

# 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)

## Holy Week Take Home Bags

for **ChambleeKids**  
A goodie bag filled with all the supplies needed to observe Holy Week in meaningful ways as a family, whether at home or on the road. Families should register online, and then pick up their bag in the atrium lobby on Apr 13. [chambleeumc.org/HolyWeekBag](https://chambleeumc.org/HolyWeekBag)

**"Stuff" to Do!**  
*needed by Apr 18*  
The Easter Bunny needs help preparing for our **Annual Egg Hunt at noon on Apr 20**. Please grab a bag of empty plastic eggs from the Atrium or Narthex. Take them home, fill them with goodies, and return stuffed eggs to the church.

**Make a Joyful Noise!**  
*Wednesday evenings*  
It's not too late to join the Chancel Choir or Handbell Choir and be part of the triumphant music for Easter. Attend a few Wednesday night rehearsals and contribute to this joyful celebration. Contact Zack Wright for more details. [zwright@chambleeumc.org](mailto:zwright@chambleeumc.org)

**Easter Monday**  
*Apr 21, all day*  
The business offices of Chamblee First UMC will be closed the day after Easter and the church staff will be on respite. CMK will be in session that day.

**CMK Spirit Night at Mad Italian**  
*Apr 29, 4-9:30 pm*  
Chamblee First and Mad Italian go together like ... spaghetti and meatballs! Let's all plan to have dinner there on Tue, Apr 29 when 10% of proceeds will be donated to support Chamblee Methodist PreK & Kindergarten. Be sure to mention "CMK" at checkout.

**Calling all 2025 Graduates**  
*now through May 9*  
During worship on May 18, we will recognize the Class of 2025. Whether graduating from high school, college, tech school, or earning an advanced degree, please submit names/photos of all graduates to be celebrated. [chambleeumc.org/2025graduates](https://chambleeumc.org/2025graduates)

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

- Rising kindergarteners - Rising 5th graders register at [chambleeumc.org/happenings](https://chambleeumc.org/happenings)
- **Adult & Youth volunteers still needed!** Explore the many ways that you can help at [chambleeumc.org/happenings](https://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

## ChambleeKids

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. **Today, Apr 6, Kids will brought back to the sanctuary in time for Holy Communion.**
- At both 9:30 and 10:45, children ages 2 through preschool meet in Room 101.

**Nursery care** is available in Room 100 during Sunday School and Worship Service for infants and toddlers. **A calming room is also available in the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary.**

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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**  
During Lent, students will meet in the Narthex / Bridal Suite during the Sunday School hour. We will discuss and engage with the Prayer and Spiritual Practice stations located throughout the sanctuary.

**Sunday evenings: 5:00-7:00 pm**  
**No Youth Group tonight, Apr 6.** Enjoy your Spring Break! We look forward to regrouping on Apr 13 to being a new series titled, **"What If?"** Focused on the New Testament and the Prophets, we'll spend the next 4 weeks considering what it means to make a difference, whether individually or collectively. Come explore how God works through us to address others' needs, encourage rest, help someone heal, or right a wrong.

# Holy Week Services

- > Sun, Apr 13
- Palm Sunday, 10:45 am**  
**ChambleeKids** and their families are invited to gather in the narthex at 10:40 am to participate in the Procession of the Palms
- > Thu, Apr 17\*
- Maundy Thursday, 7 pm**  
This service will include Holy Communion and an option for hand or foot washing. Emulating Jesus's washing of his disciples' feet, this is a symbolic act of humility and service, emphasizing love and reconciliation.
- > Fri, Apr 18\*
- Good Friday, 7 pm**  
This *Service of Tenebrae* will allow us to reflect on Christ's arrest, crucifixion, death and placement in the tomb. This somber, multi-sensory experience will feature scripture, music, candlelight and gradual darkness.
- > Sun, Apr 20
- Easter Sunday, 9 am & 11 am**  
A joyous celebration marking the resurrection of Jesus. Easter Sunday is the culmination of our Christian faith story and a time to rejoice in the promise of new life and hope!
- \* nursery for Infants-PreK will be available during Holy Week services

# 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!

- Grace Class

- A newly formed 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**
- Bridge Class

- Focused on building strong Christian foundations and evolving relationships. Discussions include 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

- Faith Class begins each 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. **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**

**Other ways** to connect, try something new, or build relationships with your church family:

- Christian Yoga

**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](https://chambleeumc.org/yoga) **(No class Apr 7)**
- Young at Heart

**First Tuesdays, 12:30 pm**  
A monthly lunch & gathering for our 65+ community. Lunch is \$8 per person, payable in cash at the door. RSVP to [lking@chambleeumc.org](mailto:lking@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. Reach out to Cameron Wilson at [cacwilson32@gmail.com](mailto:cacwilson32@gmail.com) for details.
- StitchCraft

**Wednesdays, 12 pm - AND - 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 am**  
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.



APRIL 6, 2025  
TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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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**

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

## Holy Communion & Passing of Peace

As United Methodists, we believe that all are welcome at God's Table. You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any church, to participate. During communion, the passing of peace serves as a reminder that those who came to the table are called to be reconciled with their neighbors. Ours is an open communion table. **Everyone is invited!**

- Our ushers will direct you to the altar to receive communion. If you need/prefer to receive communion from your pew, please let the usher know and elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free elements are available upon request.
- Today, as always, the altar rail of Chamblee First UMC is open if you wish to use it for a moment of private prayer.



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Worship Leaders & Staff**  
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## Order of Worship

THE GATHERING		
THE GREETING		
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Announcements		Mr. Cameron Wilson
Prelude	Echoes of Spring Mr. Bill Callaway, organist	Friml
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Lenten Call to Worship		
Opening Hymn *	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling verses 1-3	UMH 384
Prayer of Confession		Mr. Wilson
Response	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling verse 4	UMH 384
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		
Love Remembers	After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223	Mrs. Jordan Black
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Chancel Choir and Mr. Callaway, organist	Rev. Zant Martin
Doxology *		UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant
THE WORD		
Scripture	Luke 19: 1-10	Mr. Wilson
Hymn of Preparation	I Surrender All verses 1 & 4	UMH 354
Sermon	ROOTED: A Faith to Look Up To	Rev. Zant
THE HOLY COMMUNION		
Invitation, Confession & Pardon		
Passing of the Peace		
Great Thanksgiving		
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Closing Hymn *	Precious Name	UMH 536
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction *		Rev. Zant
Postlude	That Old-Time Religion Mr. Callaway, organist	Young
* 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



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

Our sanctuary is open and available 9 am-4 pm Mon through Thur, and 9 am-1 pm on Fri. Whether alone or with family, we encourage you to visit and engage with these special Prayer & Spiritual Practice stations.

A reminder that all sermons from our ROOTED Lenten Series are available for replay at [chambleeumc.org/watch-archive](http://chambleeumc.org/watch-archive)

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

## 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).



- Our Members:**
- Marsha Jones, upcoming surgeries for cancer
  - Spencer Scarbrough, undergoing treatment for kidney issues
  - Jerry Smith, in hospital for treatments
  - Laura Ray, recovering at home from back surgery
  - Barbara Berryman, recovering at home from GI surgery
  - Eleanor Wilson, struggling with various health issues. She will be 100 on 7/4
  - Debbie Hall, undergoing treatment for breast cancer
  - Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)
- Our Members' Families:**
- Doug Rewerts, brother of Marcia Myers, upcoming heart surgery
  - Minako Ohashi, mother of Miho Minnoch, recovering from illness in hospital
  - Jean Connell, sister of Eleanor, declining health
  - Aiden Hare, grandson of Pat and Bill Farkas, recovering from 2nd degree burns
  - Claire Winne, mother of Mark, recovering at home
  - 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
- Our Christian Sympathy to the Family of:**
- J Vernon "Nick" Nicodemus, who passed away on Mar 26. Pease keep his widow Mary, his daughter Tammy Boswell, and the entire Boswell family in your prayers. Funeral arrangements are pending.

## Church Financials & Leadership

- Month-End Reporting**  
YTD as of Feb 28: 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 Apr 14, 6 pm: Board of Trustees
  - Tue Apr 22, 6 pm: Finance Committee