

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

Tribute Poinsettias
orders due Dec 1
Each Christmas, poinsettias adorn our altar in Honor or in Memory of loved ones. Order forms are available in narthex, lobby, or online. chambleeumc.org/poinsettia

Sunday Supper Club
1st & 3rd Sundays, 6:30 PM
The Sunday Supper Club is for anyone eager to build community through food and fellowship. Our Dec 7 will be hosted by Bill Callaway. For details and to RSVP, visit chambleeumc.org/SupperClub


Georgia Brass Band Holiday Concert
Dec 9, 7:00 PM
CFUMC is pleased to welcome this premier British-style brass band as they present their holiday concert, *“Bringing Joy to the World.”* Join us in the sanctuary for an enchanting evening featuring Christmas music from around the world. **Admission is free.**

Breakfast with Santa
registration now open – filling up fast!
Join us on Dec 13, for a fun-filled morning that includes a pancake breakfast, crafts, games, and a visit with Jolly Old St. Nick. Reservations are required for photos with Santa, and at the time of printing, 75% of timeslots have been booked. For details and to register, visit chambleeumc.org/santa2025

Join the Christmas Choir
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
The Christmas Choir will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the beginning of regular choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights. You don’t have to be a regular choir member—just come and sing with us as we prepare beautiful music to celebrate the Christmas season.

Live Nativity: CALL for CAST Members
sign up now
We need YOU to help share the Christmas story at our Live Nativity, 5-7 PM on **Dec 21**. Adults, youth, elementary students, and preschoolers are invited to be part of this special holiday tradition. Email Summer Rowell at summer.rowe@gmail.com to sign up.

Commemorative Ornaments
order now for delivery in time for Christmas
As we enter our bicentennial year, we invite you to celebrate Chamblee First UMC by displaying our beautiful ornament set. A gorgeous addition to your Christmas tree — or a year-round reminder in your window — these suncatchers are designed to honor our history, inspire memories, and shine a light for the next generation of our church family. To order visit chambleeumc.org/ornaments



Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 AM
Dec 7 -CoLABorate & Confirmation resumes in The Corner. Learn more at chambleeumc.org/youth

Sunday evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

- **Tonite! Nov 30 – Taco Bar and Advent Preparations-** Come decorate the Youth Room and prepare for the Live Nativity. All Youth planning to participate in the Live Nativity are encouraged to attend for our first walk-through of the performance!

Chamblee Kids
Jordan Black | Director of Children’s Ministries | jblack@chambleeumc.org

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30-10:30
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


- 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**.

Nursery is available in Room 100 during Sunday School and Worship Service for infants and toddlers. A **calming room** is available in the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

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!

- 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**
- Faith Class**
 - Faith Class begins each begins each Sunday with a short devotion followed by a prayer 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 fourteen weeks. The class supports missions of the church as well as class specific activities. **Fellowship Hall**
- 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**



Chamblee Kids Family Christmas Sunday School
For Preschool & Elementary Families | 9:30 AM

- Dec 7 - GOOD NEWS
- Dec 14 - GREAT JOY
- Dec 21 – FOR ALL PEOPLE



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, 10:30-11:30 am
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. 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!
- 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. To lean more or participate in an upcoming project, visit chambleeumc.org/missions

Angel Tree for Murphy-Harpst Children’s Centers
Nov 23 – Dec 10
Our Angel Tree returns to its traditional format this year! Beginning today, choose an ornament from the trees in the narthex or breezeway, purchase a gift, and return it unwrapped (gift or shopping bags are fine) with the ornament attached. All gifts are due back to the church by Dec 10. Questions? Visit chambleeumc.org/angeltree



NOVEMBER 30, 2025
TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT


4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341
770-457-2525 | chambleeumc.org

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 check in. We’d love to connect you with groups and activities of interest to you and your family. **To use the QR code**, open your smartphone’s camera and point it at the code. A notification or link will appear. Tap the link to access the applicable attendance registration webpage.



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

Advent & Christmas at Chamblee First UMC

chambleeumc.org/advent2025

- November 30: HOPE
- December 7: PEACE
- December 14: JOY Lessons & Carols Service
- December 21: LOVE
- December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4 PM (Nativity Service)
6 PM (Communion Service)



A THRILL OF HOPE



CHAMBLEE
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Leaders & Staff

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING		
As We Come Together	CFUMC Advent Playlist chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Advent	
THE GREETING		
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Blair Zant and Mr. Cameron Wilson
Prelude	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> Mr. Bill Callaway, organist	Bedford
THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		
First Sunday of Advent:		The McEntyre & Crye Families
	HOPE	
Advent Sung Response	<i>Christ Be Our Light</i>	Farnell
	refrain: Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness. Christ be our light, shine in your church gathered today.	
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Opening Song *	<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	Getty
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer		Mr. Wilson
Passing of the Peace		
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM		
Baptismal Covenant		
Congregational Response	<i>Child of Blessing, Child of Promise</i> verse 1	UMH 611
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		
Get Ready	After which, children in grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223.	Mrs. Jordan Black
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Zant
Offertory	<i>Advent Hymn</i> Maggie Victorio-Mundie, vocalist Dave Worley, guitarist	Nockels
Advent Doxology *	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> refrain only	UMH 211
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant
THE WORD		
Scripture	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Mr. Wilson
Sermon	The Thill of Hope	Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn *	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> verses 1 & 2	UMH 216
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SENDING FORTH

Benediction *		Rev. Zant
Postlude	<i>Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Denton

* please stand as you are able



Prayer Requests


Please keep these individuals in your prayers today and throughout the week. A complete list including **loved ones** and **ongoing needs** 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:**
- Jake Burkhardt, recovering from a broken shoulder
 - Marsha Jones, at home, receiving hospice care
 - Barbara Berryman, recovering from hernia surgery
- Our Members’ Families:**
- Jean Connell, sister of Eleanor Wilson, recovering from hospitalization
 - Mary Jordan, cousin of Bill Farkas, diagnosed with kidney cancer
 - Lori Fancher, SIL of Mike and Sandra, undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer

Celebration of Baptism



Please welcome to our Family of Faith the children of
Conner & Ali Thomason

Crew Thomason
born August 15 , 2022
- and -
Charlotte (Charli) Thomason
born July 20 , 2025

Church Financials & Leadership

Upcoming Meetings

- Staff Parish Relations - *Dec 1 / 6:00 PM*
- Board of Trustees - *Dec 8 / 6:00 PM*
- Finance Committee - *Dec 15 / 6:00 PM*
- Administrative Board - *Thursday, Dec 18 / 6:00 PM*

Financial Reports Update
as of October 31, 2025

- REVENUE: YTD actual = \$705,107
- EXPENSES: YTD actual = \$840,476

For security purposes, full monthly reports are no longer posted on the public website. Members may request the most recent report by emailing business@chambleeumc.org

Correction!
The 11/23/25 bulletin correctly reported *revenue* as of 10/31/25 but mistakenly listed *expenses* as of 09/30/25. This made our year-to-date deficit appear smaller than it actually is. The numbers above now reflect both revenue and expenses as of 10/31/25.