



March 15, 2026
11:00 AM

✠ 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.



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *It is Well with My Soul* –Arr. Gary Lanier

Jan Batson, *Flutist*, Joseph Lee, *Clarinetist*, Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Call to Worship

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

The journey of grace calls us to pay attention,
to discern what is pleasing to God.

We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 145 | *Morning Has Broken* – BUNESSAN

✠ 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 | *Simple Gifts* – arr. Kevin McChesney

Hand Bell Ensemble
Johnathan Ancell, *Director*

Ministry Moment | *Vacation Bible School*

Sarah Klayman

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* – arr. Michael Kastner & Kevin McChesney
Hand Bell Ensemble

✠ 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.



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For online giving, go to duluthumc.org/online-giving, or scan the QR code.



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.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, *Associate Pastor*

✘ Hymn 378 | *Amazing Grace* – NEW BRITAIN

✘ Scripture | Lamentations 3:17-24

Rev. Terry Tippens, *Senior Pastor*

New Revised
Standard
Version,
Updated
Edition

My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is;
¹⁸ so I say, "Gone is my glory and all that I had hoped for from the Lord."
¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

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

Sermon | *...a Time to Scream*

Hymn 526 | *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - CONVERSE

Prayers of the People

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.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

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:

John Smith

Audio/Visual Team:

Joseph Lee

Lynn Ometer

Bryan Johnson

Usher Captains:

David Burleson

Charlie Doerlich

☒ Hymn 140 | *Great is Thy Faithfulness* – FAITHFULNESS

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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The Sunday Supplement



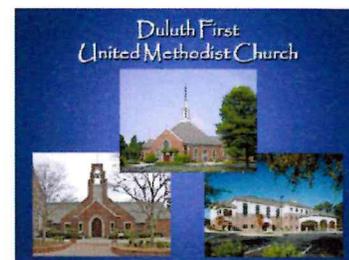
MARCH 15, 2026

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.

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 • David Cook • Karen Cook • Lorraine Day • Ivy Doss' mother, Linda Dekle
- Allison Eldridge • Ann Fleming • Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett • John Hammons • Glenda King
- Jean Lowry • Barbara Martin • Stephanie Minschwaner • Susan Paschal • Ethel Sales
- Jeff Schulz • 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.
- Jessica Parrish & family in the death of her mother.



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



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: March 18th



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 18th, is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, mushrooms, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – hamburgers 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.

New Food Opportunity on Sundays, March 15th and 22nd: Grab & Go Breakfast

Chef Kenny Lewis and Your Daily Bread Co. are offering a Grab & Go Breakfast as a new food opportunity on Sunday mornings, March 15th and 22nd, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Your Daily Bread Co. will offer fresh, hot, and ready-to-go choices of 3 different breakfast sandwiches, 3 different sides, and apple juice, orange juice, and bottled water. Popular combos will also be available. Prices range from \$1 to \$9. Cash and credit/debit card payments will be accepted.

Registration Begins Today for This Summer's Vacation Bible School at Duluth First UMC

Mark your calendars and save the date for "Rain Forest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God" Vacation Bible School. Registration is underway for the 2026 Vacation Bible School, being held Monday, June 22nd through Friday, June 26th, at Duluth First United Methodist Church. Vacation Bible School, held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is for kids going into pre-Kindergarten (age 4 as of September 1st) through rising 6th graders. The cost is \$30 per child with a maximum of \$70 per family. Each day participants will participate in Bible story time, sing songs, play games, make crafts, and eat snacks.

In addition to registering participants, we are also registering adult and youth volunteers. We especially need shepherds, who are adult volunteers in charge of a group of 6-10 kids. Shepherds do not need to prepare anything in advance. They lead their group to the various activities where other volunteers are in charge. If you would like to help but are only available one or two days that week, you can put your available dates on your registration. We often need substitute shepherds. Also, the Childcare Corner is available for the children of volunteers if you have a child who is not old enough to be a participant.

Everyone who registers by May 24th is guaranteed a VBS t-shirt and copy of the music. All Vacation Bible School participant registration forms, as well as volunteer forms, are available online at the church's website – duluthumc.org, by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet, or by going to vbspro.events/p/42cb8a.

For more information, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.



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 15th:** No *Sunday Night Gathering* this evening;
- **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.

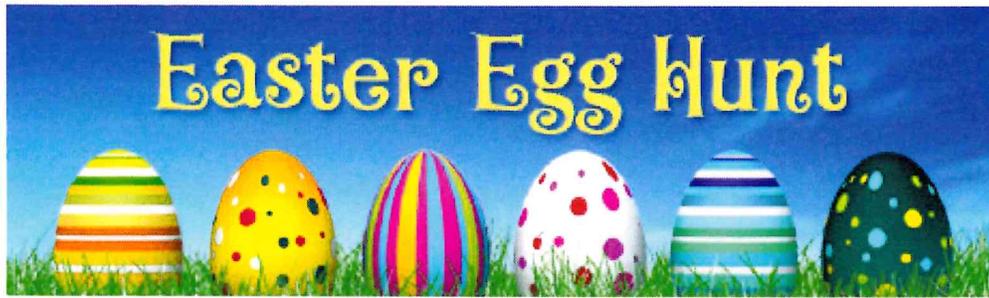


Wednesday Night Food Drive: March 18th

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 18th we ask you to bring cans of mixed vegetables.** 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.





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 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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Order Your Easter Lilies: Now Through Sunday, March 29th

The **Worship Committee** invites you to remember or honor a loved one with a lily on Easter. The lilies will be used to adorn the Sanctuary and Hinton Hall on Easter morning, Sunday, April 5th. **The cost per plant is \$20.** You may pick up your lily/lilies following the Easter services. Printed copies of the Easter Lily Remembrance/Honor listings will be available at all worship services on Easter morning.

All proceeds go to **Seeds of Hope**, whose funds are used to help meet the needs of God's people living in Duluth and Suwanee--often strangers, widows, orphans, homeless, those who are lost, and those who are without hope--who come to Duluth First United Methodist Church seeking assistance. **In 2025 the number of assistance requests through Seeds of Hope was much higher than in past years.** If you would like to contribute extra above/beyond the cost of your lily/lilies, we thank you for your additional support of **Seeds of Hope**.

You can place your order for lilies online with a credit/debit card payment. Anyone wishing to pay by credit/debit card must complete their order form online. For online lily/lilies orders, please go to the church's website - www.duluthumc.org - and then click on the **Easter Lilies** slide on the homepage. **NOTE: Please do not use any of the church's other online giving forms to place your Easter lily order.**

If you wish to pay by check or cash, please complete the order form below.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please display my lily/lilies in the: ____ Sanctuary ____ Hinton Hall.

(PLEASE CHECK ONE)

One "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" per form, one form per plant. Additional order forms are available at the Welcome Centers and online on the church's website - www.duluthumc.org - click on the **Easter Lilies** slide on the homepage. Please place your form/forms, along with a check made payable to **Duluth First United Methodist Church** and marked **Easter Lilies** in the memo section, in the Church Staff Drop Box located in the Atrium, or send to Duluth First United Methodist Church, Attn. Ken Willi, 3208 Duluth Hwy. 120, Duluth, GA 30096.

NOTE: All Easter lily orders must be received by Sunday, March 29th, at 5:00 p.m.