

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

Family Christmas Tree

throughout Advent

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.

Christian Yoga

Mondays at 10:30

On Dec 16, our group will meet for brunch at 10:30 at First Watch Chamblee. Classes resume Jan 8.

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.

StitchCraft

Dec 18, 12 pm

Our last crafting session of 2024 is Dec 18. We will resume on Jan 8. Join us!

Family Christmas Sunday School

Dec 22, 9:45

"Gingerbread Bash" for preschool and elementary kids and their families. Room 223.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 22, 10:45 pm

During the season of Advent, we anticipate and prepare for the coming of Christ. Replays of all Advent services are available at chambleeumc.org/watch-archive. Next week, we will light the Love candle, and Rev. Zant's message is titled "Welcome In." You are.

Oh Come Let Us Adore Him

Dec 24, 4 pm

Chamblee First will not be hosting our outdoor Live Nativity this season. Instead, we will feature a live-action nativity reading as part of our 4 pm Christmas Eve service. All are invited to participate as we bring the story of Christmas to life! Sign up for the cast at chambleeumc.org/nativity

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



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 22.**

- 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**. 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

- Children grades K-5th are dismissed during the service for Kids' Church and can be picked up in Room 223 following the service.
- 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.



India Gleason, Director of Youth Ministries
igleason@chambleeumc.org

Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 am

All students grades 6-12, are invited to participate in our current series, *Remember When*. Come for coffee and snacks as we take a look at the Christmas story to see how something we may have heard long ago can still help us grow today.

Sunday evenings: 5:00-7:00 pm

Chamblee Methodist Youth Group (CMY) is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. Join us for social events, spiritual exploration and service opportunities. CMY group & supper resumes Jan 12.

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



CHAMBLEE FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Nine Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 15, 2024

TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341
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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

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 he word **CHAMBLEE** to 73256 using your mobile device.



CHRISTMAS EVE: *Linger in the Light*

4pm - Nativity Service 6pm - Communion Service



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
Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator

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Order of Worship

Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Call to Worship		Rev. Blair Boyd Zant
Prelude	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> Esteban Rodriguez, soloist, and Chancel Choir with Mr. Bill Callaway, organist	Alexander and Gauntlett
Processional Hymn *	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> verses 1, 2, 3	UMH 234
Lighting of the Advent Candle	JOY Isaiah 12: 2-6 (NRSV)	Whitney Johnson & James Kingman
Advent Response	<i>Christ Be Our Light</i>	Farnell
	<i>refrain:</i> 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 22: 15-18	Mary Ruth Kearney
Special Music	<i>Angel Tidings</i> Bell Choir and Mr. Callaway, organist	Dobrinski
Lesson 2	Isaiah 40: 1-8	Andy Jameson
Special Music	<i>Come Though Long Expected Jesus</i> Maggie Victorio-Mundie, vocalist; Dave Wright, guitarist; Zack Wright, pianist	Andrews
Lesson 3	Jeremiah 23: 5-6	Jackson Broadway
Special Music	<i>Emmanuel</i> chorus	Grant
Lesson 4	Zechariah 9: 9-10	Larry Pope
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Zant
Offertory	<i>Toccata on "Adestes Fideles"</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Fey
Advent Doxology *	<i>Veni Emmanuel</i>	UMH 95 tune: <i>O Come Emanuel</i>
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant
Lesson 5	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11	Leslie Hall
Hymn *	<i>The First Noel</i> verses 1,2,4	UMH 245
Lesson 6	Luke 1: 26-35, 38	Eleanor Gillispie
Special Music	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, pianist	Angela
Lesson 7	Matthew 2: 1-11	Jim Atkins
Special Music	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, organist	Schweizer

Lesson 8	Mark 1: 1-8	Rob Forrest
Anthem	<i>Mary, Did You Know?</i> Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, pianist	Lowry
Lesson 9	John 1: 6-14, 19-23	Rev. Zant
Benediction *		
Response to the Benediction *	<i>Joy to the World</i> Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, organist	Baldwin
Postlude	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Bish

* 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:

- Skylar Broadway, daughter of Wes and Brooke, recovering from knee surgery
- Debbie Hall, upcoming surgery and treatment for breast cancer
- Alexis Rodriguez, dealing with complications from Myasthenia Gravis
- Jean Mims, recovering at home with heart and kidney issues, awaiting treatment
- Jerry Smith, recovering at home, awaiting new treatment
- Joe Lipsky, recovering from cervical spinal surgery
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy))

Our Members' Families:

- Praise! Katie Zant, Pastor Blair's daughter, is now home
- Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, awaiting treatment for neck pain
- 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, DIL of Jan, continuing maintenance treatments for brain tumor
- Nell Lanier, aunt of Jo Burkhardt, undergoing treatment for liver cancer in Mississippi

Church Financials & Leadership

Month-End Reporting

YTD as of Nov 30: Income = \$819,382 | Expenses = \$835,833. To request a full copy of the most recently approved financial reports, please email business@chambleeumc.org

Upcoming Meetings

- Administrative Board - Dec 17, 5:30 pm
- Called Charge Conference - *postponed until January*

2024 Outstanding Pledge Balances

by Dec 31

As the year comes to a close, please login to onrealm.org and review your personal giving records. By fulfilling your 2024 pledge, you significantly influence to the financial stability of our church. If your circumstances have changed and you are unable to satisfy your pledge this year, simply let our Executive Director know so that we can make necessary adjustments. dhamilton@chambleeumc.org
We are very close to reaching our budget goals. Every gift ... and extra gift ... matters!