

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2026  
8:30 A.M.

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



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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.



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

### ENTRANCE

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

Welcome & Announcements

Terrie Adkins, *Liturgist*

✠ Call to Worship

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across the globe, in grand cathedrals and quiet house churches, we gather.

**God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status, and every nation, we are bound together in the Spirit.

**As God's people we seek to increase our faith, to offer peace to a shattered world, to feast together at one table of love, for we are one body in Christ. Amen.**

✠ Hymn 400 | *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* – NETTLETON

# WORD & RESPONSE

Common English  
Bible

✠ Scripture | Matthew 6:25-34

Amy Burk

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore, I say to you, don’t worry about your life, what you’ll eat or what you’ll drink, or about your body, what you’ll wear. Isn’t life more than food and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds in the sky. They don’t sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you worth much more than they are? <sup>27</sup> Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don’t wear themselves out with work, and they don’t spin cloth. <sup>29</sup> But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn’t dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it’s alive today and tomorrow it’s thrown into the furnace, won’t God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore, don’t worry and say, ‘What are we going to eat?’ or ‘What are we going to drink?’ or ‘What are we going to wear?’ <sup>32</sup> Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> Instead, desire first and foremost God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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

Sermon | *Living in Two Places*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino,  
*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.

✠ Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Aldersgate Homes*

## Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory

Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*



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

For online giving, go to [duluthumc.org/](http://duluthumc.org/) online-giving, or scan the QR code with your mobile device.



✠ 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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or 770.476.3776, x. 128.

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 548 | *In Christ There Is No East or West* – McKEE

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

*Audio/Visual Team:*

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Johnathan Ancell

*Usher Captains:*

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# The Sunday Supplement



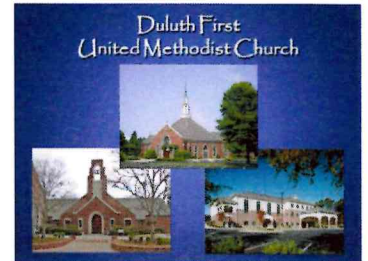
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## Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

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](http://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](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



## Prayer Concerns

- Jean Adkins • Marty Bush • Ann Fleming
- Lawrence Gibbs • Shamain Hallett • Linton Jones
- Judy Lutz • tia Lynn • Marilyn Scheiwe
- Jim Waid • Christy Wolfe



## **OVERWHELMED AND STRUGGLING?**

There's Stephen Ministry.

Request a Stephen Minister to help you  
find hope and healing.

For more information or to request the support  
and care of a Stephen Minister,  
contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail  
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## **This Morning's Communion Offering: Aldersgate Homes**

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward this morning's communion offering for **Aldersgate Homes**.



**Aldersgate Homes**, a related agency of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, is an organization in North Georgia dedicated to serving the disabilities community through advocacy, learning opportunities, retreats and recreation. Through their many ministries, they work with churches and individuals to help support those with disabilities and to create a community where people of all abilities are welcome. **Aldersgate** also operates **Camp Collinswood**, a universally accessible recreational and retreat facility on beautiful

Lake Oconee, which accommodates persons of all abilities. For additional information, please visit their website at [www.aldersgatehomes.org](http://www.aldersgatehomes.org).

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



### **Missions Ministry Fundraiser - Cinnamon Rolls: Today!**

The **Missions Ministry** is having a delicious fundraiser **today from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in The Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. We invite you to come help support Duluth First UMC in being the hands and feet of Christ in our community by stopping and enjoying some hot, delicious cinnamon rolls.

**Cinnamon rolls will be \$5 each, and donations are always accepted.** All proceeds will go toward supporting our local mission efforts which our general giving goes towards in the Duluth/Gwinnett County areas, such as the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op, the Duluth Care Team, Rainbow Village, Family Promise, and others. **Thank you for your support!**



### **"Blessing of the Animals" Service: This Afternoon!**

Bring your pets for our **"Blessing of the Animals"** service this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. on the Fellowship Terrace, located in front of the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. We will gather for a short service and offer a blessing for each animal individually. All friendly leashed, crated, or contained animals are welcome! Your pet not interested in being with other animals? Bring a photo or a special toy to have blessed!

In case of rain the service will be held under the rear portico entrance of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org) with any questions.



### **Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings**

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 October is:

- **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:** Packing Thanksgiving boxes for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>:** **Trunk or Treat** from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the front of the church.



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

### **Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: October 7<sup>th</sup>**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 October 7<sup>th</sup> is **Chicken Parmesan, spaghetti noodles, Italian green beans, roasted zucchini and squash, garlic bread, and dessert. For the kids - spaghetti and meat sauce.** 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](http://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 October are:

- October 7<sup>th</sup>: peanut butter and jelly;
- October 14<sup>th</sup>: boxes of spaghetti and pasta;
- October 21<sup>st</sup>: canned fruit;
- October 28<sup>th</sup>: canned peas.



Please leave your donated food items on the **Food Drive** table 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!

## **Youth Fall Retreat is November 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>; Register by Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

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 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>;
- **Location:** Glisson Camp and Retreat Center (690 Camp Glisson Rd., Dahlonega, 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 11<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Camp Glisson Website:** <https://glisson.org>.



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

## **Library Book Club to Discuss “The Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhon”: Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145 (located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center) to discuss the month's book choice, **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawhon.

**The Frozen River** is a gripping historical mystery based on the real-life diary entries of Martha Ballard, an 18th-century midwife who found herself at the center of a murder trial. Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit community.

Clever, layered, and subversive, Ariel Lawhon's newest offering introduces an unsung heroine who refused to accept anything less than justice at a time when women were considered best seen and not heard. **The Frozen River** is a thrilling, tense, and tender story about a remarkable woman who left an unparalleled legacy yet remains nearly forgotten to this day.

## **Join Us for Our Annual Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Bring your friends and family to our **Trunk or Treat** event on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in front of the church. Come in costume, park your car, and pop the trunk! Volunteers are needed to host a trunk at **Trunk or Treat** as we welcome our community to Duluth First UMC for an afternoon of fun. We hope to have at least 35 trunks and YOU can be one! Decorate and/or have a game at your trunk for the opportunity to win the soon to be coveted Golden Pumpkin prize! **Set-up time begins at 3:30 p.m. and trick-or-treating begins at 4:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, refill candy, run carnival games, and clean up. You sign can sign up to reserve a trunk space and/or to volunteer by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet.

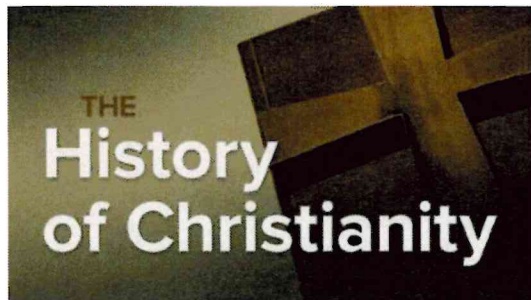
Candy donations (bags of individually wrapped candies) are needed for **Trunk or Treat**. Drop off any candy starting Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, in the **Trunk or Treat** bins located around the church. You can help us be sure we have enough to share with our community!

Please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org) or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128, with any questions.



## **"The History of Christianity" Class Begins October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

A new adult class, **The History of Christianity from the Reign of Theodosius to the Dawn of the Reformation**, will be held on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning October 20<sup>th</sup>, and October 21<sup>st</sup>. You are invited to attend whichever day



works best for your schedule. The class will last 22 weeks, concluding near the end of March. Each class session will last 1.5 hours and will include a 30-minute lecture by Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor Emeritus at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, followed by one hour of discussion.

Some of the lectures include Expansion Beyond the Roman Empire, the Rise of Islam, the East-West Split, The Crusades, the Great Plague, and many others. Participants will encounter a thorough grounding in the development of Christianity for its first 1,500 years.

The Tuesday morning class will begin at 10 a.m. in room F153 and the Wednesday evening class will begin at 5:45 p.m. in room F145. Both rooms are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Pete Fleming, our church historian, will lead the class. No books are required, although Pete will introduce a comprehensive bibliography throughout the series, and he will also provide articles from various authors on related subjects from time to time.

People wishing to participate in the **The History of Christianity** class should contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org), or Pete Fleming by e-mail at [lfleming3832@att.net](mailto:lfleming3832@att.net).



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