

**FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
8:30 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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Vicki McLemore, *Liturgist*

✠ Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We are here to worship with all that we are.

✠ Hymn 68 | *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* (verses 1 & 2) – ENGELBERG

WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise God in his mighty firmament!

Praise God for his mighty deeds;

praise God for his exceeding greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound;

praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with sounding cymbals;

praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Sermon | *Praise the Lord!*

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles,
Associate Pastor

✠ Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore let us confess our sin.

Holy One, help us be still and know that you are God. Too often we move at such a hectic pace that we neglect our relationship with you. Our lives become full of distractions that are nothing but shifting sand. Restore and strengthen us, O God, to rebuild our lives on the foundation of your Word, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Friends, hear the promise of our faith: God hears us when we cry for help and shows us steadfast love. Therefore let your hearts take courage, for God is faithful to us and has redeemed us.



Your giving is the sole support of the ministries of Duluth First UMC.

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



✠ Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *"Amazing Grace" Offering for Wellroot Family Services*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Hymn 333 | *I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* – I'M GOIN' A SING

✠ Doxology | *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow* – OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

✠ 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
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Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

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

✠ Hymn 103 | *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* – ST. DENIO

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

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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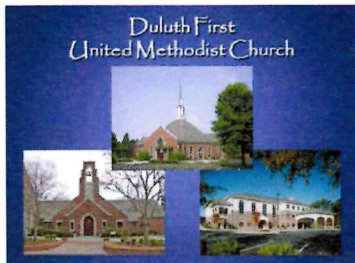
The Sunday Supplement



SEPTEMBER 6, 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

- Jean Adkins • Marty Bush • Ann Fleming • Lawrence Gibbs
- Shamain Hallett • Judy Lutz • Polly Sanders • Marilyn Scheiwe



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.



Today's Communion Offering: 2026 "Amazing Grace" Offering for Wellroot Family Services

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward today's communion offering for the **2026 "Amazing Grace" Offering for Wellroot Family Services**. Wellroot Family Services, the leading faith-centered family services organization in Georgia, nurtures the feeling of home for Georgia's most vulnerable children. When you give to Wellroot Family Services, 100% of your gift provides children and families the power to realize their God-given potential. Give a gift that nourishes the soul and helps create a safe, loving home. For more information about Wellroot Family Services, please visit their website at wellroot.org.



The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.

Senior Adult Coffee Hour: Wednesday, September 16th

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 16th, 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!



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 September is:

- **Sunday, September 6th: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, September 13th: Church-wide Cookout** at 5:00 p.m. under the trees in front of the church;
- **Sunday, September 20th: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, September 27th: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank").



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 Dinner in Hinton Hall: September 9th

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 9th is smothered pork chops, rice, collards, candied carrots, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – hot dogs and French fries.

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.

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 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!

Service and Mission Opportunity at Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op:

Saturday, September 19th

If you're looking for an opportunity to serve your community, we will be having a workday at **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op** on Saturday, September 19th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We will be assisting the **Duluth Co-op**, located at 3649 Rogers Bridge Road in Duluth, in sorting, stocking, and organizing donations as well as cleaning the facility.

If you would like to join us on this day, please scan the QR code to sign up. This opportunity is open to all ages. Children must be accompanied by a parent.



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

Sign Up by Tuesday, September 8th

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.

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!



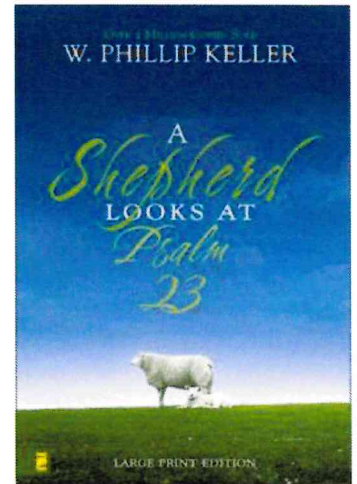
Women Studying Together to Study "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23"

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.



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