



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 23, 2025
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 will include 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 Lakeview Social Hall after worship.

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* Michael Burkhardt
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Jana Picotte

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!

*** Hymn** *Now Thank We All Our God* UM Hymnal #102

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Special Music *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Lloyd Larson
Cast in Bronze; Derek Bromme, director

Children in 6th grade and younger may leave for nursery and Sunday School following the special music.

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

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 that 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.

Around the Church Year

Introduction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

ADVENT

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-15

Mark Whitlock

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."

Psalms 27:14

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Meditation: Anticipating Christ's Coming

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Anthem: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Michael Praetorius

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

CHRISTMAS

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6

Mark Whitlock

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Meditation: Celebrating Christ's Coming

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Hymn: *Canticle of the Turning***

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EPIPHANY

Meditation: Christ, the Light of the World

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

An Epiphany Litany

Mark Whitlock

One: The magi came from faraway places, following a star.

All: We come to worship, and the star gives us light.

One: The magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to offer the Child.

All: We, too, bring gifts: ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.

One: In this visit, Christ was revealed to all the world.

All: We will show the light of Christ to people close by and far away.

Anthem: *This Little Light of Mines*

traditional

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

LENT

Scripture: Joel 2:12-13

Mark Whitlock

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments."

Meditation: Christ's Suffering

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

arr. Robert Leaf

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director; Libby Gaalaas, clarinet

EASTER

Scripture: Matthew 28:6-7

Mark Whitlock

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him."

Meditation: Christ – Risen and Victorious

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

* Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

UM Hymnal #302; v. 1-4

PENTECOST

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

Mark Whitlock

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Meditation: Christ's Spirit in the Church

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn: *Let All Things Now Living*

The Faith We Sing #2008

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

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.*

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

Lord God, We All Give Praise to Thee

Johann Pachelbel

Velda Graham Bell, organ

* 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, where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.

Join us for coffee and doughnuts in the lower-level Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

A gift to light the church for the month of November was made by Gloria Erickson, in loving memory of her siblings: Ruth, Ruby, Marlene, Albin, Jim, and Leland Johnson. The gift will also benefit the CHUM Food Shelf.

Faith Forum meets on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 in Fireside Lounge. Faith Forum will not meet next week, November 30. The following week, December 7, Jeanette Pucheu shares her experiences volunteering at a Christian migrant shelter in Tijuana, Mexico, with founder Esther Morales Guzman, and how this experience

helped her heal from her recent cancer treatment. That will be the final Faith Forum for the year. We'll meet again beginning January 11.

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their Estimate of Giving card for 2026. Extra copies are in envelopes on the Signup Table in the Narthex. Please help us in our planning by returning your card to the church office (open Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-noon) or mailing it to church (230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811).

Advent/Christmas Mission Project handouts are available in the Narthex.

Christmas Pageant special music: Children and youth are invited to share a piece of music during the prelude time before the Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 7**. If you have a song, piano piece, or other instrumental piece that you've been working on and would like to share it with our congregation, please contact Velda Bell (218-393-4006 or music@fumcduluth.com) or Beth Brophy and Christine Winkler Johnson (musickids@fumcduluth.com).

It's today! You can give refugees hope this holiday season! Do you ever wonder what you can do to make a refugee or immigrant's life better? Here's an opportunity to make a difference! The organization Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) is sponsoring a holiday card writing campaign (see globalrefuge.org/get-involved/volunteer/hope-for-the-holidays/ for more info) and we can take part. We'll gather after church **today** to write cards to refugee and immigrant families. This is a family-friendly event - kids are very welcome (after all, refugee families include children!). Join us on **November 23** in Lakeview Social Hall and we'll write cards to brighten the lives of our refugee and immigrant neighbors. You can write in either English or Spanish, if you can. Afterwards, I'll forward them to Global Refuge. I'm guessing this will take no more than 30 minutes MAX, unless of course we're having too much fun! Hope you can join me! ~ Geoff Bell

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Ways You Can Help Your Church

Volunteer to write holiday cards of hope to refugees after church today. See announcement above.

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



Canticle of the Turning



