

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026
11:00 A.M.

✠ 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.



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. Please see an usher or greeter for assistance.



ENTRANCE

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles,
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary

John Chase, *Guest Organist*

✠ Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
Make known God's deeds among the peoples!
Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Declare all that God has done.
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord be joyful!

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

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

✠ 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 | *Bright and Beautiful* – arr. Mark Hayes

Brian Batson, *Vocalist*;
Jan Batson, *Pianist*



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Missions Moment | *Family Promise of Gwinnett*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *O Sing a Song Unto the Lord* – Naomi Walker Summer Choir;
Susan Johnson, *Pianist*

✠ Doxology 94 | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spi - rit, Ho-ly
Spi - rit! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

✠ Scripture | Psalm 105:1-6

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino

Common English Bible

¹ Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people! ² Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works! ³ Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord! ⁴ Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always! ⁵ Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared—⁶ you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *Sing, Praise, Rejoice!*

Hymn | *O God Beyond All Praising* – THAXTED



1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you to - day
 2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac-cept the love we bring,
 and sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;
 that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;
 for we can on-ly won-der at ev - ery gift you send,
 and whe-ther our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,
 at bless-ings with - out num-ber and mer-cies with - out
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you
 end: We lift our hearts be-fore you and wait upon your Word,
 still: To mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,
 we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
 and make a joy-ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

The Faith We Sing 2009

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MUSIC (THAXTED): Gustav Holst

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.

Those who wish to join the church today are invited to come forward as we sing the final hymn.

For questions regarding membership, contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles – arawles@duluthumc.org or 770.476.3776, x. 128.

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolyte & Cross Bearer:
Grace Saxelby
Sydney Downey

Audio/Visual Team:
Mark Wettlaufer
Lynne Ometter
Bryan Johnson

Usher Captains:
David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:
Duluth First UMC
Flower Guild Workshop

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

✠ Hymn 57 | *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (verses 1-4) – AZMON

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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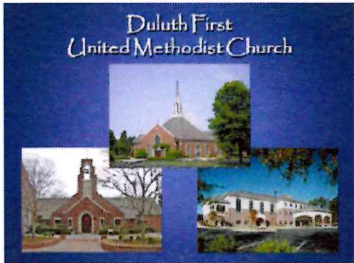
The Sunday Supplement



AUGUST 9, 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

- Lorraine Day • Ann Fleming
- Shamain Hallett • Tim Heard • Tom Martin
- Dottie Moor • Bette Pickin • Marilyn Scheiwe
- Donald Southerland • Sharon Swisher
- Bob & Jenny Masterson & family in the death of Bob's brother.
- The family of Jeff Schulz in his death.



STRUGGLING AND FEELING ALONE? Request the support and Christ-centered care of a Stephen Minister.

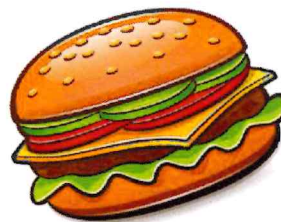
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and care of a Stephen Minister,
contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail
at ckfuino@duluthumc.org.*



"Burgers & Bingo" Special Wednesday Night Dinner Event: August 12th

All are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 12th, for a special back-to-school "Burgers & Bingo" Wednesday Night Dinner event from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, located on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. **The menu includes hamburgers, French fries, cole slaw, baked beans, and dessert. For the kids – the same.** Bingo will begin at 5:45 p.m. and will be played during the dinner time with prizes for our winners!

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 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.



Burgers & Bingo

Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings

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.

The **Sunday Night Gathering** schedule for August is:

- **Sunday, August 9th:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 16th:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 23rd:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 30th:** Joint Youth Group with other churches at Johns Creek UMC from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Please drop off and pick up students at Johns Creek UMC (11180 Medlock Bridge Road, Johns Creek).

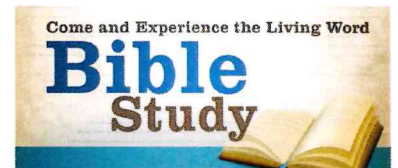
If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



Men's Small Group Evening Bible Study Forming Soon

Have you wanted to be part of a men's small group Bible study but are not available to participate during the day? We are looking for several men willing to lead a men's evening Bible study group, as well as folks who are interested in attending.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org.

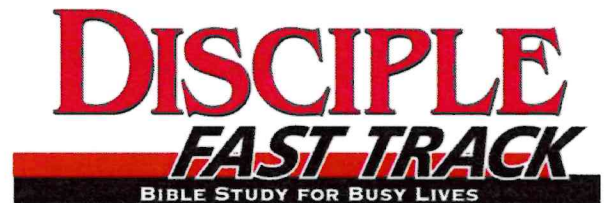


Disciple Fast Track Bible Study Begins Wednesday, August 19th:

Please Register by Monday, August 10th

Join us on Wednesday evenings, beginning August 19th, for 12 weeks of studying the Old Testament with **Disciple Fast Track**, an overview of the books of the Bible in a shortened study. Have you wanted to learn more about the substance of the Bible but could not commit to a long-term study with lots of reading during the week? Does thirty-four weeks of study seem like an eternity? Your body just cannot sit through a 2 ½ hour class no matter how good it is? Then **Disciple Fast Track** is just what you are looking for to learn about what it means to be a disciple by learning the biblical narratives of our faith.

This new format for **Disciple Bible Study** is perfect for busy people. It uses much of the content of the original **Disciple Bible Study**, a small group study that has made a difference in thousands of lives since 1987. The class time and study time have been adjusted to fit our busy lives today. We are scheduling the sessions to fit a time when your youth are also involved in their activities and childcare is available for younger children.



The cost is \$20 per person for the study book. You will also need a study Bible. The class will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. (classroom to be determined). **A minimum number of people must be registered in order for the class to occur.** Please sign up by Monday, August 10th, by e-mailing Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, at arawles@duluthumc.org.

Senior Adult Coffee Hour: Wednesday, August 12th

Senior adults are invited to join us once a month this summer for a time of coffee, conversations, and fellowship. Bring a game, something you want to discuss, or just show up to enjoy time together!

We will meet on Wednesday, August 12th, at 9:30 a.m. in the cul-da-sac area outside of the offices on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

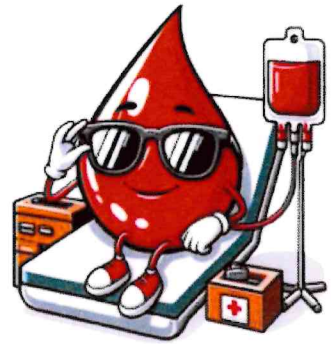


Blood Drive at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, August 12th

The need for blood doesn't take a summer break! **Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.** The American Red Cross is declaring an emergency blood shortage as blood donations have fallen to a four-year summer low, worsening this summer's emergency shortage. Donors are asked to take action immediately to help save lives.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC on **Wednesday, August 12th**, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. **To schedule an appointment:**

- Visit **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**, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, be a "walk-in" on Blood Drive Day.



Did you know you get a free health screening when you give blood? They check your blood pressure, pulse, and hemoglobin (the iron-rich protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen from your lungs to your body and brings carbon dioxide back). **Don't wait - schedule your appointment today!** Don't be afraid to save someone's life! Donate your important blood type in August and get \$20 in Amazon Gift Cards by e-mail.

"Simply Something" Classes Resume on Tuesday, August 18th

Our **Simply Something** classes are simply moving on to new things this year. In August we will begin to study the book of Ruth. Ruth is one of only two books in the Bible named after a woman, a woman named in the lineage of Jesus Christ. This short but important book has some interesting themes of honor, love, and commitment. If you want to know more, then **Simply Something** is just the place to be. Join Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino for **Simply Something** on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., **beginning on August 18th**, in room F147, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.



Please bring your Bible and handouts will be provided. Come with your coffee, tea or water, and your open mind to learn from each other. Childcare in **Childcare Corner** will be available. For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at **ckfuino@duluthumc.org** or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117.

Missions Opportunities for Kids: Beginning Wednesday, August 19th

A missions opportunity for kids ages Kindergarten through 5th grade will be available from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning August 19th. Kids will meet in the **Childcare Corner** area in room B111 to work on mission projects.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved in this ministry for children, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at **lyokeley@duluthumc.org**, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.

Children's Music Program (Ages Kindergarten - 2nd Grade) Begins Wednesday, August 19th

Our Music and Worship Arts Director, Verena Lucía Anders, will be leading a Children's Music program for children, ages Kindergarten through 2nd grade, on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 6:30 p.m. During this time children will sing, play instruments and learn fun songs that can be sung in worship.

A minimum of 8 registered children is required as well as a commitment of regular attendance. Please email Verena at **vanders@duluthumc.org** to register your child.

Join the Fun with DuluthKids: Beginning Wednesday, August 19th

DuluthKids is a fun opportunity on Wednesday nights for kids, ages Kindergarten through 5th grade, to gather together for fellowship and Bible study. Programming is age-appropriate with curriculum designed for the kids. **DuluthKids** will meet on Wednesday evenings, beginning August 19th, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in rooms C-122 (Kindergarten - 2nd) and C-121 (3rd - 5th).

If you have any questions or would like to be involved in this ministry for children, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at **lyokeley@duluthumc.org**, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.

Book Bunch Story Time: Begins Wednesday, August 19th

Book Bunch, a story time for kids ages three and four-years old, will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m., beginning on August 19th, in the Louise McDaniel Memorial Library, located on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Kids will hear a story being read from a guest reader and they will have an opportunity to check out a book from the library.

If you would like to be a volunteer **Book Bunch** reader, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.

Wednesday Night Dinner Teams Are Looking for Volunteers

The **Wednesday Night Dinner** teams are looking for volunteers - our **Dinner Belles and Beaus** - to help. No special experience or skill is necessary – just a willingness to serve, make some new friends, and have fun! **Each team volunteers only once a month and on the night that you volunteer you get a free meal!** We hope you will consider joining us for some good food and good fellowship.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tracy Brinker, Receptionist, by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112. We hope you will consider volunteering.



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