



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 October 11, 2026 - Pride Sunday

We Gather

"Lord, You Are Welcome"

Ringling of the Bell

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Michael Jackson, Liturgist

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 140 - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

* We Believe

United Methodist Hymnal 885 - A Modern Affirmation

Our Children in Worship

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

We Worship Through Song

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - Robert Robinson; Arr. by Jay Althouse

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)

We Pray

United Methodist Hymnal 895 - The Lord's Prayer

We Worship Through Giving

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

* We Praise

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

Song of Preparation

"Healing" - Richard Smallwood

Scripture Lesson and Sermon

I Corinthians 12:12-27 (New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition)

"One Body, Many Colors"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* We Go Forth to Serve

Benediction and Closing Song: "The Blessing" - Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe and Steven Furtick

Postlude

"Ye Servants of God" - Arr. by Harold DeCou

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

worship Together



This October, we will explore God's vision of oneness—a unity that does not erase our differences but draws us together in grace. Using the image of the earth as a puzzle, *We Are One* will celebrate the distinct people, stories, and gifts God joins into one beloved community. Each Sunday, another piece of the puzzle will move into place:

October 4 – *One Table*: World Communion Sunday

October 11 – *One Body, Many Colors*: Atlanta Pride Sunday

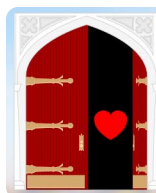
October 18 – *One Ministry, Many Gifts*: Laity Sunday

October 25 – *One Love, Ever Reforming*: Reformation Sunday

Together, we will gather at Christ's table, affirm the sacred worth of all people, celebrate the ministry of all God's people, and open ourselves to the Spirit's continuing work of reformation.

In a world that so often pulls people apart, come discover the grace that holds us together. **Many pieces. One body. One world. One love. We are one.**

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 p.m.



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

grow Together

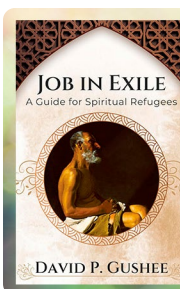


Sunday grow Group @ 9 a.m. Join us Sundays in September as we take a deeper dive into the scripture themes of our current *worship* series, *We Are One*. You may register at:

tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Sunday

Our Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mid-week Grow Groups are all back in session for the fall! Full details at:

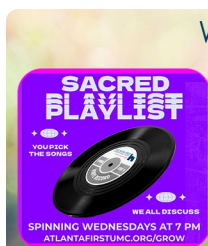
atlantafirstumc.org/grow



Tuesday grow Group: *JOB IN EXILE*

This fall the Tuesday *grow* Group is studying the themes of suffering and spiritual exile found within the book of Job. We meet at 7 p.m., online via ZOOM. Lead Pastor Rev. Jasmine R. Smothers is the class facilitator.

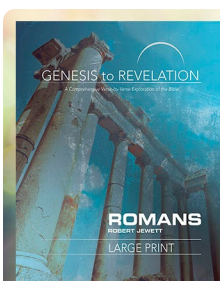
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Tuesday



Wednesday grow Group: *SACRED PLAYLIST*

The Wednesday *grow* Group is rocking in a series called *Sacred Playlist*! Join in the fun as we discuss the Christian themes of favorite songs selected by group members. We meet at 7 p.m., online via ZOOM.

tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Wednesday



Thursday grow Group: *ROMANS*

This fall the Thursday *grow* Group is undertaking a comprehensive study of the book of Romans. We meet at 11 a.m., at the church and online via ZOOM. Rev. Dr. Jacqui Rose-Tucker is the class facilitator.

tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Thursday

engage Together



Atlanta Pride Parade Today at Noon!

Hospitality Volunteers Needed



Following *worship* today at noon, the annual Atlanta Pride Parade will march right past Atlanta First! Join us in *engaging* with the parade-goers in this celebration of the many ways God's children love each other.

We are in need of folks who can help staff the church during the parade – to distribute snacks and drinks and to extend hospitality to guests who visit the church sanctuary and our rest rooms.

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 October 11, 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

Jeddie McRae

Suzie and Aaron Moody

Rev. Ed and Ann Nelson

Steve Pearson

Wayne Pierce

Ruth Richardson

Bruce Shields

Bill Sims

Extended Church Family and Friends

Friends at the Front Door

Healing for our Nation

359 mass shootings in the USA
during 2026 as of October 6

Parents and Grandparents

All School Staff & Students

Israel, Palestine, Syria and Iran

Ukraine and Russia

Sudan and Congo

India and Pakistan

Victims of the flash floods in Nepal
and China, and other natural disasters

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

Sarah Hinton Miller
Sister of Chris Hinton-Lee

Doris Sims Jones
Sister of Bill Sims

Robert Jones
Our former security guard

Montee Keller
Friend of the Colly Family

Sierra Nicely
Daughter of Ruby Lawrence

Elizabeth Satterwhite

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!

Monday, October 12
Steven Colly

Friday, October 16
Ruth Fruit

worship, serve, grow & engage
at Atlanta First:

Sunday, October 11

Pride Sunday

9 a.m. Sunday *grow* Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Sunday
10 a.m. *worship* In-Person & Online
atlantafirstumc.org/live
12 p.m. Atlanta Pride Parade

Monday, October 12

12 p.m. Monday Noon *prayer*
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Monday-Prayer

Tuesday, October 13

6 p.m. Intentional *prayer*
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Prayer
7 p.m. Tuesday *grow* Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Tuesday

Wednesday, October 14

7 p.m. Wednesday *grow* Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Wednesday

Thursday, October 15

11 a.m. Thursday *grow* Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Thursday

Sunday, October 18

Laity Sunday

9 a.m. Sunday *grow* Group
10 a.m. *worship* In-Person & Online
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, October 19

12 p.m. Monday Noon *prayer*

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

7 p.m. Wednesday *grow* Group

Thursday, October 22

11 a.m. Thursday *grow* Group

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday

9 a.m. Sunday *grow* Group
10 a.m. *worship* In-Person & Online
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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://www.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



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

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**Go forth to
Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously**



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24/7 Pastoral Care Line: [404.446.3777](tel:404.446.3777)

Join Our Online Campus:
atlantafirstumc.org/onlinecampus

Worship Service Live-Streams:
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