

## 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](https://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.

### Christmas Poinsettias

deadline is TODAY, 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](https://chambleeumc.org/happening/poinsettia)

### Breakfast with Santa

Dec 14, beginning at 8:30 am

Registration is CLOSED and visits/photos with Santa are fully booked. But all are welcome to drop in for the pancake breakfast and participate holiday crafts and games.

### Christian Yoga

Mondays at 10:30

Dec 9 is our final session of 2024. 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

Wednesdays at Noon

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

### 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](https://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](https://chambleeumc.org/study-EHS)

## Local Outreach & Global Missions

### 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!



### 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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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

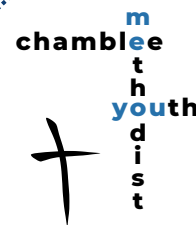
- Children grades K-5th are dismissed during the service for Kids' Church and can be picked up in Room 223 following the service.
- Children ages 2 through preschool will meet in Room 101 at both 9:30 and 10:45.

**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.



### 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  
[igleason@chambleeumc.org](mailto:igleason@chambleeumc.org)

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, *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.

### Tonight! CMY Christmas Party, 5:00-7:00 pm

Join us for our last Sunday Night Youth Group gathering of 2024. We are providing a festive catered meal and ask student attendees to bring a \$20 gift for our gift exchange.

## 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](mailto:cacwilson32@gmail.com)



DECEMBER 8, 2024

TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

## SECOND 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 & Christmas at Chamblee First

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



\* replay available at [chambleeumc.org/watch-archive](https://chambleeumc.org/watch-archive)

## 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](https://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  
Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator

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## Order of Worship

### THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour  
Call to Worship Rev. Blair Boyd Zant  
Prelude *Meditation on "O Little Town of Bethlehem"* Fey  
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

### THE GREETING

Welcome & Announcements Ms. India Gleason  
Opening Hymn \* *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* UMH 211  
verses 1, 2, 6, 7

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE Jeremiah 29: 5-14 (CEB) The Harlan 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.

### PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Ms. Gleason

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Shepherds Show the Way Mrs. Jordan Black

### THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Zant  
Offertory *People Look East* Farjeon  
Chancel Choir with Mr. Bill Callaway, organist  
Advent Doxology \* *VENI EMMANUEL*  
Dedication of the Offering \* Rev. Zant

### THE WORD

Scripture Mark 1: 1-8 Ms. Gleason  
Sermon *Stay Awhile: We Have A Plan* Rev. Zant

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn \* *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* UMH 216

### SENDING FORTH

Benediction \* Rev. Zant  
Postlude *Joy To the World* Bock  
Mr. Callaway, organist

\* During CFUMC services, we frequently **sit** to listen and **stand** for praise or response. If you have difficulty standing or are uncomfortable doing so, feel free to remain seated. No matter your posture, we invite you to spend this time of worship focused on worshipping the Lord.

## 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](https://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](mailto:prayer@chambleeumc.org).



Prayer List

### Our Members:

- Debbie Hall, diagnosed with breast cancer
- Alexis Rodriguez, dealing 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 & hoping to come home next week
- 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, 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

### Congratulations to:

- Mike and Donna Shackley who were married on Nov 30 at the chapel at St. Mark's. We wish the happy couple all the best!

## Church Financials & Leadership

### The Business of the Church

The Chamblee Administrative Board will meet on Tuesday, December 17th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for our final meeting of 2024. The agenda will include business brought forth by our Board of Trustees, Finance, Staff Parish Relations, Nominations, and Missions Committees.

At 6:15 p.m., the meeting will transition to a Charge Conference. The sole business item on the agenda is the final review and approval of the Rail Trail easement agreement with the City of Chamblee. Both meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend, but voice and vote are limited to members of the Administrative Board.

### Month-End Reporting

YTD as of Oct 31: Income = \$686,002 | Expenses = \$751,496. To request a full copy of the most recently approved financial reports, please email [business@chambleeumc.org](mailto:business@chambleeumc.org)

### Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Trustees - Dec 12, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- Finance Committee - Dec 12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- Administrative Board - Dec 17, 5:30 pm (*new time!*)
- Called Charge Conference - Dec 17, 6:15 pm