

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

Cheers for Volunteers!

TODAY, 12 noon

We are so thankful for the many volunteers and lay leaders who tirelessly give of their time and talents to support Chamblee First. Join us after worship for this special luncheon to thank and honor our volunteers. Everyone is invited!

Family Christmas Tree

throughout Advent

Let's start a new tradition this season! Bring one of your favorite ornaments from home to adorn the Family Christmas Tree in the church's breezeway. Of all the trees we decorate this season, this one will represent the *family* that is *Chamblee First*. Labels will be provided to affix to your ornament as you add it to the tree so that all ornaments can be easily returned after Christmas.

Giving Tuesday

Dec 3

"Giving Tuesday" is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. On Dec 3, you can help share God's love with a growing community by supporting CFUMC's operating budget by:

1. Reviewing & satisfying your 2024 pledge or annual giving commitment to CFUMC
2. Making an additional contribution before the end of the calendar year to help close our 2024 budget gap and finish the year strong. Note "Extra Mile" on memo line of your check, or give online at onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/extramile

Christmas Poinsettias

orders due Dec 8

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/happening/poinsettia



poinsettias

Breakfast with Santa

Dec 14, beginning at 8:30 am

Registration now open! Join us for this fun-filled morning that includes a pancake breakfast, crafts and games, and a visit with Jolly Old St. Nick. Reservations are required for photos with Santa. For details and to register visit chambleeumc.org/happenings

Live Nativity

Dec 15, 6:30 pm

Experience the majesty of Christmas through this Chamblee First tradition. One performance only, followed by cookies & cocoa.

Georgia Brass Band presents Joyful Noise for a Joyful Season

Dec 17, 7 pm

For more than a decade, this 30-member British-style brass band rehearsed and performed at CFUMC, and now they return to thank the congregation for the many years of support. Admission is free! Invite your friends and family to attend.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

coming in January

A powerful 8-week journey that will forever change the way you love God, yourself and others. Tentatively, Mondays at 6:30 pm beginning January 6. Day/time for this small group study TBC pending participant preference. chambleeumc.org/study-EHS

Local Outreach & Global Missions

2024 Angel Tree

order before Dec 4 for delivery by Dec 9

Our 2024 Angel Tree is dedicated to the Murphy-Harpst Children's Home where children and youth are provided a safe, stable place to find hope and healing. Your tax-deductible gifts make wishes come true for the kids of Murphy-Harpst. For step-by-step shopping instructions, visit chambleeumc.org/angeltree

Angel Tree shopping list



Coat Drive

now thru Dec 15

Huntley Hills Elementary school is a Title 1 School, meaning that 60% of students receive free or reduced price lunch. The counselors have requested coats for students in need. Coats can be gently used if recently laundered. Sizes 4T through Adult Medium. Please place coats in bins located throughout the church. Thank you!

Classes & Groups

Faith Formation classes for ALL AGES meet Sunday mornings at **9:30 am**. Feel free to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you!

Bridge Class

- Focuses primarily on relationships. Studies discuss popular culture, books, and current events that raise challenging questions. Members range from families with young children to established career professionals. **Room 200**

Faith Class

- The Faith Class is one of our largest Sunday school classes. Each Sunday begins with a short devotion by one of the class members followed by a prayer of concerns and praises. 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. **Room 204**

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 studies a wide variety of different curriculum. The lessons are discussion-based to develop faith intellectually. Most members are nearing retirement age. **Room 205**

Chamblee Kids

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

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30-10:30

- Our exciting programs, current curriculum, and mentors help children develop their faith in fun ways they can understand. Children age 2 through preschool meet in Room 101. Children grades K-5th meet in Room 223.

During Worship, 10:45-11:45

- **No Kids Church today, 12/1.** Children grades K-5th are encouraged to remain in the sanctuary for worship and communion.
- Children ages 2 through preschool will meet in Room 101 at both 9:30 and 10:45.

Nursery is available in room 100 during Sunday School and Worship Service for infants and toddlers. Additionally, a soothing room is available in the Narthex in back of the sanctuary.



For Preschool and Elementary Kids and their Families, Room 223

- Dec 1 Why Do We Call It Christmas?
- Dec 8 The Very First Noel
- Dec 15 The Music of Christmas
- Dec 22 Gingerbread Bash



India Gleason, Director of Youth Ministries
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CMY is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. Join us for social events, spiritual exploration, and service opportunities.

Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 am

All students grades 6-12, are invited to participate in our current series, *I Am*. Come for coffee, snacks, and a deeper understanding of who Jesus is, what he offers to people, and how characteristics of Jesus can be applied to our own life and faith journey.

Sunday evenings: 5:00-7:00 pm

Experience meaningful discussions with a small group in a safe place to be your authentic self. Students and friends are invited to join us for worship, dinner, & games each Sunday!

Wonder-Full Wednesdays

All **Young Adults** are invited to gather each month for Wonder-Full Wednesday! A time of fun and fellowship during which we can learn to listen for God's persistent voice and fully embrace all God has planned for us. Reach out to Cameron Wilson for details.
cacwilson32@gmail.com



DECEMBER 1, 2024

TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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!

Attendance



Visitor Check-In

Whether a Visitor or a Member, we are glad you are with us today! We ask that you register your attendance by scanning the applicable QR code. Please let us know if you are new, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information about Chamblee First.



Member Check-In

Advent Season

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During Advent, we anticipate and prepare for the coming of Christ. That begins today, with a new sermon series titled, "**Stay Awhile.**"

Dec 1 You're Invited
Dec 8 We Have A Plan
Dec 15 Prepare the Way
Dec 22 Welcome In
Dec 24 Linger in the Light
Christmas Eve, 4pm & 6pm



Ways 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 appreciated. For those who prefer to contribute electronically, give securely any time at chambleeumc.org/give. Or TEXT the word CHAMBLEE to 73256 using your mobile device.



Rev. Blair Zant, Senior Pastor
Zack Wright, Director of Music Ministries
Alexis Rodriguez, AV Engineer
Mellie O'Keefe, Kindergarten Director
Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care
Emily Jameson, PMO Director
Deanna Hamilton, Executive Director
India Gleason, Youth Director
Bill Callaway, Organist
Jordan Black, Director of Children's Ministries
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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour
Call to Worship Rev. Blair Boyd Zant
Prelude *Toccata on Veni Emmanuel* Denton
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

THE GREETING

Welcome & Announcements Mr. Cameron Wilson
Opening Hymn * *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

First Sunday of Advent: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Mary Lou Dennisson and Ray Dunahoo
HOPE
Advent Sung Response *Christ Be Our Light* Farnell

refrain: Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness. Christ be our light, shine in your church gathered today.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Covenant
Congregational Response *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* UMH 61
verse 1

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Prophets Show the Way Mrs. Jordan Black

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Zant
Offertory *Come to Us, O Promised One* Larson
Chancel Choir with Mr. Bill Callaway, pianist
Advent Doxology * *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211
refrain only
Dedication of the Offering * Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Scripture Luke 21:25-36 Mr. Wilson
Sermon *Stay Awhile: You're Invited* Rev. Zant

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation and Great Thanksgiving UMH 12
Holy Communion Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn * *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213

SENDING FORTH

Benediction * Rev. Zant
Postlude *Toccata on Hyfrydol* Good
Mr. Callaway, organist

* Please stand as you are able

Holy Communion at Chamblee First

As United Methodists, we believe that all are welcome at God's Table. Our communion liturgy begins with words spoken on Jesus' behalf inviting "all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another." As all come to His table to partake in His holy mystery, we pray that these words are embodied in the life of everyone who comes. Ours is an open communion table. You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any church, to participate. **Everyone is invited!**

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:

- Debbie Hall, diagnosed with breast cancer
- Alexis Rodriguez, struggling with complications of myasthenia gravis (MG)
- Jean Mims, recovering at home from heart and kidney issues
- Jerry Smith, recovering at home, awaiting treatment
- Mel Masbruch, moved to Legacy Ridge memory care in Buckhead
- Candace Kortovich, recovering from successful hand surgery
- Joe Lipsky, recovering from cervical spinal surgery
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)

Our Members' Families:

- Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- Katie Zant, Pastor Blair's daughter, continuing treatment nearby
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, awaiting treatment for neck pain
- Iris Montgomery, Susan Montgomery's granddaughter, recovering at home from spinal surgery
- Claire Winne, mother of Mark, recovering in rehab
- Stacy Jarrard Kelley, niece of Debbie Calvert, receiving radiation treatments after double mastectomy for triple negative breast cancer
- Mary Ellen Johnson, mother of Whitney, health challenges
- Lisa Bolt, mother of James Kingman, treatment for esophageal and liver cancer
- Tyler Marshall, nephew of Jo Burkhardt, dealing with bi-polar disorder
- Claire Rowell, wife of Jordan and DIL of Jan, maintenance treatments for brain tumor
- Nell Lanier, aunt of Jo Burkhardt, undergoing treatment for liver cancer in Mississippi

Our Sympathy to the family of:

- Robert Bruce Bennett, father of Michael Bennett, who passed away on Nov 6 in Lilburn. A celebration of life was held at Mountain Park UMC last week. Please keep the Bennett family in your prayers.

Celebrating Baptism



Please welcome to our Family of Faith,
Aiden James Vicente,
born August 23, 2024,
son of Andre' and Stefanie Vicente

Church Financials & Leadership

Month-End Reporting

To request a full copy of the most recently approved financial reports, please email business@chambleeumc.org
Year to Date, as of Oct 31: Income = \$686,002 | Expenses = \$751,496

Upcoming Meetings (revised dates & times!)

- Board of Trustees - Dec 12, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- Finance Committee - Dec 12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- Administrative Board - Dec 17, 6:00 pm