




## 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 May 3, 2026 - The Fifth 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](http://atlantafirstumc.org/connect) - Fill out an online *connect & engage* card to let us know you were here.

[atlantafirstumc.org/today](http://atlantafirstumc.org/today) - See the ways to *worship, serve, grow* and *engage* at Atlanta First UMC!

### \* We Worship Through Song

United Methodist Hymnal 534 - "Be Still My Soul"

### \* 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](mailto:pastor@atlantafirstumc.org))

### We Worship Through Song

"Thine Is the Glory" - G.F. Handel, Edmond Budry, Richard Birch Hoyle, and Paul Leddington Wright

The Atlanta First UMC Chancel Choir:

Amber Dennard, Ronni Jackson, Laverne Jenkins, Rev. Dr. Jacqui Rose-Tucker, Hunter Christian and Ted Jenifer  
Rowena Dennard, Director of Worship & Music ([dennard@atlantafirstumc.org](mailto:dennard@atlantafirstumc.org))

### We Pray

Pastoral 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.

"God Is" - Dr. Robert J. Fryson - Ronni Jackson, Soloist

### Scripture Lesson and Sermon

Psalm 46 (New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition)

"God Our Refuge"

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

### \* We Go Forth to Serve

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

### Postlude

"Christ the Redeemer" - Tom Birchwood

\* 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* is a ministry to *serve* our homeless and hungry friends who live in the vicinity of Atlanta First. We provide a bag lunch, clothing, toiletry supplies, and share a time of fellowship and prayer with those we serve. This coming **Tuesday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, all are invited to participate with the *serve* Team in this mission. Just by being present, handing out food and water, and by sharing in a time of compassionate fellowship and prayer with friends, you are being the hands and feet of Christ. **We are in need of donations of water bottles (16 oz) and crackers.**

To all see the ways you can *serve* and be the hands and feet of Christ in the city, visit: [atlantafirstumc.org/serve](http://atlantafirstumc.org/serve)

## 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](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Tuesday)



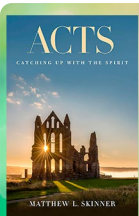
### Wednesday *grow* Group

*Sacred Playlist*

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
Online via ZOOM

Register at:

[tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Wednesday](http://tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Wednesday)

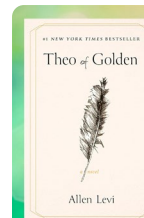


### Thursday *grow* Group

*Acts - Catching Up  
with the Spirit*

Thursdays at 11 a.m.  
In-Person and Online

[tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Thursday](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Book)

## engage Together

### A CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVE

**ROOTED IN GRACE,  
GROWING IN COMMUNITY**



Together we are cultivating a campus that reflects God's love—welcoming all, enhancing and securing our physical plant, and growing together in faith and service.

May 12 & 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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](mailto:prayer@atlantafirstumc.org).

Monday Noon Prayer ZOOM Link: [tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Monday-Prayer](https://tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Monday-Prayer)  
Tuesday Intentional Prayer ZOOM Link: [tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Prayer](https://tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Prayer)

— Prayer List for the Week of May 3, 2026 —

Please share your prayer needs with us at [prayer@atlantafirstumc.org](mailto: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

128 mass shootings in the USA during 2026 as of April 28

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!

Wednesday, May 6

Anna Bell

worship, serve, grow & engage

at Atlanta First:

Sunday, May 3

9 a.m. Sunday grow Group

10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online

Monday, May 4

12 p.m. Monday Noon prayer

Tuesday, May 5

11 a.m. Friends at the Front Door

6 p.m. Intentional prayer

7 p.m. Tuesday grow Group

Wednesday, May 6

7 p.m. Wednesday grow Group

Thursday, May 7

11 a.m. Thursday grow Group

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

9 a.m. Sunday grow Group

10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online

Monday, May 11

12 p.m. Monday Noon prayer

Tuesday, May 12

10 a.m. Rooted In Grace

6 p.m. Intentional prayer

7 p.m. Tuesday grow Group

Wednesday, May 13

11 a.m. Church Staff Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday grow Group

Thursday, May 14

11 a.m. Thursday grow Group

Sunday, May 17

Ascension Sunday

9 a.m. Sunday grow Group

10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online

— Save the Date —

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

Wesley Woods Offering

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](http://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](http://umcmmission.org/give)  
Or give through Atlanta First at: [atlantafirstumc.org/give](http://atlantafirstumc.org/give)

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