



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 19, 2023
Thanksgiving Sunday

Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.

A nursery for children age 5 and under is on the lower level, and includes a Bible lesson. Sunday School for children K-5th grade will be held in the upper level Children's Lounge following the Children's Message. Please pick up your kids in the Lounge after worship.

Prelude *Let It Start with Me* Laura Michelle Allen Erlanson and Samuel Vernon Allen
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Hymn** *Draw the Circle Wide* attachment

*** Call to Worship** Aaron Boyson

One: Come, ye thankful people, come!

All: We come to thank our Maker, who provides for us.

One: Come, ye thankful people, come!

All: We raise our voices in praise!

One: All the world is God's own field.

All: We praise the Lord of the harvest.

One: God gathers all of us in, freeing us from sorrow and sin.

All: Come, ye thankful people, come!

Anthem *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* George J. Elvey, arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon
Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

Children's Message *A Year in Pictures*

Children may leave for Christmas program rehearsal following the slideshow.

Morning Prayer

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you've done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. Above all, we thank you for your Jesus Christ - for the truth of his Word and the example of his life. Creator God, may we, at all times and in all places, give thanks to you. Amen.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those

who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Speak, Lord*

Tom Trenney

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Offering Our Gifts

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Aaron Boyson

Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

* Hymn *Go, Make of All Disciples*

UM Hymnal #571

Sermon *5G Faith: The Great Commission*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God*

UM Hymnal #102

Benediction, and Commissioning of Tina and Steve Farrell

Postlude *Choral*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Joseph Jongen

** please stand as you are comfortable*



Announcements



Please remember

*to fill out the Connect Cards each week. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*

Guests: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

Please join us for coffee and doughnuts downstairs in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

*A Charge Conference, for the sole purpose of approving pastoral compensation for 2024 will be held at the start of the church council meeting on **Tuesday, November 21 at 7pm**. All church members and friends are welcome*

to attend. The meeting will be in person at church and also on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5446347519>
Meeting ID: 544 634 7519

Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Faith Forum will not meet on **November 26**. On **December 3**, Maggy Emery from Protect Minnesota will talk about gun violence prevention in our state.

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their estimates of giving for 2024. If you haven't yet, please mail them to church (FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811), bring them to the church office, call the church office (218-727-5021) or fill them out online: <https://onrealm.org/FirstUMCMN/-/form/pledge/2024pledgedgiving>

Today's choir anthem is dedicated to the glory of God and with special thanks for the ministry of Tina and Steve Farrell.

Pie Sale! Tapestry will be selling both apple and pumpkin pies following the service. They are handmade and smoked to perfection in a fruitwood blend of wood chips. The crust is a homemade flaky crust worthy of saying you baked it yourself! Apple pies weigh nearly 4 lbs. and have no thickeners or fillers. Pumpkin pies are similar in weight and wholesomeness. These pies can be eaten right now or frozen for later use. Get your delicious pie after church at the table in the Narthex.

Bag of Books Sale. All the books you can fit in a bag for \$3.00. Stop in the church library.

The Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications throughout the month of November. Applications are available in the church office. Students 12-18 years old who have studied an instrument or voice for at least three years may apply, and scholarships are renewable for three years with the recommendation of the music teacher.

The Friends of the Felgemaker will host a "Concert of Remembrance and Hope" on **Sunday, November 19 at 3pm** at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St. in Duluth). Featuring John Rutter's "Requiem," the concert is dedicated to all who have been victim of acts of violence and intolerance across the world. The concert will also include several works for solo organ played on the historic Felgemaker pipe organ by our own Velda Graham Bell, and Karen Sande and David Tryggstad. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com); student tickets are \$10 at the door with current student ID.

The Terri Lynn Fundraiser online store will be open in December to buy the gourmet candies and nuts that you love and love to give away. Funds raised will go towards next summer's youth mission trip. Place your order here: coppertopduluth.terrilynn.com/

Does your child play an instrument? Maybe they have been taking piano lessons and are working on Christmas music during their lessons. Maybe they have learned to play an instrument in school. If so, we invite them to share a Christmas piece with the congregation during the prelude time on **Sunday, December 17**, the day of the Children's Pageant. Please contact Velda Bell (music@fumcduluth.com) or Beth Brophy (musickids@fumcduluth.com) if you are interested or have questions.

The Children's Christmas Pageant, "Christmas Around the World" will be presented during worship on **Sunday, December 17**. All children preschool age and up are invited to share their beautiful musical talents to tell the Christmas story on a journey to Bethlehem. Rehearsals will be every Sunday morning AND every Wednesday evening at 5pm for kids 2nd grade and younger, and at 5:40pm for grade 3 and older. There will be a final dress rehearsal **Saturday December 16**, from 10:30-12:00. Children may come to any or all rehearsals and still participate. Please contact director Beth Brophy with any questions: musickids@fumcduluth.com

Ways You Can Help Your Church



Volunteers are needed to help box up the leftover books right after the Bag of Books Sale today.

Volunteers are needed to help with making and/or serving coffee following Sunday services. Our goal is to have enough so that people are scheduled no more than once a month.

Ways to give to support your church: give online at fumcduluth.com OR text COPPERTOP to 73256 OR mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811

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Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one
stands a-lone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the
wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this
be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side, draw the
cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle
wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by
side. draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the
cir-cle wide, draw it wi-der still. Let this be our song: no one
stands a-lone. Stand-in side by side, draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the
to end *molto rit.*
Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.