Church Life & Community

Chamblee First UMC helps people find peace and purpose within a Christian community. For our most current calendar, visit *chambleeumc.org/happenings* and you can sign up for our email newsletter, Deep and Wide, at *chambleeumc.org/updates*

Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten (CMK) Spirit Night tomorrow!
CMK has Spirit Night tomorrow at Farm Burger (4514 Chamblee Dunwoody Road). 10% of the sales will be donated to CMK.

Basketball Registration ends soon!
We are excited for another season and looking forward to seeing all the kids from last year, and a few new faces. We had our biggest year in 2025 and expect to expand that number in 2026. Registration is open now and you can find more information at *chambleeumc.org/basketball26-27*

The Great Fall Festival - Sunday, October 25, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Join us for Fall Fun! Enjoy Trunk-or-treating, monster crafts, bounce houses and slides, the Scouts' Rain Gutter Regatta, touch-a-truck area, pizza, and more!

HOST TRUNKS NEEDED! We need your creativity (and candy!) to put the "great" in The Great Fall Festival. Bring your decorated cars, trucks, golf carts, or motorcycles and candy for 250 kids! Register to host a trunk here: *chambleeumc.org/trunkhost26*

2026 Food Drive and Packing Event
Save the date for our annual food packing event on Sunday, November 15th, which will be a part of our worship experience that day. You can find out more information on the items we are collecting at *chambleeumc.org/fooddrive2026*

Linda King Retirement and Recognition, Sunday, October 25th
After seven years of faithful service on Chamblee First UMC's staff, Linda King, our Director of Hospitality and Member Care is retiring and transitioning to a full time church member. As is tradition at CFUMC, we honor departing staff with a love offering. In honor of Linda's time with CFUMC, we are collecting a love offering to express appreciation for all that she has done for our ministry. Linda has made an indelible mark through her gifts for hospitality and care.

Join us on Sunday, October 25th as we recognize and celebrate Linda's service and contributions to Chamblee First UMC. You can contribute with a check payable to Chamblee First UMC with memo "Staff Love Offering" or online at *onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/staff*

Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | *jblack@chambleeumc.org*

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 AM
Our fun-filled programs and age-appropriate curriculum help children develop their faith in meaningful, understandable ways.
Room 101 - Children ages 3 through preschool | **Room 223** - Children in grades K-5th

During Worship, 10:45-11:45 AM
- Children ages 3 through preschool are welcome in **Room 101** for the worship hour.
- Children in grades K-5th begin the worship hour in the sanctuary. Following the Children's Moment, they are dismissed for Kids' Church in **Room 223**.

Rev. Hope Cody Peppers | *hcpeppers@chambleeumc.org*
Pastor of Youth & Community Engagement

Chamblee First Youth is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. **LEARNING | PLAYING | GROWING**

Sunday Mornings: 9:30-10:30 AM
Sunday Evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Check out our schedule of events at chambleeumc.org/youth

Classes & Groups

Faith Formation Classes for ALL AGES meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. We encourage you to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you! Learn more at *chambleeumc.org/sunday-school*

Grace Class — A group whose name reflects its very values: open invitation and radical welcome; relevant for diverse ages, life experiences, and perspectives; open acknowledgement of our perfect imperfection; and a deep desire to grow together in the transformational love of God. May grace abound! **Room 200**
Current study: Winning the War on Worry by Louie Giglio.

Faith Class — Faith Class begins each Sunday with a song, followed by a short devotion and prayers of concerns and praises. One of CFUMC's largest faith formation groups, lessons are led by individual class members using selected study material typically spanning four to ten weeks. The class supports missions of the church as well as class specific activities. **Room 204**
Current study: Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple by Greg Ogden
Next study: Advent Study

Fellowship Class — True to our name, this class provides a friendly, supportive space for sharing and caring. We prioritize mission opportunities, whether through the church or for causes and needs we recognize. Members represent wide range of ages and family types. This nontraditional Sunday School class offers a great way to establish relationships and plug into the life of this church. **Room 207**

Glow Class — One of Chamblee First's longest-standing classes, lessons are based on the Adult Bible Studies series. Most members are in their 70s or older and they share prayer requests weekly. **Room 123**

Journeys Class — A casual class that uses current short-term studies (6 to 8 weeks) by various authors to grow in our knowledge and understanding of our faith. The lessons are discussion based where open conversation is encouraged and where all can explore and share their faith journey alongside others. **Room 205**
Current study: Embracing the Uncertain by Magrey R. deVega
Next study: The Heart of the Psalms: God's Word to the World by James C. Howell

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Other ways to connect, try something new, & build relationships with your church family:

Young at Heart — **First Tuesdays, 12:30 PM**
A monthly lunch & gathering for our 65+ community. Lunch is $10 per person, payable in cash at the door. RSVP to *lking@chambleeumc.org*

Young Adults — **Every other Tuesday, 7-8:30 PM**
A vibrant group where young people (approx. ages 20-35) can grow in their faith, connect with others, and serve our community together. For details, contact Cameron Wilson at *cacwilson32@gmail.com*

Christian Yoga — **Wednesdays, 10:45-11:45 AM**
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. You can find more information at *chambleeumc.org/yoga*

StitchCraft — **Wednesdays, 12:30 PM**
Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, sewing, or other handicrafts? It's even more fun in fellowship with other crafters! No RSVP needed -- just bring your supplies and join us in **Room 203**.

ROMEOs — **Second Thursdays, 8 AM**
A breakfast club for CFUMC retired men ... and men who are not yet retired!
No RSVP needed. Join us at Goldberg's Deli, 4520 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

United Methodist Women — **Monthly**
UMW is a community of women growing in faith, uplifting one another, and serving God through mission. At CFUMC, four unique Circles offer meaningful ways to connect, grow, and make a difference—new faces are always warmly welcomed! For info & meeting times, email *umw@chambleeumc.org*

Global Missions & Local Outreach — **Ongoing**
CFUMC believes in working with local partners to serve and build a better community – globally, locally, and right here in Chamblee. You can learn more about the organizations that we partner with at *chambleeumc.org/missions-partners*

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OCTOBER 18, 2026

TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

LAITY SUNDAY

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We Welcome, Celebrate, and Embrace All

At Chamblee First UMC, we affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God. We believe that all people are worthy of God's unconditional love, grace, and inclusion. We embrace and celebrate the gift of diversity in our church and in our world. We recognize that while we may not all think alike on all issues, we can all Love God, Serve People, and Transform Lives in ministry together.

We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church or in society. And we invite all people to fully participate in the life of this community of faith. Together we support one another in our endeavors, and in doing so strengthen each other and the body of Christ in this world.

Welcome to Chamblee First United Methodist Church!

Our sanctuary is equipped with devices to assist those who are hearing impaired. To use a hearing device, simply ask an usher or the sound technician upon arrival.

Let Us Know You're Here

Visitor Check-In

Please take a moment to let us know you are here! We'd love to connect you and your family with groups and activities that may be of interest to you. **Members should check in using Realm Connect,** available on the App Store and Google Play. To use the QR code, open your smartphone's camera and point it at the code. A notification or link will appear — tap it to access the appropriate attendance registration page.

Member Check-In

Ways to Give

Scan to Give

An offering is collected to support the work of Chamblee Methodist, sharing God's love with the world. Whether you are a church member, a regular worshiper, or an active participant in one of our ministries, your gifts are valued and appreciated. For those who prefer to contribute electronically, you may text the word **CHAMBLEE** to 73256 using your mobile device OR give securely any time at *chambleeumc.org/give*

BRAND NEW DAY

Next Sunday, we continue our "Brand New Day" Stewardship series with guest preacher Rev. Dr. Taylor Driskill Pafford, a United Methodist deacon who currently serves as the Chair of the Religion Department at St. Martin's Episcopal School, where she teaches upper elementary and middle school students in subjects such as Old and New Testament, worship and liturgy, church history, and world religions. Her sermon will be "Glad to Be Of Service" as she discusses out call to **Serve Joyfully**!

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

As We Come Together — CFUMC Playlist *chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs*

THE GREETING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements — Rev. Hope Cody Peppers, Carson Powell

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Prelude — *Hymn Fantasia on Melita* Bill Callaway, organist — Callahan

Call to Worship* — Brady Wright

Opening Hymn* — *Blessed Assurance* — UMH 369 all verses

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace * — Carson Powell

CHILDRENS MOMENT

Sneak Peek: Loving God, Loving Others — Emily Jameson, Elizabeth Jameson

After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223.

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering — Larry Pope

Offertory — *Take it to the Lord in Prayer* Chancel Choir, Bill Callaway — McDonald

Doxology * — UMH **95**

Prayer of Dedication * — Larry Pope

THE WORD

Scripture — Matthew 22:34-40 — Lisa Gastineau

Sermon — **Love Boldly** — Leslie Hall

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn * — *Take My Life and Let it Be* — UMH **399**

SENDING FORTH

Benediction * — Leslie Hall

Postlude — *Jupiter Chorale* *Bill Callaway, organist* — Holst

***** please stand as you are able

Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers. A complete list can be found at *chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list* or by scanning this QR code. If you have a prayer request or a praise to share, email *prayer@chambleeumc.org*

Prayer List

Our Members:
John Todd, moved to assisted living
Lynn Johnston, recovering at home
Becky Bennett, struggling with effects of immunotherapy
Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover with PT

Members' family:
Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, suffering from GI issues
Annie Mae Walker, mother of Louise DeCastro, declining health
Olin Craven, brother of Becky Craven, moved to rehab
Al Stephens, brother of Lee Turner, moved to rehab
Moi Monroe, brother of Ann Hammond, recovering from back surgery
Richard and Dotty Casper, parents of Dave (Donna Shackley's SIL), Richard is in hospice care

Our Loved Ones:
Pat Lynch, youngest brother of Charlie, in palliative care due to effects of Guillain-Barré syndrome
Lisa Jackson, friend of Kathryn Rodriguez, battling glioblastoma

Sympathy to the family of:
Kathleen DeBarardinis, mother of Kerri Henderson, who passed away on 10/12. Funeral arrangements pending.

Church Financials & Leadership

Church Business Office Hours
- Mondays - Thursdays, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings
- Finance Commitee - October 19 | 6:00 PM
- Nominations and Leadership Development - October 20 | 6:00 PM
- Missions Committee - October 20 | 6:30 PM
- Administrative Board - October 26 | 6:00 PM

Please visit ***chambleeumc.org/leadership*** for our current Lay Leadership roster and Chamblee First UMC year-to-date financial reports as of July 30, 2026.

Celebrating Laity Sunday at Chamblee First

What is Laity Sunday?
Laity Sunday is one of the special Sundays that highlight ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. On this day, we celebrate the vital role of lay people—the everyday members who live out their faith and serve in their local churches and communities.

Why Does It Matter?
Today honors the faithfulness, leadership, and service of laypersons who help build and sustain the life and mission of the church. It recognizes that ministry is not just the work of clergy but the shared calling of all believers.

Laity Sunday matters because it lifts up the essential role of laypersons in the life of the church and the world. From teaching and caregiving to advocacy, outreach, and worship leadership, laypeople are the hands and feet of Christ in every setting.

We are so proud to be entirely lay-lead during worship today. We are honored to have Leslie Hall giving the sermon today as our Lay Servant leader.