

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

Solar Panel Dedication

Immediately after worship today, join us in the Atrium Portico to enjoy *King of Pops* popsicles while we celebrate and dedicate our new solar panel system! Please extend a warm welcome to our special guests from Sunpath, GIPL (Georgia Interfaith Power & Light), and the United Methodist Connectional community as we dedicate this project together. As we recognize April as Earth Month, this dedication is a meaningful step in caring for God's creation while supporting the mission and sustainability of our church.

City of Chamblee Public Input Meeting

April 30, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

City of Chamblee community meeting focused on the proposed Huntley Hills Park. This is an opportunity for residents to offer input on park concepts, community needs, and proposed amenities. For more info, visit chambleeega.com

Calling All Graduates

info due May 10

During worship service on May 17, we will recognize the Class of 2026. Whether graduating from high school, college, tech school, or earning an advanced degree, please submit the names of all graduates to be celebrated. Please complete the online form and upload photo no later than May 10. chambleeumc.org/2026graduates


Women's Spiritual Retreat

registration deadline extended

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

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



Rev. Hope Cody Peppers | hcpeppers@chambleeumc.org
Pastor of Youth & Community Engagement

Chamblee First Youth is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. **LEARNING | PLAYING | GROWING**

Sunday Mornings: 9:30-10:30 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.

Sunday evenings: 5 - 7 pm
Tonight! Dinner & Kickball with Kingswood in the CFUMC Meadow.

chambleeumc.org/youth

Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | 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-5th

During Worship, 10:45-11:45

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

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
- 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

Next Stop: Youth Ministry!

Calling all current 5th graders — we're excited to celebrate your promotion to Chamblee Youth this summer! This milestone marks the transition from children's ministry into a brand-new Youth Ministry adventure. **ATTENTION PARENTS!** Please email the name of your rising 6th grader to Jordan Black at jblack@chambleeumc.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

- 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 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. For details, contact Cameron Wilson at 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
- 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
- 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

UMCOR Missions Hub Workday

May 9, 9:00 AM - tbd PM

Join us for this family-friendly service opportunity at the UMCOR Missions Hub in Duluth, where we will sort and organize disaster response supplies. Meet at the church to carpool. Optional lunch outing afterwards. For info & to register, go to chambleeumc.org/workday

CFUMC Bed DELIVERY Event

May 16, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

By the end of our day together, children in our community will be sleeping in their very own beds the same day! Meet at CubeSmart Storage, 4444 N. Shallowford Road, Dunwoody. Sign up at ake sure to wear closed-toed shoes. We'll be using drills to put the beds together. Sign up <https://volunteer.shpbs.org/timeslots/Da3jvKjRZq>



APRIL 26, 2026
TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK


4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341
770-457-2525 | 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

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

Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

As We Come Together

CFUMC Playlist

chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs

THE GREETING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome &
Announcements

Rev. Hope Cody Peppers

Prelude

Russian Easter Overture
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Rimsky-Korsakov

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship

Genesis 1: 1-5, 14-19

Rev. Blair Zant

Opening Hymn *

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH **139**
v. 1-3, 5

Prayers of the People &
The Lord's Prayer

Mrs. Deanna Hamilton

Passing of the Peace *

CHILDRENS MOMENT

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

Mrs. Jordan Black

MINISTRY MOMENT

Here Comes the Sun!

Mrs. Hamilton and
Mr. Bo Hiers, 2025 Trustee

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the
Offering

Mr. Josh Rollins
Finance Committee

Offertory

People Need the Lord
Sabrina Viner, soloist and Mr. Callaway, pianist

Nelson

Doxology *

UMH **94**
LASST UNS ERFRUEN

Prayer of Dedication *

Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5: 13-21 (CEB)

Mrs. Hamilton

Sermon

It is Finished ... So Let's Get Started

Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith *

The Apostles' Creed

UMH **881**

Closing Hymn *

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH **381**
v. 1 & 4

SENDING FORTH

Benediction *

Rev. Zant

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary
Mr. Callaway, organist

Purcell

* please stand as you are able

Next Sunday

Hymns Through The Decades | May 3, 10:45 AM

As part of our 200th anniversary celebration, our music team will lead a special worship service featuring beloved hymns from across the decades. There will be no Kids' Church during this service. Instead, families are invited to enjoy the music as they worship and celebrate Holy Communion all together.

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 or by scanning this QR code. If you have a prayer request or a praise to share, email prayer@chambleeumc.org



Prayer List

Our Members:

- Ron Clyne, recovering from infection
- Pat Farkas, upcoming surgery for cancer on May 15
- Becky Bennett, undergoing radiation treatments for cancer
- Eleanor Wilson, struggling with strength and energy
- Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover at home with PT

Our Members' Families:

- Ben Heyward, upcoming surgery to correct a vision problem.
- Mickey Kitchens, uncle of Sheila Gillispie, recovering knee replacement
- Brian Wright, uncle of Sheila Gillispie, recovering from double bypass surgery
- Trevor McEntyre, nephew of Sam and Gayle, continuing recovery

Our Sympathy to the families of:

- Renee Cosgrove, Bill Callaway's cousin, who passed away unexpectedly last week. Funeral arrangements are pending.
- Lori Fancher, SIL of Mike and Sandra, who passed away after a battle with cancer. A celebration of Lori's life was held on April 20.
- Jacquelyn Green-Latimore, mother of Autumn Green, one of our PMO teachers, who passed away unexpectedly on April 14.

Celebrations!

- Congratulations to Rob and Cathy (Newbill) Forrest, who were married in the sanctuary yesterday. We wish them many happy years together!
- Eleanor Heyward's 100th birthday is on May 3. She would love to receive cards and notes from her church family. Eleanor Heyward, The Highlands Senior Living, 680 Holcomb Bridge Rd. #210, Norcross, 30071-2044

Church Financials & Leadership

Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings

- Administrative Board - April 24 | 6:00 PM
- Staff Parish Relations - May 4 | 6:00 PM

Questions, comments, or compliments can be addressed to spr@chambleeumc.org

Rise Up, Phase 2

now through April 30

Rise Up launched earlier this month in an effort to retire the remaining \$85,000 debt from recent building improvements. As of **4/23/26**, we are at **36.35%** of our fundraising goal. Gifts may be made now or recorded as a pledge payable through the end of the year. Visit chambleeumc.org/RiseUP for details.



Please visit chambleeumc.org/leadership for our current Lay Leadership roster and Chamblee First UMC year-to-date financial reports as of March 31, 2026.

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