

## 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)

### Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten Reunion & Playground Dedication

*Today*  
This morning, we are delighted to welcome current and alumni families of our preschool and kindergarten ministry. After worship, all are invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new sensory playground.

### Easter Lilies

*order before Mar 25*  
Every Easter, our altar is adorned with Easter Lilies in honor of and in memory of our loved ones. Plants are \$12 each. Paper order forms are available in the narthex or atrium lobby and should be submitted with your check or cash payment. Or, order and pay online at [chambleeumc.org/Easter-Lilies](http://chambleeumc.org/Easter-Lilies)

### Chamblee Kids Egg Hunt

*Mar 28, 10:00 - 11:30 AM*  
Bring your baskets and a friend to our annual egg hunt on the great lawn. Fuel up with chicken biscuits and juice before the hunt begins at 10:30 AM. Following the hunt, enjoy music, crafts, and more!  
**Note to Egg Fillers:** please return treat-stuffed eggs to the church no later than Mar 25.



### Women's Spiritual Retreat

*deposit due Mar 29*  
All adult women are invited to the CFUMC Women's Spiritual Retreat at Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC, September 18-20, 2026. Whether you are seeking rest, spiritual growth, or deeper fellowship, this weekend is designed to nourish your soul in a peaceful, beautiful setting. Register today at [chambleeumc.org/retreat](http://chambleeumc.org/retreat)

### Easter Eden: A Living Garden for Easter Sunday

*orders due by 11:59 PM on Mar 29*  
Help transform the sanctuary into a beautiful botanical landscape that celebrates the resurrection story. After Easter Sunday services, take home your purchased plants to continue growing in your garden and community. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Scout Troop 268 at CFUMC. <https://servescape.com/collections/eastereden>

### VBS Volunteers Needed

This summer, we need adults and youth to help our kids find their strength in God! To review various needs and signup, visit [chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026](http://chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026)



**CMY Sunday Mornings: 9:30 AM**  
Every week brings something new! We welcome young people in grades 6 through 12 interested in studying Scripture, exploring their faith, and building relationships with Christ and other students.

**CMY Sunday Evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 PM**  
Food, fun, friends, and faith—see you **tonight** at CMY! We will continue our Lenten Study centered around the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus.

## Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | [jblack@chambleeumc.org](mailto: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-5<sup>th</sup>

### During Worship, 10:45-11:45

- Children ages 3 through preschool are welcome in **Room 101** for the worship hour.
- Children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Palm Sunday Celebration

*Mar 29, 9:30 and 10:45am*  
Preschool and Elementary kids will celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem through song, prayer, and candy creations!

### Summer 2026

- CFUMC **Vacation Bible School**, June 15-19, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. For rising PreK through rising 5th grade. Filling up fast! Register at [chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026](http://chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026)
- CFUMC is thrilled to host **Glisson's Grow Day Camp** again this summer, June 22-26. For rising 1st-6th graders. Learn more and register at [growdaycamps.org](http://growdaycamps.org)

## 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](http://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 [iking@chambleeumc.org](mailto:iking@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](mailto:cacwilson32@gmail.com)
- Christian Yoga**
  - Wednesdays, 10:45-11:45 am**  
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. [chambleeumc.org/yoga](http://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](mailto: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](http://chambleeumc.org/missions)



**NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!** There are children in the local community on a waiting list to receive a bed of their own. They are sleeping on the floor, air mattress, sofa, etc. Giving them a bed not only enables them to get a good night's sleep, but shows them God's love.

**CFUMC Bed DELIVERY Event:** *Saturday, Apr 11, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM*  
By the end of our day together, a few children in our community will be sleeping in their very own beds the same day! Make sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed-toed shoes. We'll be using drills to put the beds together. Sign up at [chambleeumc.org/SHP-deliver](http://chambleeumc.org/SHP-deliver)

**CFUMC Bed BULDING Event:** *Saturday, Apr 18, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM*  
The church and local community will build 30 beds for children in need. All tools and materials will be provided. Volunteers will be taught how to use basic tools to build beds. Space is limited and registration is required. Sign up at [chambleeumc.org/SHP-build](http://chambleeumc.org/SHP-build)



MARCH 22, 2026

TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341  
770-457-2525 | [chambleeumc.org](http://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 and your family with groups and activities that may be of interest to you. To use the QR code, open your smartphone's camera and point it at the code. A notification or link will appear — tap it to access the appropriate attendance registration page. Members may also check in using **Realm Connect**, available on the App Store and Google Play.



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

Deeply Rooted. **200** Ever Growing.  
**YEARS**

Fall 2026 marks the bicentennial of Chamblee First United Methodist Church — 200 years of faith, connection, and service. Join us throughout the year for special events and worship services as we look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. See the most current calendar at [chambleeumc.org/200years](http://chambleeumc.org/200years)



## Worship Leaders & Staff

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## Order of Worship

### THE GATHERING

As We Come Together

CFUMC Playlist  
[chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs](http://chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs)

### THE GREETING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Blair Zant and Deanna Hamilton

Prelude

*This Little Light of Mine*  
Mr. Bill Callaway, pianist

Chatham

### PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Lenten Call to Worship

John 10: 11-15  
"I AM the Vine"

Rev. Blair Boyd Zant

Opening Hymn \*

*Jesus Loves Me*  
all verses

UMH 191

Prayers of Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Mrs. Hamilton

### MINISTRY MOMENT

Preschool & Kindergarten Recognition

Mrs. Ann Hammond and Mrs. Sarah Carter

CMK Music Celebration

After which, children in grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223

Mrs. Katie Weaver and Mrs. Jordan Black

### THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Zant

Offertory

*Lord of the Small*  
Chancel Choir  
with Mr. Callaway, pianist

Forrest

Doxology \*

Prayer of Dedication \*

Rev. Zant

### THE WORD

Scripture

Ruth 1: 1-21

Mrs. Hamilton

Sermon

Richest Gain:  
When We Meet Mara

Rev. Zant

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn \*

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*  
verses 1 & 2

UMH 351

### SENDING FORTH

Benediction \*

Rev. Zant

Postlude

*A Joyous Postlude*  
Mr. Callaway, organist

Mallard

\* please stand as you are able

## Lenten Season & Easter Services

### Richest Gain

a Lenten Journey of Loss & Life

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. - *John 12:24*

[chambleeumc.org/Lent&Easter](http://chambleeumc.org/Lent&Easter)

Sundays at 10:45 AM  
now through March 29

Table to Tenebrae Service & Supper  
6:00 PM | Thursday, April 2

Easter Sunday Services  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM | April 5

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a continental breakfast between services

Lent is a time for focus, self-examination, reflection, and repentance. During Lent, we remember who we are and embrace the hope of who we can be. The following engagement opportunities may help guide your Lenten journey as you prepare for the coming of Easter:

- **READ & WRITE:** The study of Christian scripture is essential to our Faith Formation. We've set up a station in the sanctuary where all are invited to take part in reading and transcribing the book of John. During Lent, this is a wonderful way to be still, journal a passage or two, and, in doing so, deepen your understanding of God's will.
- **3-PRACTICES CONVERSATIONS:** This Lent, let's practice courage with three practices for crossing the difference divide. Tuesdays, 6-7 PM in the Hospitality Suite or Thursdays, 9-10 AM at Sidecar Coffee in Chamblee. Facilitated by Rev. Zant, we'll discover what can happen when begin with the phrase "I'd be curious to know..."

## 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](http://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:

- Becky Bennett, beginning radiation treatments for cancer in April
- Eleanor Wilson, struggling with strength and energy
- Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover at home with PT

### Our Members' Families:

- Annie May Walker, 99-year-old mother of Louise DeCastro, recovering from hospitalization
- Trevor McEntyre, nephew of Sam and Gayle, now home, recovering from liver transplant and heart bypass surgery
- Brianna Hare, granddaughter of Bill and Pat Farkas, struggling with health issues
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, recovering at home with a prescribed treatment plan
- Travis Coker, father of Sheila Gillispie, recovering from a fall
- Larry Buchanan, father of Sabrina Viner, recovering from back surgery

printed list as of as of March 16, 2026  
see [chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list](http://chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list) for updates

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed by  
**Gayle & Sam McEntyre**  
in honor of their entire family worshipping together today

## Church Financials & Leadership

### Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- The business offices of CFUMC will be closed Easter Monday, April 6

### Upcoming Meetings

- Nominations & Leadership Development - March 23 | 6:30 PM

Please visit [chambleeumc.org/leadership](http://chambleeumc.org/leadership) for our current Lay Leadership roster and Chamblee First UMC year-to-date financial reports as of February 28, 2026.