

# 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](http://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

**CMK Spirit Night**  
*Mar 18, 4-9 pm*  
What's for dinner? Support Chamblee Methodist PreK & Kindergarten by dining in, carrying out, or ordering delivery from Farm Burger & Morelli's Ice Cream Dunwoody location, 4514 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. 10% of all sales support our school. Be sure to mention **"CMK"** at checkout.

**Prayer In Action**  
*Mar 22, all day*  
CFUMC will join United Methodists across our district to pray for a day with our hands and feet. Here are three opportunities available through our church and community:

- 9 am - **Intercessory Prayer Call** via Zoom to pray for the needs and concerns of churches, communities, and nations
- 10 am - **Pray Walk** through Huntley Hills community led by Pastor Blair
- 1-3 pm - **Rise Against Hunger** meal packing event at Kingswood UMC

Details about all of these events can be found at [chambleeumc.org/happenings](http://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

**PSW Concert**  
*Mar 22, 3pm*  
Under the direction of Mr. Allen Barbee, Peachtree Symphonic Winds presents "Band Classics!" live from The Salvation Army Temple Corps, 2090 N. Druid Hills Road, Atlanta. Admission is free. [peachtreesymphonicwinds.org](http://peachtreesymphonicwinds.org)

**Document Shredding Event**  
*Mar 29, 8 am - 12 pm*  
Hosted by Chamblee First UMC, Scouting America Troop 268 is sponsoring a document shredding event. Funds raised will support troop funded summer camps, trips, equipment, and high adventure experiences. [chambleeumc.org/happenings](http://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

**Easter Lilies**  
*order now - Mar 31*  
Every Easter, our altar is adorned with Easter Lilies in honor of and in memory of our loved ones. Plants are \$12 each. Place orders online or via paper order forms available in the narthex and lobby.

**2025 Vacation Bible School Registration**  
*registration now open*  
VBS "Road Trip" | June 16-20, 9 am- 12:30 pm

- Children who are rising kindergarten through rising fifth grade are invited to register at [chambleeumc.org/happenings](http://chambleeumc.org/happenings)
- **Calling all Adult and Youth volunteers!** There are many ways to serve during the best week of the summer! Please sign up at [chambleeumc.org/happenings](http://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

**Grow Day Camp**  
*registration now open*  
CFUMC is thrilled to host Grow Day Camp again this summer, Jul 14-18, 9 am - 5:30 pm (Mon-Thurs) and 9 am-12:30 pm (Friday). Learn more and register your rising 1st-6th grader today at [growdaycamps.org](http://growdaycamps.org)

## Local Outreach & Global Missions

**Family Lenten Service Project**  
*March 30, 12-2 pm*  
All families are invited to complete service projects benefitting Chamblee Mission's ministry partners and our local community. We will pack 200 snack bags for Backpack Buddies, prepare Easter giveaways for the City of Chamblee Easter Egg Hunt, and make beautiful artwork for the Elaine Clark center. There is no cost for lunch. Please RSVP to ensure an accurate count for lunch and supplies at [chambleeumc.org/happenings](http://chambleeumc.org/happenings)



**Backpack Buddies**  
*weekly*  
Every week of the school year, CFUMC provides nourishment to local children who have little or nothing to eat on weekends. You can help by participating in a planned packing event or assembling a group and scheduling another. For more info or to sign up, visit <http://tinyurl.com/BackpackBuddiesSignup>

# 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**

- Most Sundays, following the Children's Moment, children grades K-5th are dismissed for Kids' Church and can should be picked up in Room 223 on the 2nd floor after the service. At both 9:30 and 10:45, children ages 2 through preschool meet in Room 101.

**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  
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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, DILEMMAS. This four week study is designed to help students make inspired, smart choices that reflect both who they are and who they are striving to become. Coffee and snacks provided.

**Sunday evenings: 5:00-7:00 pm**  
Experience meaningful discussions with a small group in a safe place to be your authentic self. All students and friends are invited to join us for worship, dinner, and games each Sunday! Join us for "The Making Of," a 4-week exploration of what can happen when we invest in spiritual formation.

## 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!

- NEW for 2025!**

- A newly formed group comprised of new friends from all life stages. This group is focusing on forming connections, building Christian community, and deepening our faith. Join us for our current study, "Because of This, I Rejoice." **Room 200**
- Bridge Class**

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



MARCH 16, 2025  
TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341  
770-457-2525 | [chambleeumc.org](http://chambleeumc.org)

[www.chambleeumc.org/lent-easter-2025](http://www.chambleeumc.org/lent-easter-2025)

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!



Visitor  
Check-In

Welcome! We are glad you're here with us today. Please scan the appropriate QR code so we can connect you with activities and ministries that may interest you and your family. The form includes space for you to provide contact information and for you to submit any questions. We would love the opportunity to get to know you better!



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 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](https://chambleeumc.org/give)

Sermon Series for Lent

Lent is a season of reflection and renewal. In our sermon series, **Rooted: A Lenten Journey of Digging Deep and Letting Go**, we will prepare our hearts for Easter by giving up what keeps us from God and taking on practices that draw us closer. Join us Sundays at 10:45 am, Mar 9 - Apr 13 as we surrender what holds us back and take hold of the life God calls us to live."

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

Holy Week Services

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| • Sun, Apr 13    | Palm Sunday, 10:45 am       |  |
| • Thur, Apr 17 * | Maundy Thursday, 7 pm       | * nursery for Infants-PreK will be available during Holy Week services |
| • Fri, Apr 18 *  | Good Friday, 7 pm           |  |
| • Sun, Apr 20    | Easter Sunday, 9 am & 11 am |  |



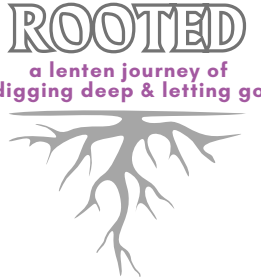
**CHAMBLEE**  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Worship Leaders & Staff**  
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| Order of Worship   |   |                      |  |
|--|---|----------------------|--|
| THE GATHERING  |   |                      |  |
| Chiming of the Hour  |   |                      |  |
| Welcome & Announcements  |   | Ms. India Gleason    |  |
| Prelude  | Aria<br>Mr. Bill Callaway, organist                       | Manz                 |  |
| PRAISE & THANKSGIVING  |   |                      |  |
| Lenten Call to Worship   |   | Rev. Blair Boyd Zant |  |
| Opening Hymn *   | Lord, Who Throughout<br>These Forty Days                  | UMH 269              |  |
| Prayer of Confession and The Lord’s Prayer   |   | Ms. Gleason          |  |
| Passing of the Peace   |   |                      |  |
| CHILDREN’S MOMENT  |   |                      |  |
| Love Prays for Each Other  |   | Mrs. Jordan Black    |  |
| After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223  |   |                      |  |
| THE OFFERING   |   |                      |  |
| Invitation to the Offering   |   | Rev. Zant            |  |
| Offertory  | Create in Me<br>Chancel Choir and Bill Callaway, organist | Martin               |  |
| Doxology *   |   | UMH 95               |  |
| Prayer of Dedication *   |   | Rev. Zant            |  |
| THE WORD   |   |                      |  |
| Scripture  | Luke 13: 31-35  | Ms. Gleason          |  |
| Hymn of Preparation  | Be Thou My Vision<br>verses 1 & 2                         | UMH 451              |  |
| Sermon   | ROOTED:<br>At the Risk Of                                 | Rev. Zant            |  |
| RESPONSE TO THE WORD   |   |                      |  |
| Closing Hymn *   | A Charge to Keep I Have                                   | UMH 413              |  |
| SENDING FORTH  |   |                      |  |
| Benediction *  |   | Rev. Zant            |  |
| Postlude   | Pilgrim's Chorus<br>Mr. Callaway, organist                | Wagner               |  |
| * Please stand as you are able   |   |                      |  |
| 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 when you arrive. |   |                      |  |

Spiritual Discipline for Lent



Throughout the season of Lent, we are invited to deepen our walk with God through intentional prayer, reflection, and spiritual disciplines. We are excited to offer opportunities for you to engage in these practices in a meaningful way.


Each week through Apr 13, a new **Prayer & Spiritual Practice station** will be created in our worship space will support you on your Lenten journey. Each will offer a unique focus for prayer and reflection, guiding us through different aspects of our faith, such as gratitude, forgiveness, and sacrifice.

We invite you to spend time at these stations, allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart as you engage with each one. Whether you come alone or with family and friends, these stations will provide a quiet space for you to connect with God and reflect on the significance of this holy season.

A reminder that our sanctuary **Prayer & Spiritual Practice stations** are open and available Monday thru Thursday, 9 am-4 pm, and Fridays from 9 am - 1 pm.

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:**

- Laura Ray, recovering from back surgery
- Eleanor Wilson, struggling with various health issues; she will be 100 on Jul 4
- Barbara Berryman, recovering at home from GI surgery
- Debbie Hall, undergoing chemo treatment for breast cancer
- Jerry Smith, recovering from back surgery, awaiting kidney surgery
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)

**Our Members’ Families:**

- Jean Connell, sister of Eleanor, recovering from a hospitalization and declining health
- Aiden Hare, grandson of Pat & Bill Farkas, recovering from 2nd degree burns
- Claire Winne, mother of Mark, recovering at home
- Nick and Mary Nicodemus, parents of Tammy Boswell, declining health
- Jim Russell, uncle of Mary Ruth Kearney
- Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, awaiting treatment for neck pain
- Stacy Jarrard Kelley, niece of Debbie Calvert, receiving radiation treatments after double mastectomy
- 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

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed in honor of **Mr. Lynn Johnston** who celebrated his 94th birthday on March 15th

Church Financials & Leadership

**Month-End Reporting**  
YTD as of Feb 28 (preliminary): Income = \$117,931 | Expenses = \$182,654  
To request a full copy of the most recently approved financial reports, please email [business@chambleeumc.org](mailto:business@chambleeumc.org)

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Mon Mar 17, 6 pm: Finance Committee
- Tue Mar 18, 6:30 pm: Missions Committee
- Mon Mar 24, 6 pm: Leadership Development & Nominations Committee
- Mon Mar 31 (instead of Apr 7), 6 pm: Staff Parish Relations Committee

Questions, comments, or compliments can be addressed to [spr@chamblee.org](mailto:spr@chamblee.org)