings the text in **bold type**.

GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *We Adore Thee* – Arr. Martha Mier

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Call to Worship

Come, let us worship God!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

We are the sheep of God’s pasture, and we follow where God leads us.

Come, let us open our hearts!

We receive God’s love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.

Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!



For information about the ministries, mission, and activities of Duluth First United Methodist Church, please visit 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 127 | *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* – CWM RHONDDA

✠ 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 | *If Ye Love Me* – Thomas Tallis

Chamber Chorale



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Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Ubi Caritas – Ola Gjelo*

Chamber Chorale

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est./*Where charity and love are, God is there.
*Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor./*Christ's love has gathered us into one.
*Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur./*Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
*Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum./*Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
*Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero./*And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

✠ 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.

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.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Hymn | *Give Me a Clean Heart* - DOUROUX

Refrain

Give me a clean* heart so I may serve thee.

Lord,** fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.

For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless - ings.

Give me a clean heart, Lord,** and I'll fol - low thee.

Fine

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:
Grace Saxelby
Caroline Atkinson

Audio/Visual Team:
James Lee
Frank Loose
Lee Castleberry

Usher Captains:
David Burseson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:
Susan Johnson

Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

✠ Hymn 298 | *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* – HAMBURG

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 to the glory of God in memory of Allan R. Jones
by Betty Jones, Katie & Emily

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The Sunday Supplement



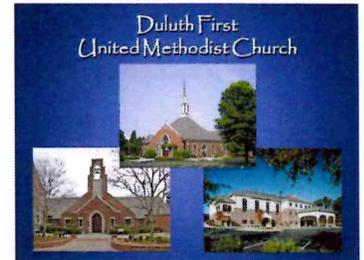
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Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

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

- Jack Brannon • Amy Burk • Lorraine Day • Ivy Doss' mother, Linda Dekle • Ann Fleming
- Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett • John Hammons • Glenda King • Jean Lowry
- Barbara Martin • Stephanie Minschwaner • Jessica Parrish's mother, Judy Lockerman
- Susan Paschal • Ethel Sales • Bill Swisher • Dale VanPelt • Christy Wolfe's father, Gus Dozier
- Youth Ministry students and adult leaders at the *Spiritual Life Retreat* Spring Retreat at the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center.

GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES?

You don't have to go through them alone.
Request a Stephen Minister to walk alongside you
to offer encouragement, care, and support.

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 or call
Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for March

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 March is:

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

OVER

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: March 11th



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 11th, is Chicken Parmesan, spaghetti noodles, Italian green beans, cauliflower, garlic bread, and dessert. For the kids – pizza.** 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 11th

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 11th we ask you to bring canned tuna fish.** 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.



Road Runners Visiting Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville: Tuesday, March 24th

The **Road Runners** invite you to join them as they re-launch on Tuesday, March 24th, 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. All registrations must be received by **Tuesday, March 10th**.



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 or call 770-497-1743.





Easter Egg Hunt for Children of All Ages: Saturday, March 28th

Children of all ages are invited to join a special Easter Egg Hunt event being held at the church on **Saturday, March 28th, 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 Our Easter Egg Hunt

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

Help Needed for Easter Lunch for Families in Need: Saturday, March 28th

On Saturday, March 28th, 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 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. Thank you for your support!

Care Packages for College Students

We are collecting gift card donations for our college students. As finals week is quickly approaching, we want to show our love and care for our college students by sending them gift cards to enjoy during their finals! If you would like to donate, please purchase any of these gift cards – Chick-fil-A (most requested by students) or Starbucks – with the amount of \$25 per card, and drop them off in Rev. Min Lee's office (Director of Youth Ministries), located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center by **Sunday, March 29th**.



If you have a college student (or if you are the college student) who is a member of Duluth First UMC, we ask you to scan the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet and fill out the contact information form and update the student's mailing address.



Also, if you would like to volunteer to help lead this meaningful ministry, please contact Rev. Min Lee by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org.

We appreciate your generosity!

Youth Ministry's Summer Mission Trip: June 10th - 14th

Our **Youth Ministry** is partnering with the **Gainesville Aid Project (GAP)** from Wednesday, June 10th, through Sunday, June 14th, to serve those in the Gainesville, Hall County area. Students and adult leaders will serve those needing home repairs, wheelchair ramps, lawn care help, etc., during the days and will participate in group activities, games, and worship in the evenings.

To register, please scan the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet. The cost is \$75 per student. **Please register by Sunday, March 29th.**

We are also looking for some adult volunteers to accompany us on this trip. Please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org if you would like more information or volunteer on this mission trip.



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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 10%
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	
\$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
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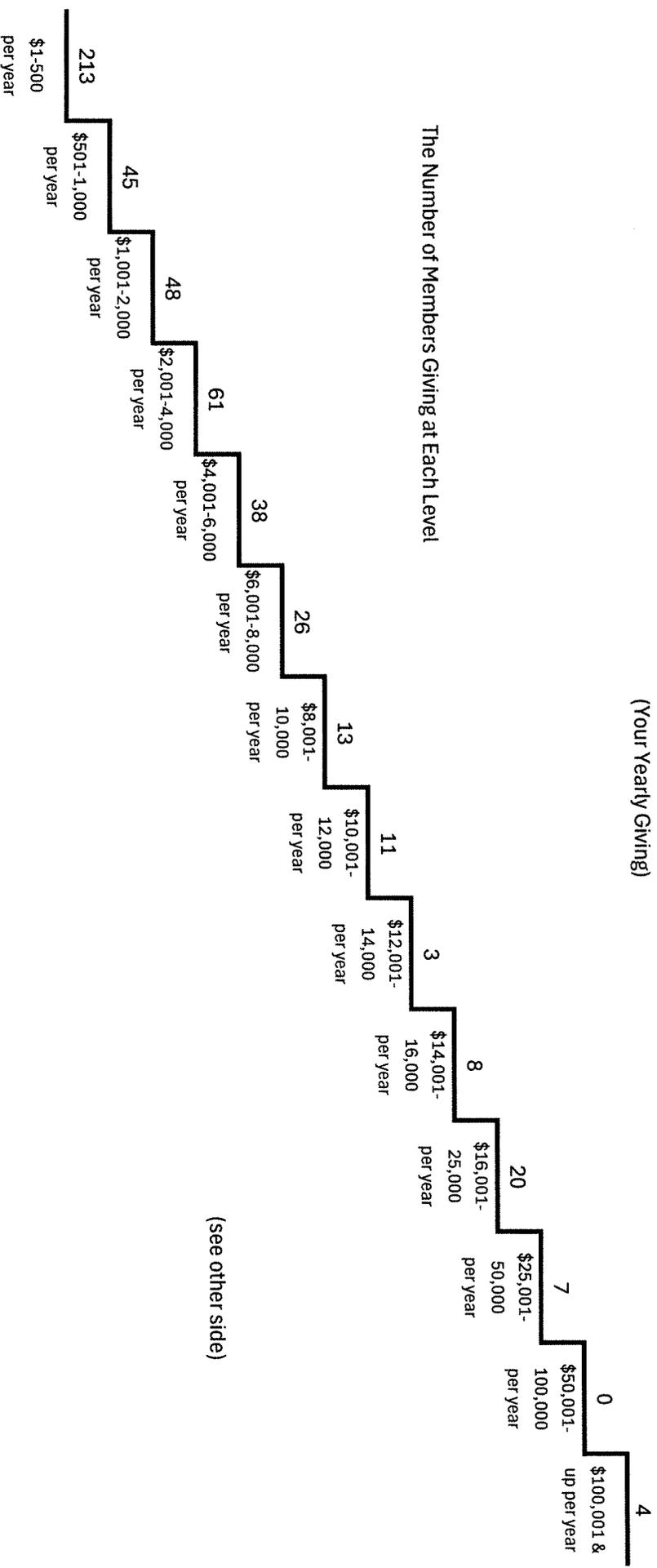
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Our Congregation's Giving Patterns
(includes ALL giving to the church)

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



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