

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

Church Business Office Holiday Hours

- Dec 24 thru Dec 27: closed
- Sun Dec 29: worship at 10:45 am
- Dec 30 & 31: 8:30 am - 12 noon
- Jan 1: closed
- Jan 2: normal business hours, 8:30 am - 4 pm
- Jan 7: PreK & Kindergarten resume

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Dec 29, 10:45 am

Unless otherwise communicated, Sunday School classes will not meet on Dec 29. The service for this final Sunday of 2024 will be a bit more relaxed. Join us at 10:45 when Rev. Zant will conclude the *Stay Awhile* series with "Take Some Leftovers!"

2024 Outstanding Pledge Balances

by Dec 31

Please login to onrealm.org to review your personal giving records and fulfill your 2024 pledge. If your situation has changed and you are unable to satisfy your pledge, please contact our Executive Director at dhamilton@chambleeumc.org so we can adjust accordingly. Every gift matters as we work to close out the fiscal year.

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

Undecorating the Church

Jan 4, 10 am - 12 pm

On the first Saturday of the new year, we will gather to pack up and put away our Christmas decorations and tidy up our church in preparation for 2025. Many hands make light work so please mark your calendar and plan to help.

Young at Heart

Jan 7, 12:30

Food, fun, and fellowship for our 65+ community, the first Tuesday of every month. Lunch is \$8 per person, payable in cash at the door. RSVP to lking@chambleeumc.org

StitchCraft

Wednesdays, 12 pm

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, sewing, or other handicrafts and would like to spend time with other crafters, this will be a fun time to fellowship together while you craft! No need to RSVP, just come with all your supplies. Resumes on Jan 8.

Yoga with Keisha

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am

Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. All are welcome! chambleeumc.org/yoga. Last session of the year is Dec 30, then classes resume Jan 13.

ROMEOS Breakfast

Second Thursdays, 8 am

The late Les Hammond founded this breakfast club for CFUMC Retired Men (and those who are not yet retired!) We continue to honor his memory by gathering the second Thursday of each month. Join us at Goldberg's Deli, 4520 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

ChambLEAD

Jan 10 & 11

Leadership Training for incoming Lay Leadership including church committee chairs, board members, and staff. Please RSVP to invitation emailed from Rev. Blair Boyd Zant and our Leadership Development & Nominations Committee.

Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers tonight 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 prayers@chambleeumc.org.



Prayer List

Welcome, and Merry Christmas

Thank you for worshipping with us tonight! We are grateful for your presence during this wonderful season.

As we look forward to a new year at Chamblee First, we invite you to participate in our worship, program, and service life here at the church. Our hope is to foster a warm, caring community that you can call home.

Our Sunday worship service takes place at 10:45 am.

Childcare is available in our Nursery each Sunday for children ages 6 weeks to 4 years.

We have Sunday School programs and student ministries designed especially for children & youth.

Faith Formation classes for all ages are held at 9:45 am each Sunday.

Our welcome desk ambassadors will help you find a class, or you may contact Linda King, Member Care Coordinator, lking@chambleeumc.org.



LET US KNOW YOU ARE WITH US

Whether a Visitor or a Member, we are glad you are with us tonight! 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.

Visitor
Check-In



Member
Check-In



Thank you! We hope you will join us again in the coming year.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT

- The mission & vision of Chamblee First United Methodist Church – please contact Rev. Blair Boyd Zant at bzant@chambleeumc.org
- What's new and exciting with our Children's Program and curriculum - please contact Jordan Black at jblack@chambleeumc.org
- Our inclusive, relevant Student Ministry & Chamblee Methodist Youth - please contact India Gleason at igleason@chambleeumc.org
- Joining the church or member care – please contact Linda King at lking@chambleeumc.org
- Participating in worship music, the choir, and/or the bell choir – please contact Zack Wright at zwright@chambleeumc.org
- Sports and recreation programs – please contact Chad Henderson at recreation@chambleeumc.org
- Our Parents Morning Out program -- please contact Emily Jameson at pmo@chambleeumc.org
- Our preschool & kindergarten -- chambleemethodistkindergarten.org

For outreach opportunities, events, or community connections, please email communications@chambleeumc.org or visit www.chambleeumc.org



December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve

Nativity Service, 4 pm
Communion Service, 6 pm

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Welcome to Chamblee First UMC

We Welcome, Celebrate, and Embrace All

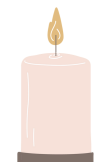
At Chamblee First UMC, we affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God. We believe that all people are worthy of God's unconditional love, grace, and inclusion. We embrace and celebrate the gift of diversity in our church and in our world. We recognize that while 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 Methodist United Methodist Church, and peace be with you!

Receiving and Passing the Light of Christ

- Please light your candle from the person next to you.
- Do not tilt a lit candle. Hold the candle straight up and down, about chest high.
- On the last stanza *Silent Night*, raise your candle to represent the light of Christ illuminating the Sanctuary.
- As you depart the sanctuary, carefully extinguish your candle and place the unlit candle in the bins provided.



What makes the Poinsettia so special? Some say the shape of the flower resembles the Star of Bethlehem, which led the Wise Men to Jesus. Others remark that the red petals represent the blood of Christ while the white petals represent His purity. At Chamblee First, poinsettias are donated to adorn our altar each Christmas in honor or memory of loved ones. **For those who purchased poinsettia(s), please remember to take your plant(s) home following this Christmas Eve service.**



Holy Communion

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 the table to partake in this 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!**

Ways to Give

An offering is collected to support the work of Chamblee First UMC, 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.

Order of Worship, 4 pm

GATHERING MUSIC

Do You Hear What I Hear?
CFUMC Worship Leaders

THE GREETING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Blair Boyd Zant

Prelude

Go Tell It On the Mountain
CFUMC Worship Leaders

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship *

Rev. Zant

Opening Hymn *

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Christ Candle

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The Dunlap Family

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.

THE NATIVITY STORY

Christmas Reading

Luke 1:26-33, Luke 2:1-7

Hymn *

Away in a Manger
verses 1-2

UMH **217**

Christmas Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Children's Homily

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Rev. Zant

Hymn *

Away in a Manger
verse 3

UMH **217**

Innkeeper: Bo Heirs; *Holy Family:* André, Stefanie & Aiden Vicente
Nativity Cast: CFUMC children, youth, and friends

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Zant

Offertory

O Holy Night
Maggie Victorio-Mundie (vocalist) and
Zack Wright (vocalist & pianist)

Adam

Christmas Doxology *

tune: *The First Noel*

THE WORD

Homily

Stay Awhile: Lingerin in the Light

Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Candlelight Hymn *

Silent Night

UMH **239**

SENDING FORTH

Dismissal with a Blessing *

John 1:1-5

Rev. Zant

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Bach

* Please stand as you are able.

Order of Worship, 6 pm

THE GREETING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Blair Boyd Zant

Prelude

O Sanctissima
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Bish

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship *

Rev. Zant

Processional Hymn *

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

UMH **240**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Christ Candle

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The Boswell Family

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.

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Zant

Offertory

Angels We Have Heard on High
Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, organist

Angela

Christmas Doxology *

tune: *The First Noel*

THE WORD

Christmas Reading

Luke 1:26-33
Luke 2:1-20

Deanna Hamilton
and Brad Sherrill

Homily

Stay Awhile: Lingerin in the Light

Rev. Zant

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation and Great Thanksgiving

UMH **12**

Holy Communion

Rev. Zant

O Come Let Us Adore Him
Mr. Dave Worley, guitarist

Wade

O Holy Night

Mrs. Maggie Victorio-Mundie (vocalist) and
Mr. Zack Wright (vocalist & pianist)

Adam

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Candlelight Hymn *

Silent Night

UMH **239**

SENDING FORTH

Dismissal with a Blessing *

John 1:1-5

Rev. Zant

Postlude

Grand Fantasia on "Joy To the World"
Mr. Callaway, organist

Cheban

* Please stand as you are able.

