ATLANTA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

worship. serve. grow. engage.

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 November 1, 2026 - All Saints Sunday

We Gather
"Lord, You Are Welcome"

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Min. Maya Su, Student Minister (maya@atlantafirstumc.org)

*** We Worship Through Song**
United Methodist Hymnal 156 - "I Love to Tell the Story"

*** We Believe**
United Methodist Hymnal 881 - Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

Our Children in Worship

We Worship Through Song
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" - Arr. by Virgil Thompson
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 and We Remember the Saints
Rev. Jasmine R. Smothers, Lead Pastor (pastor@atlantafirstumc.org)

The Saints we remember today:

Beverly Bush Bonnie Lane

Those who died as a result of violent crime and homelessness in Atlanta. Those who died as a result of warfare.

Those who died as a result of natural disasters. Those who died as a result of mass shootings.

We Worship Through Giving and Generosity Responsive Prayer
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
"Stand Still" - Margaret Pleasant Douroux

Scripture Lesson and Sermon
Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Chronicles 29:10-14 (New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition)
"Given to Us: The Gifts We Inherit"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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
"Stand Still" - Margaret Pleasant Douroux

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

worship Together

Join us November 1st thru 22nd for *The Giving Life : Receiving, Sharing, and Tending God's Gifts*, a four-week worship series exploring generosity and faithful stewardship.

Before we become givers, we are receivers. Before we are givers, we are receivers. Everything we possess—life, faith, relationships, resources, abilities, and creation itself—has been entrusted to us by God. Christian generosity is our grateful, faithful response.

Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree* serves as a conversation partner throughout the series. The story celebrates generosity, but it also raises difficult questions about desire, gratitude, consumption, boundaries, and depletion. Those tensions make it especially useful for exploring biblical stewardship.

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, November 3, 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. For more info, visit: atlantafirstumc.org/serve

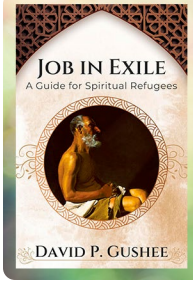
grow Together

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, *The Giving Life*. 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.

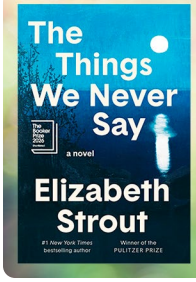
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Tuesday

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

November Book Club: The Things We Never Say



Join the Book Club on the last Monday of each month to discuss some of the hottest reads through the lens of faith. In November we are reading *The Things We Never* Say by Elizabeth Strout, and we'll meet November 30 at 7 p.m.

tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Book

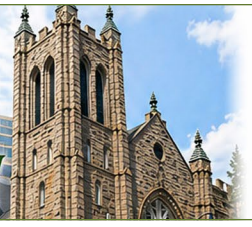
walking with the WORD

Beginning the First Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2026, the United Methodists, Evangelical Lutherans, and Episcopalians in Georgia will read through the entire Bible together in one year in *Walking with the Word*. Throughout the year, online and in-person events and resources will further draw Christians together in a common plan for reading and engaging with Scripture. The reading plan lists four Scripture passages per day: one each from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. Visit this link for the the plan: tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Walking

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. Join us as we beautify the exterior and interior of the church. We'll clean and polish, remove trash, plant flowers, trim the grass and shrubs, enhance security, and much more.

pray Together

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 November 1, 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
Sylean Harris
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
386 mass shootings in the USA during 2026 as of October 28
Parents and Grandparents
All School Staff & Students
Israel, Palestine, Syria and Iran
Ukraine and Russia
Sudan and Congo
India and Pakistan
Victims of 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
Dottie Casper and Family
Friends of the Colly Family
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
Sierra Nicely
Daughter of Ruby Lawrence
Kate Rule
Friend of the Colly Family
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!

Sun., November 1
Mira Hadley-Telfer
Brian Smith

Mon., November 2
Rev. Bill Jackson

Tues., November 3
Tessa Campbell

Fri., November 6
Lauren Jordal

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of all the Saints by the Altar Guild.

worship, serve, grow & engage
at Atlanta First:

Sunday, November 1
All Saints' Sunday
9 a.m. Sunday grow Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Sunday
10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online
atlantafirstumc.org/live

Monday, November 2
12 p.m. Monday Noon prayer
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Monday-Prayer

Tuesday, November 3
11 a.m. Friends at the Front Door
6 p.m. Intentional prayer
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Prayer
7 p.m. Tuesday grow Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Tuesday

Wednesday, November 4
7 p.m. Wednesday grow Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Wednesday

Thursday, November 5
11 a.m. Thursday grow Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Thursday

Sunday, November 8
9 a.m. Sunday grow Group
10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online

Monday, November 9
12 p.m. Monday Noon prayer

Tuesday, November 10
6 p.m. Intentional prayer
7 p.m. Tuesday grow Group

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

Thursday, November 12
11 a.m. Thursday grow Group

Sunday, November 15
9 a.m. Sunday grow Group
10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online

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.

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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, or scan the CashApp code to the right.

You can Text-to-Give by sending a text message to 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

KEEP ATLANTA WARM

#keepATLwarm this winter and help our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness by donating:

HATS ❄ COATS
GLOVES ❄ SOCKS
MICROWAVEABLE SOUP

Please Bring to the Church or Mail to:
Atlanta First UMC Packages, 2020 Howell Mill Road NW
Suite D-339, Atlanta, GA 30318-1732

serve.

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Min. Maya Su, Student Minister		maya@atlantafirstumc.org	
Finance Office		finance@atlantafirstumc.org	

Go forth to
Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously ®

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Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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Atlanta, GA 30318-1732

Contact our worship, serve, grow or engage teams at:
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Visit eepurl.com/hB8XtL or scan the QR code to join our e-mail list!

Atlanta First UMC Office: 404.524.6614
24/7 Pastoral Care Line: 404.446.3777

Join Our Online Campus:
atlantafirstumc.org/onlinecampus

Worship Service Live-Streams:
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