



Welcome to Atlanta First UMC!

This community of faith believes in radically welcoming all people! Whether you are young or old; light, medium, or dark skinned; living with a disability or able-bodied; have it all together or have nothing together; are poor in resources or have plenty; are LGBTQ+ or identify as straight – whoever you are and however you come, we believe that you were created in the beautiful image of God. **You are welcome and loved!**

Atlanta First exists to *worship* God, *serve* people, *grow* together and *engage* the city of Atlanta and beyond. We're on a mission to transform our community for Christ and you are invited to join the movement!

Please feel free to *worship* in a way that makes you feel most comfortable. Do not be surprised by the sounds of babies and children; crying and shouting; singing and making joyful noises. Some will *worship* quietly; some will *worship* in more expressive ways. Just as all people are welcome, all *worship* styles are welcome too. **Let us praise God!**

 [Click here to worship on Facebook!](#)

 [Click here to worship on YouTube!](#)

The Order of *worship* for April 12, 2026 - The Second Sunday of Easter

We Gather

"He Is Lord" (lyrics displayed on-screen, please sing along!)

Ringing of the Bell

Our bell, circa 1850, is rung every Sunday morning to signify the start of worship.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Laverne Jenkins, *worship* Team Lead

atlantafirstumc.org/connect - Fill out an online *connect & engage* card to let us know you were here.

atlantafirstumc.org/today - See the ways to *worship, serve, grow* and *engage* at Atlanta First UMC!

* We Worship Through Song

United Methodist Hymnal 310 - "He Lives"

* We Believe

An Easter Affirmation of Faith

* We Praise

United Methodist Hymnal 94 - Doxology, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Our Children in Worship

Rev. Jasmine R. Smothers, Lead Pastor (pastor@atlantafirstumc.org)

We Worship Through Song

"Mighty to Save" - Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan; Arr. by Jay Rouse

The Atlanta First UMC Chancel Choir

Rowena Dennard, Director of Worship & Music (dennard@atlantafirstumc.org)

We Pray

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

We Worship Through Giving and Song

Please see the back page for details about how you may give back to God through Atlanta First UMC.

"You Reign" - Miah White and William Murphy

Scripture Lesson and Sermon

Psalm 16 (New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition)

"Resurrection Begins"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* We Go Forth to Serve

Benediction and Closing Song: "Let the Church Say Amen" - Andraé Crouch

Postlude

"My Heart Ever Faithful" - J. S. Bach; Arr. by Lani Smith

* Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

worship Together

Easter *worship* Series: *Holding It All - Finding Faith, Balance, and Courage Through the Psalms*



Life rarely gives us just one emotion at a time. Joy and sorrow. Faith and doubt. Gratitude and grief. Peace and anxiety. Praise and lament. Confidence and uncertainty. We find ourselves holding it all—sometimes all at once.

The Psalms meet us right there.

This Easter season, we step into a 50-day journey from resurrection to renewal, from Easter to Pentecost, discovering how the Psalms give us language for every part of the human experience. These ancient prayers don't ask us to choose between fear and joy—they teach us how to bring both before God honestly.

Together, as a community, we will be reading through the Psalms during the Easter season—praying them, wrestling with them, and allowing them to shape our lives. Along the way, we'll discover how God meets us in every season of the soul: in celebration and in struggle, in confidence and in uncertainty. Because resurrection life isn't about pretending everything is perfect. It's about learning to trust God in the midst of everything.

Join us as we learn to hold it all—with faith, with balance, and with courage—and discover that God is present in every word, every emotion, and every moment.

serve Together



Friends at the Front Door

Be the hands and feet of Christ in the city!
 Serve our under-housed neighbors by handing our water, food, and clothing, and by sharing in a time of compassionate fellowship and prayer.
 First Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m. to 1 pm.






You can *serve* those affected by disasters at home and around the world through a donation to UMCOR! atlantafirstumc.org/give

grow Together



Sunday grow Group
 Easter Season Study:
Holding It All
 Sundays at 9 a.m.,
 In-Person and Online
 Register at:
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Sunday



Tuesday grow Group
The Moral Teachings of Jesus
 Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
 Online via ZOOM
 Register at:
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Tuesday



Wednesday grow Group
Sacred Playlist
 Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
 Online via ZOOM
 Register at:
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Wednesday



Thursday grow Group
Acts - Catching Up with the Spirit
 Thursdays at 11 a.m.
 In-Person and Online
 Beginning April 16
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Thursday



The Atlanta First book Club
 Our book for April-May:
Theo of Golden
 by Allen Levi
 Monday, May 18 at
 7 p.m., Online via ZOOM
 Register at:
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Book

engage Together





Join Rev. Jasmine Smothers on the
Paul's Journey Cruise
September 25 - October 6, 2026
 9 Nights Aboard Celebrity Infinity • Round Trip from Piraeus, Greece



You are invited to join the church weekly on Mondays at 12 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Eastern Time for times of intentional prayer together. A church that prays together is a strong, fortified, and faithful congregation that can endure anything! If you have any prayer concerns or praises, you may send them to prayer@atlantafirstumc.org.

Monday Noon Prayer ZOOM Link: tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Monday-Prayer

Tuesday Intentional Prayer ZOOM Link: tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Prayer

— Prayer List for the Week of April 12, 2026 —

Please share your prayer needs with us at prayer@atlantafirstumc.org or on the prayer cards located at the Sanctuary entrances.

Church Family

Pastor Jasmine & Family

Atlanta First

Atlanta First Staff

Atlanta First's Affordable Housing Development Initiative

Atlanta First Shut-Ins

Adams-Williams Family

Mattie Brock

Chris Hinton-Lee

Bonnie Lane

Suzie and Aaron Moody

Rev. Ed and Ann Nelson

Steve Pearson

Wayne Pierce

Ruth Richardson

Bruce Shields

Bill Sims

Dallas Terrell

Dorothy-Ann Turnipseed

Extended Church Family and Friends

Friends at the Front Door

Healing for our Nation

99 mass shootings in the USA during 2026 as of April 8

Parents and Grandparents

All School Staff & Students

Israel, Palestine, Syria and Iran

Venezuela

Ukraine and Russia

Sudan and Congo

India and Pakistan

Victims of natural disasters around the world

Christian persecution and killings in Nigeria and Syria

All who are affected by COVID-19

Our Neighbors at the Imperial Hotel

Kamari Besteder

Granddaughter of Rosa Freeman

Dr. Julie Boone

District Superintendent

Mary Francis and Gordon Cooper

Cousins of Lisa Peterson

Bishop Robin Dease

Resident Bishop

Dallies Edwards

Nephew of Sylean Harris

Doris Sims Jones

Sister of Bill Sims

Robert Jones

Our former security guard

Sierra Nicely

Daughter of Ruby Lawrence

Elizabeth Satterwhite

Rev. Jack Scott

Friend of Mary Jackson

Mitsi Smith

Mother of Nick Smith

Ethel Tigner

Mother of Bill Sims

Dr. Anne and Dr. Ed Wimberly

Active Duty Military & First Responders

MSgt. Logan Cathcart

MSgt. Scott Cathcart

All deployed active-duty military and their families.

Happy Birthday!

Tuesday, April 14

Bill Sims

Friday, April 17

Cornelia Witte

worship, serve, grow & engage

at Atlanta First:

Sunday, April 12

9 a.m. Sunday grow Group
10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online

Monday, April 13

7 p.m. Monday Noon prayer

Tuesday, April 14

6 p.m. Intentional prayer
7 p.m. Tuesday grow Group

Wednesday, April 15

11 a.m. Church Staff Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday grow Group

Thursday, April 16

11 a.m. Thursday grow Group

Sunday, April 19

9 a.m. Sunday grow Group
10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online

Monday, April 20

7 p.m. Monday Noon prayer

Tuesday, April 21

6 p.m. Intentional prayer
7 p.m. Tuesday grow Group

Wednesday, April 22

7 p.m. Wednesday grow Group

Thursday, April 23

11 a.m. Thursday grow Group

Sunday, April 26

9 a.m. Sunday grow Group
10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online

— Save the Date —

Monday, May 18

Book Club

Church Office Hours:

Sunday: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Monday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Virtual)
Tuesday - Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ATLANTA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Giving Back to God Through Atlanta First UMC

We are a church that makes a difference and gives ourselves away. We do not have to do this. We get to do this! We get to do this because of people like you who generously invest financially in this incredible mission. We want to thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Atlanta First!

Your giving directly changes lives of those in this city whom God has entrusted to our care. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can make a huge difference! Please scan the QR code to the right or visit our website at atlantafirstumc.org/give.

You can give through CashApp, at [\\$AtlantaFirstUMC](https://cash.app/$AtlantaFirstUMC), or scan the CashApp code to the right.

You can Text-to-Give by sending a text message to [833-675-0154](tel:833-675-0154), with your message being the amount you wish to give. For instance, to give \$20, text 20. You will be redirected to a secure website to complete your gift.



Scan to give securely online



Scan to give via CashApp



UMCOR
United Methodist Committee On Relief

Be the hands and feet of Christ for those in need through a gift to the **United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR**. UMCOR provides critical emergency relief for victims of natural and man-made disasters around the world. 100% of your gift to UMCOR goes directly to *serve* those in need, so please give today.

Donate directly to UMCOR at: umcmmission.org/give
Or give through Atlanta First at: atlantafirstumc.org/give

serve 

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Have any questions or comments about how to *worship*, *serve*, *grow* or *engage* here at Atlanta First? Contact us at:
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atlantafirstumc.org/onlinecampus
Worship Service Live-Streams:
atlantafirstumc.org/live


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