# 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 15, 2026 - The Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

**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**
Mary Jackson, serve Team Lead (serve@atlantafirstumc.org)
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 101 - "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

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

**Our Children in Worship**

**We Worship Through Song**
"Thanksgiving Joy" - Joseph Martin, Martin Rinkart and Johann Crüger
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**
Alisa M. Smallwood, Trustee Team Lead
United Methodist Hymnal 895 - The Lord's Prayer

**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**
"I Will Sing Hallelujah" - Donnie Harper; Transcribed by A.C. Dennard

**Scripture Lesson and Sermon**
2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (The Message)
"Given for One Another: Generosity That Gives Life"

**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**
"Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious" - William H. Monk; Arr. by Harold DeCou

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

## worship Together

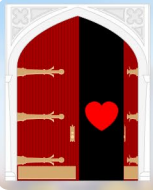



Join us November 1st thru 22nd for *The Giving Life : Receiving, Sharing, and Tending God's Gifts*, a four-week worship series exploring generosity and faithful stewardship.

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

***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.






UMCOR
United Methodist Committee On Relief



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

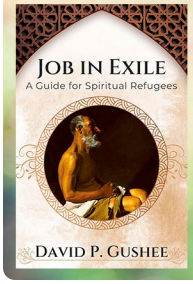
## grow Together




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, *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.

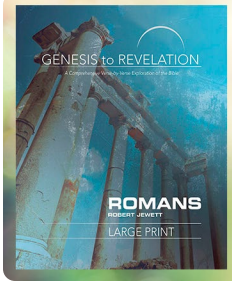
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Tuesday




### 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




### 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

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



## 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 15, 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**
**Dr. Bob Smith**

### Extended Church Family and Friends

**Friends at the Front Door**
**Healing for our Nation**
**408 mass shootings in the USA during 2026 as of November 10**
**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!

Tuesday, November 17
Jonathan Cathcart

Saturday, November 21
Ray Fruit

Sunday, November 22
Lindsey Hunter
Leon Whited

worship, serve, grow & engage
**at Atlanta First:**

**Sunday, November 15**
9 a.m. Sunday grow Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Sunday
10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online
atlantafirstumc.org/live

**Monday, November 16**
12 p.m. Monday Noon prayer
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Monday-Prayer

**Tuesday, November 17**
6 p.m. Intentional prayer
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Prayer
7 p.m. Tuesday grow Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Tuesday

**Wednesday, November 18**
7 p.m. Wednesday grow Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Wednesday

**Thursday, November 19**
11 a.m. Thursday grow Group
tinyurl.com/AFUMC-Grow-Thursday

**Sunday, November 22**
Christ the King Sunday
9 a.m. Sunday grow Group
10 a.m. worship In-Person & Online

**Monday, November 23**
12 p.m. Monday Noon prayer

**Tuesday, November 24**
6 p.m. Intentional prayer

**Wednesday, November 25**
11 a.m. Church Staff Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday grow Group

**Thursday, November 26**
Thanksgiving Day

**Saturday, November 28**
10 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, November 29**
The First Sunday of Advent
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.

# 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, 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.

## Contact Information

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

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**Atlanta, Georgia 30308**

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**Atlanta, GA 30318-1732**

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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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