

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 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.



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Duluth First UMC.

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duluthumc.org/
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QR code with your
mobile device.



ENTRANCE

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles,
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Habanera* from *Carmen* - Georges Bizet

Will Maron, *Bassist*; Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

✠ Call to Worship

Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

Delight in God's goodness!

Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

Lord, we thank you for these gifts!

Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. Amen!

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

Ministry Moment | *Ministry of Care*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace* – Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir; Susan Johnson, *Pianist*



WORD & RESPONSE

Hymn | Where Children Belong - RITCHIE



Children's Message

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles

New Revised Standard
 Version Bible
 Updated Edition

✠ Scripture | Matthew 20:1-16

Rev. Terry Tippens,
Senior Pastor

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the

same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

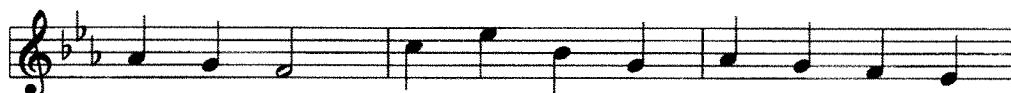
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *How Do You Feel about God's Generosity to Others?*

Hymn | *The Servant Song*



1., 6. Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er
 3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll
 5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
 on this road. We are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

WORDS: Richard Gillard (Matt. 20:26)

MUSIC: Richard Gillard

THE SERVANT SONG

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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:
Evelyn Williams
Madelyn Williams

Audio/Visual Team:
Mark Wettlaufer
Frank Loose
Bryan Johnson

Usher Captains:
David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:
Pam Logan

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

✠ Hymn 66 | *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* – LAUDA ANIMA

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 loving memory of her husband, Bernard Robertson,
by Sharon Robertson.

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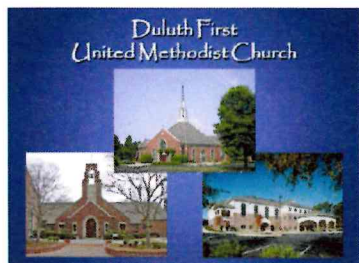
The Sunday Supplement



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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

- Jean Adkins • Marty Bush • Lawrence Gibbs • Shamain Hallett
- Judy Lutz • Bette Pickin • AnnaKate Rawles • Polly Sanders • Marilyn Scheiwe
- Lee Castleberry & family in the death of his father.
- Bobbie Heard & family in the death of her husband, Tim.
- David & Sabrina Heard & family in the death of David's father, Tim.
- Shiquita Ward's son Justin Jordan & family in the death of Justin's grandfather.



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.*



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: September 2nd

Join us for a time of food and fellowship around the table with family and friends at our Wednesday Night Dinners from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, located on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Chef Kenny Lewis, our Food Ministry Manager, along with our very talented and dedicated Dinner Belles and Beaus volunteers, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices.

The menu for September 2nd is oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Southern green beans, fried okra, biscuits, and dessert. For the kids – the same.

Dinners are served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, 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 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. Please note - menus are subject to change. Please visit the church's website - duluthumc.org - to view upcoming menus.



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 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.



Wednesday Night Food Drives

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.

Items needed during the month of September are:

- September 2nd: peanut butter and jelly;
- September 9th: canned peas;
- September 16th: cans of diced tomatoes;
- September 23rd: tuna fish;
- September 30th: cans of mixed veggies.



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!

Youth Confirmation Class Begins Sunday, September 13th

We're so excited to announce that our **Youth Confirmation Class** will begin on Sunday, September 13th, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in room F152, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center! It's going to be a great year of learning and growth as we dive into the basics of our Christian faith and The United Methodist Church through confirmation classes on Sunday mornings.

Our students will also have the opportunity to attend a confirmation retreat from Friday, January 29th, through Sunday, January 31st, at the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center, joining many students from other churches across our conference. Our students will also put their faith into action by participating in a service project.

Church, we invite you to keep our confirmands and their families in your prayers as they embark on this exciting journey together. Also, if you would like to be part of this exciting journey by supporting our students and their families, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, for more information by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org.

Church-wide Cookout on Sunday, September 13th

We are holding a church-wide cookout on Sunday, September 13th, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in front of the church under the trees. Invite your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family as there will be something for everyone - hamburgers, hot dogs, inflatables, a DJ, and a lot of fun and fellowship! What a wonderful opportunity to invite our community to join us for a fun and fellowship-filled event at our church!

Please scan the QR code located below with your smart phone or tablet to sign up to bring/donate food items, to volunteer to grill, or to volunteer at one of the inflatables. Thank you for helping to make our church-wide cookout a great community-wide event!



..and YOU'RE INVITED!



Senior Adult Coffee Hour: Wednesday, September 9th

Senior adults are invited to join us once a month 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, September 9th, 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. Coffee is provided by Break Coffee Roasters. 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!



Women Studying Together to Study "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23"

Beginning on Thursday, September 17th

Our Thursday morning **Women Studying Together** group will begin a new study on September 17th, continuing through November 19th. We will use a classic Christian book, **A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23: Discovering God's Love for You** by W. Phillip Keller, along with our Bibles for reference. Author W. Phillip Keller grew up in Africa, the son of missionary parents. He worked in agriculture, owned and worked with sheep, which gave him special insight into the details of Psalm 23. He thoroughly explored the relationship between the sheep and shepherd, giving us reassurance that we are in the care of the Good Shepherd.

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23: Discovering God's Love for You is available from many new and used bookstores and online as well. The price for new copy is about \$5. There have been many reprints of this book, so do not be concerned over the particular edition you purchase.

Women Studying Together meets from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Class discussion will be led by Jenny Masterson. As we study, we ask questions, search for answers, share our stories, laugh and pray together. All women are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny by e-mail at jennybobm@comcast.net.

Road Runners Apple Picking Trip in Ellijay: Monday, September 21st

The **Road Runners** invite you to join them on Monday, September 21st, as they travel to Ellijay for some apple picking, mountain views, and a hayride. The group will leave the church's front parking lot at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$40 per person and includes apple picking, a hayride, 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 contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org. All registrations must be received by Tuesday, September 8th.



Register Now for the Youth Fall Retreat: November 6th - 8th

We are excited to participate in **The Rooted Retreat** (North Georgia UMC Conference Retreat) hosted by the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center, from Friday, November 6th through Sunday, November 8th, for our youth fall retreat! It will be an incredible weekend with powerful worship experiences, dedicated youth group time, fun activities, and food and lodging at Glisson Camp and Retreat Center. We are looking forward to a meaningful and fun fall retreat together.

Information for the Rooted Fall Retreat is:

- **Dates:** Friday, November 6th - Sunday, November 8th.
- **Location:** Glisson Camp and Retreat Center (690 Camp Glisson Rd., Dahlgonega, GA 30533).
- **Cost: \$195 per student** (You can pay in cash, check, or online). We want every student to be able to attend—scholarships are available if needed.
- **Registration Deadline:** Sunday, October 11th.
- **Camp Glisson Website:** <https://glisson.org>.



To register, please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org.

Ushers Needed for Traditional Worship Services

"I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." Psalm 84:10

Ushers are often the "first representatives" of Christ and the congregation that people encounter. The wonderful ushers at Duluth First UMC:

- Welcome visitors and members with a warm smile and helpful spirit.
- Guide people to seating and assist with special needs.
- Help collect tithes and offerings.
- Ensure smooth flow during communion.
- Handle minor needs so the congregation can focus on worship.

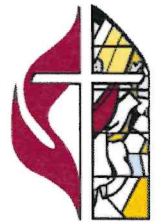
A friendly smile or kind word can make a big difference and might even be the most personal ministry someone receives that day. Ushering provides opportunities to connect with the church family on a one-on-one basis, greeting members, welcoming visitors, helping families, and assisting during communion and offering. People usually become ushers because they feel called to serve humbly, love others practically, and play a supportive role in something eternally significant.

Ushers are needed for the 8:30 and 11:00 Traditional Worship services. Training is provided, and you typically serve one service each month. You will need to arrive twenty minutes prior to the service you serve at.

If you have a servant's heart, enjoy meeting people, and want to make a practical difference in worship each week, this could be your calling. No experience necessary, just a willing heart! Please contact either David Burleson by e-mail at davidbburleson@gmail.com or Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com with questions or interest.



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