

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

Live Nativity

- *ongoing* - **Call for Cast Members.** Adults, youth, elementary students, and preschoolers are invited to be part of this special holiday tradition. To sign up, please contact Summer Rowell at summer.rowell@gmail.com
- **TODAY, 12 noon - Rehearsal & Costuming.** Join in the Youth Corner immediately after worship for a quick rehearsal and costume fitting
- *now through Dec 20* - Please **donate cookies** – either homemade or store-bought – to serve after both performances. Drop them off at the front desk now thru Dec 20. They will be kept fresh in our new freezer. Questions? Contact jblack@chambleeumc.org
- *Dec 21, 5 PM and 6 PM:* New for 2026, CFUMC is offering **two performances** of our Live Nativity. Join us after either performance for cocoa and cookies!

Bicentennial Commemorative Ornaments

now available for purchase


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.

- On sale now at chambleeumc.org/ornaments
- Pre-Orders may be picked up at the Welcome Desk in the Atrium

Volunteer Help Needed – Youth Basketball Concession Stand

three shifts each Saturday

We're looking for volunteers to staff our youth basketball concession stand on game days. There are three shifts available. Whether you're a parent, a student needing volunteer hours, or a CFUMC member eager to support the program, we'd love your help! Sign up here: chambleeumc.org/concessions



Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 AM
CoLABorate & Confirmation in The Corner. chambleeumc.org/youth

Sunday evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Tonight! Dec 14 – Youth Christmas Party. Bring an appetizer or dessert and an ornament for our White Elephant ornament exchange.

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.



Love Offering for the Staff

As we approach the end of the year, we hope you can joyfully reflect upon the many blessings you have received from being a part of CFUMC. The opportunities to worship, serve, and enjoy fellowship here are bountiful. Our staff dedicates much time and effort to making this possible. Please let them know they are appreciated by contributing to our annual Staff Love Offering. **The last day to give is Dec 21.**

- Make check payable to Chamblee First UMC and note "Staff Love" on the memo line.
- Give online at chambleeumc.org/give. Click the "Give Now" button then choose "Love Offering for Staff" from the drop-down menu. Or, give via your REALM account at onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/staff
- Text "CHAMBLEE staff" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

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**
- Faith Class** • Faith Class 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. **Hospitality Suite**

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 king@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 learn more or participate in an upcoming project, visit chambleeumc.org/missions

Winter Coat Drive

now through December 27

We are collecting new and gently used adult-sized coats, along with hand and foot warmers. All coats will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul and made available for our unhoused neighbors in need of warmth this winter. Place your donations in the bins located in the church breezeway or Narthex. Thank you for your generosity and care for our community.



CHAMBLEE
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Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 14, 2025
TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

THIRD 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

- December 14: JOY Lessons & Carols Service
- December 21: LOVE
- December 24: *Christmas Eve Candlelight Services*
4 PM - Nativity Service
6 PM - Communion Service
- Dec 28: STILL HOPING

chambleeumc.org/advent2025



Worship Leaders & Staff

chambleeumc.org | 770-457-2525

Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, Senior Pastor
Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator
Jordan Black, Director of Children's Ministries
Bill Callaway, Organist
Steve Crocker, Director of Music Ministries
Deanna Hamilton, Executive Director
Emily Jameson, PMO Director
Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care
Mellie O'Keefe, Kindergarten Director
Alexis Rodriguez, AV Engineer
Chamblee Methodist Youth (CMY)

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

CFUMC Advent Playlist
chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Advent

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Call to Worship *Luke 1: 47-55* Rev. Blair Boyd Zant

Opening Hymn * *O Come, All Ye Faithful* verses 1, 3 and 6 **UMH 234**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

JOY
Isaiah 35: 1-7, 10 (NRSV) The Henderson Family

Advent Response *Christ Be Our Light* Farnell

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

Lesson 1 Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19 Steve Rubino

Special Music *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Andrews
Mrs. Maggie Victorio-Mundie, vocalist
Mr. Dave Worley, guitarist

Lesson 2 Genesis 22: 15-18 Valerie Crocker

Special Music *Still, Still, Still* Johnson
Bell Choir

Lesson 3 Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 George Hall

Special Music *We Who Were Walking In Darkness* Fetke
Chancel Choir

Lesson 4 Isaiah 11: 1-4a Claire Watts

Congregational Hymn * *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **UMH 211**
verses 1, 2 and 6

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Isaiah 61: 10a Will Harlan

Song *Joy! Sing and Shout* North Point Kids

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Zant

Offertory *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* Johnson
Bell Choir

Advent Doxology * *Veni Emmanuel* **UMH 95**
tune: *O Come Emanuel*

Prayer of Dedication * Rev. Zant

Lesson 5 Luke 1: 26-35, 38 Linda King

Special Music *Rhapsody on Christmas Carols* Purvis
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Congregational Hymn * *The First Noel* **UMH 245**
verses 1 and 2

Lesson 6 Luke 2: 1-16 Margaret Sanchez

Special Music *Gesu Bambino* Pietro A. Yon
Chancel Choir with
Ms. Summer Rowell, soloist

Lesson 7 Matthew 2: 1-11 Mark Winne

Special Music *No Golden Carriage* Martin
Ladies' Choir

Lesson 8 John 1: 1-14 James Kingman

Special Music *Jesus What a Wonderful Child* Lowry
Chancel Choir

Lesson 9 Luke 1: 46-55 Brooke Broadway

Benediction * Rev. Zant

Response to the Benediction * *Gloria* Vivaldi
Chancel Choir and Mr. Callaway, organist

Postlude *Fanfare on "Joy to the World"* Fey
Mr. Callaway, organist

* 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

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, dealing with pancreatic cancer

Congratulations to:

- Jason and Addie (Hamilton) Palazini, on the birth of their son, Warren Douglas, born on December 1. They are home and doing well!

Our Sympathy to the family of

Marsha Jones, wife of Tom, who passed away on December 8.
A celebration of Marsha's life will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 1 PM
in the Sanctuary with a reception immediately following.

Church Financials & Leadership

Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Committee - Monday, Dec 15 | 6:00 PM
- Administrative Board - Thursday, Dec 18 | 6:00 PM

2025 Outstanding Pledge Balances

due by Dec 31

As the year comes to a close, please log in to your Realm account review your annual giving records. By fulfilling your 2025 pledge, you make a significant and positive impact on the financial stability of our church. Thank you for your faithful support!

Church Business Office Holiday Hours

- Dec 24 thru Dec 26: closed
- Sun Dec 28: worship at 10:45 AM
- Dec 29-31: 8:30 AM - 12 PM
- Jan 1: closed
- Jan 5: normal business hours, 8:30 AM - 4 PM
- Jan 6: PreK & Kindergarten resume



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Poinsettias

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placed in Memory of

Mark Atkins	by	Jim & Cheryl Atkins
Robert Brooks	by	Shirley Brooks
Robert "Bruce" Bennett	by	The Bennett Family
Phoebe Jane Burkhardt	by	Jake & Jo Burkhardt
Louise & Marion Couch	by	Gayle & Sam McEntyre
John Dennisson	by	Mary Lou Dennisson
Ellen & John DeChirico	by	The Rowell Family
Roy Dixon	by	Jim & Cheryl Atkins
Crystal Dunahoo	by	Ray Dunahoo
Mama & Papa Grady	by	Jake & Jo Burkhardt
Les Hammond	by	Ann Hammond & Family
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James Hiers, Jr.	by	Bo Hiers
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Marsha Jones	by	Shirley and Scott Pirnie
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Sandra Fancher by Leslie Hall
Debbie George by Leslie Hall
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Debbie & George Hall and family by Lee Turner
Deanna Hamilton by James Kingman & Whitney Johnson
Adam Hammond by Ann Hammond
Kathy Heller by Lee Turner
Tom Jones by Shirley and Scott Pirnie
Mary Ellen Johnson by James Kingman & Whitney Johnson
Mary Ruth Kearney by James Kingman & Whitney Johnson
Jo Anne Lawson by Deanna Hamilton
Jean Mims by The Rowell Family
Jane Manus by James Kingman & Whitney Johnson
Our Children & Grandchildren by Gayle & Sam McEntyre
Maggie Victorio Mundie by James Kingman & Whitney Johnson
Shirley Pirnie by Barbara Roberts
Anne Reusche by Maureen Devlin
Margy Sansbury by Maureen Devlin
Donna Scarbrough by Mike Shackley
Laura, Matt, Lila & McKenzie Trammell by Ann Hammond
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